

The mission of FISH Hospitality Program is to serve homeless women and families by providing shelter and meals, and such other assistance as we are able, in order to give them a new opportunity to live independently in their communities as respected families and individuals. FHP does assist and enable our guests to obtain housing, jobs, medical services and other assistance to which they are entitled, as far as resources allow. FHP serves people in need without regard to race, religion, national origin or disability.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 17 **Board Meeting** at 7:30 pm
Wesley United Methodist, South Plainfield
- Oct 9 **Coordinators Meeting 7:30 pm**
Our Lady of Mt Virgin Church, Middlesex
- Dec 7 **Children's Christmas Party**
Our Lady of Mt Virgin School
600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex

Annual Carol Festival at Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield, will take place in early December (date to be determined). Feel free to call our office for more information.

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 - July 31, 2013)

- Persons sheltered - 20
Family units - 10
Number of adults sheltered - 10
Number of children sheltered - 10
Bed nights provided - 2,495

BIG NEWS:

We are happy to announce the new home for our day center:

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen

Thank you, Rev. Jack Zamboni and Pam Maolo, Senior Warden, for working with us to make this happen.

MANY THANKS to the *American Shredder Company of Metuchen* for doing all of our shredding free of charge. The company is owned by the family of Kathy Steiner's grandson.

Guest's Corner

Down on my luck, no job and nowhere to go, I made a call to FHP and explained my situation. I met with Theresa and was told all about the program, and how I can help myself by finding employment. My daughter was going through a bad time and also was admitted to the program. It was a blessing to be able to have her and my granddaughter with me. Emily put my money into the account for me to save, and I was given transportation to look for jobs and a place for me and my family to live. With help from everyone associated with FHP, I found those things.

Thank you for shelter, clothing, and whatever else I needed, in a place to rebuild my life and get back on my feet again. I am thankful for the volunteers & coordinators. Thanks so very much for your hospitality, time & patience. It feels good to know people really do care & understand the importance of keeping the family together.

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THANKSGIVING will be here before you know it - we are feeling especially grateful for:

The *Suburban Women's Club* generously donated retail and supermarket gift card for our Guests

The *East Brunswick Women's Club* for donating backpacks stuffed with school supplies & *Edison & Metuchen Women's Club* for the cuddle kits

Abundant Life Worship Center, Middlesex Area Women's Club & Pilgrim Covenant Youth Group for preparing & serving dinners at the Dunellen Presbyterian Church

Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield

for continuing to serve as our interim day center facility since February

AND ... YOU

for continuing to support FHP especially to those who were recently added to our list of floating volunteers.

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FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.

A tri-county program for homeless women and families serving Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties in New Jersey

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www.fishhospitality.org*

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WISH LIST

Fabric softener; laundry detergent tabs, Purex baby detergent; BABY ITEMS: lotion, shampoo, wash & unscented wipes; feminine products including overnights; bedpillows; body lotion and body wash; deodorant; bar soap; toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo & conditioner and disposable razors

GIFT CARDS: *Shop Rite, Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Payless shoes, Famous Footwear & Lane Bryant*

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Host Congregations (night and/or day):

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church - n
Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway - n
First Baptist, Sewaren - n
First Presbyterian, Avenel - n
First Presbyterian, Cranford - n
First Presbyterian, Dunellen - n
New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene, Edison- n
Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield - n & d
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick - n
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen - d
St Paul's United Church of Christ, Milltown -n
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield - n
Trinity Episcopal, Woodbridge - n
Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick - n

Support Congregations:

Community Presbyterian Church, Edison
First Congregational Church of Westfield
Friends Quaker Meeting House, Plainfield
Grace Alliance, Piscataway
New Dover United Methodist Church
Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Piscataway
Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church, Middlesex
Pilgrim Covenant, South Plainfield
St Cecelia's R.C. Church, Iselin
St Francis Cabrini R.C., Piscataway
St Luke's R.C. Church, North Plainfield
St James R.C. Church, Woodbridge
St John the Evangelist R. C. Church, Dunellen
St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bound Brook
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield

Affiliate of Family Promise
Affiliate of FISH, Inc. Dunellen, NJ
Member of New Jersey Alliance for the Homeless
A United Way Agency

WE NEED YOU

Yes – we need your help to increase the number of volunteers on our floating volunteer list. We often need volunteers to help at our day center primarily on the weekends, and at our night hosting churches. Please call Kathy to add your name at 732 – 968 - 5957.

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