

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 15 **Board of Directors: 7:00 pm**  
Oct 20 St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen
- Nov 15 **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: 1:30 pm**  
Dunellen Presbyterian Church  
218 Dunellen Avenue
- Dec 12 **Children's Christmas Party: 12:30**  
Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield

## SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – July 31, 2015)

Persons sheltered – 43                      Family units – 18  
Sheltered Adults – 19                      Children - 24  
Bed nights provided – 2,544

*WATCH YOUR MAILBOX – YOUR INVITATION WILL BE ARRIVING SOON:*

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Including:*

*A delicious hot meal; small silent auction; and former Guests will speak about life after FHP*

**ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & YOUR GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!**

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**

**Dunellen Presbyterian Church  
218 Dunellen Avenue**

Please RSVP by calling the office 732 968-5957 & Give a number for those attending in your party

## GUEST'S CORNER

**TO: FHP Volunteers, Board Members, Congregations and Staff**

**THANK YOU!** *It was never, ever, a thought that my daughter and I would be in a homeless shelter program for six months. Thank you for making it bearable for both of us. I know that it was your good thoughts and prayers that led to our miracle of having only to wait two weeks for a Section 8 voucher which has enabled us to move into our new home. I do not know what we would have done without FISH Hospitality Program and its churches.*

**THANK YOU** *for extending our stay until we could safely move into affordable housing. We may not always appear grateful every moment that we meet you (we all have good days and bad days), but every one of the FHP guests I met gave prayers of gratitude for the program. You are so needed in our community, and I thank you for your love, your support, your hard work and dedication.*

*Former Guest M*

**\*\*See over for another Guest's Corner\*\***

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOST CHURCH:**  
Community Presbyterian Church, Edison

*Thank you for a successful first hosting on: August 2<sup>nd</sup> and for taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November*

**Who's in the program now?**

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & daughter (3 months) – MC  
Mom & three children (girl 6; boy 12; boy 14) – UC  
Mom & three daughters (twins 11 and 4) – MC  
Mom & two children (girl 5; boy 18 months) - MC

## HELP WANTED!!

Event planners and professionals to work with our Board of Directors - please email your resume to [fishhosp@verizon.net](mailto:fishhosp@verizon.net) or call the office.

# SEPTEMBER 2015

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**A United Way Agency**

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## Guest's Corner

*There sometimes comes this moment in life where every door seems to be closed and every way out blocked by the dark. And just when you feel the darkness almost overwhelming you, there comes this ray of sunshine. It pierces through the clouds, bringing with it the happiness of dawn. Theresa Neidich was that ray of sunshine for me. Her intelligence and determination helped me to establish my footing and regain control back over my life. It takes a lot of strength of character and mind to be the independent woman that Theresa is and I like to thank her from the bottom of my heart for being my savoir and my guide. She truly helped me bring stability, independence and joy to my life, and I will remain grateful for that. I would also like to thank Emily for all her help and care in managing my financial and budgeting matters. Her care and support helped me focus on my goals and achieve them.*

*FHP truly did turn my life around for the better, and I am gratified for all the individual focus and attention that I received from this wonderful organization. The resources and aid that FHP provided me makes me realize how blessed I am to have had such an abundance of support from this esteemed organization.*

*Thanks so much!*

*Former Guest R*

## PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

### Host Congregations:

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

### 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  
Park Community Church, 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  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church JOT, S. Plainfield  
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield  
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield  
Wesley United Methodist, S. Plainfield

## WISH LIST

**Many Thanks to Johnson & Johnson – we received a large donation of personal items.**

**GIFT CARDS:** Walmart, Target, Kohls, CVS, Walgreens, Payless Shoes & Famous Footwear; Shop Rite & Stop N Shop

**We need gift cards to give to Guests for specific requests, birthdays and when they leave FHP for household items.**

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