

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

- March 18 **Board of Directors Meeting**
May 20 Wesley United Methodist, So Plainfield
- June 1 **Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**
First Presbyterian Church in Dunellen

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 - December 31, 2013)

Persons sheltered - 50 Family units - 22
Sheltered Adults - 23 Children - 27
Bed nights provided - 4,056

WHAT'S NEWS???

The FHP website has been updated. You can now donate on-line using *either* your credit card or checking account through *PayPal*. PLUS you can set up a recurring monthly donation. Go to www.fishhospitality.org/donate.

It's Your Choice

You can now elect to get this newsletter via email. Please send an email to Kathy at fishhosp@verizon.net to let her know that you prefer to NO longer receive a paper copy of our newsletter.

COMING THIS SPRING

THE NEW HOME FOR OUR DAY CENTER:

St. Francis Episcopal Church
400 New Market Road, Dunellen

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

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in working at our new day center, please call the office for details.

GUEST'S CORNER

Food and shelter are essential for human survival, and they were the last things to go prior to hitting the bottom of the barrel. When the day came that I was not able to provide a roof over my head, FHP was there for me. Finding myself in this vulnerable situation was unimaginable. Having my basic needs met by FHP is something I will always be grateful for, but what I really needed was a place to call home.

FHP provided transportation to and from work and allowed me to utilize the savings program fully. In a short time I saved enough money for the first month's rent and security deposit; and the apartment hunting began. One day, after several weeks of searching, Theresa, the director, picked me up from my office at lunchtime and took me to see an available apartment - the place I now call home. FHP helped me out of a bad situation by giving me a roof over my head and so much more. *Peace and Blessings*

Who's in the program now?

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & Dad/three kids (6, 13 & 17) - MC
Mom and two children (2 & 5) - MC
Pregnant Mom & one child (4) – MC
Mom and two children (6 & 8) – UC
Single Woman – MC

THANK YOU:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church for hosting our Children's Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time and a yummy meal!

Christ United Methodist Church for hosting and to those who performed, volunteered, donated items & attended FHP's Successful 9th Annual Silent Auction & Benefit Concert

Rose of Sharon Community Church for continuing to temporarily serve as our day center facility

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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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WISH LIST

Fabric softener; laundry detergent tabs, Purex baby detergent; feminine products; bed pillows; body lotion and body wash; Dove & Dial bar soap; deodorant; mouthwash; disposable razors; Baby Items: lotion, shampoo, wash & unscented wipes

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

In memoriam:

Noreen Cassidy	Yazmin Chas
Carol Dieckman	James Efinger
Grace Forman	Dorothy LoCicerro

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 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 YOU. 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 the office talk to Emily or Kathy at 732 968-5957.

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