

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15 Board of Directors: 7:00 pm
Sept 20 St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – April 30)

Persons sheltered – 28 Family units –
Sheltered Adults – 11 Children - 17
Bed nights provided – 1,495

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Thank you!!!!**

GUEST'S CORNER

My name is Vivian. I entered the FISH Hospitality Program in November with two of my three daughters. I had not one other place for us to go so I had to make the decision that tore my heart apart. I had to leave my oldest girl behind with a friend of hers. Theresa worked so hard to have all my girls with me. I don't know how it happened but only nine days later my daughter was able to come into the program.

FHP is the best place to be in a situation where you are in need of shelter and guidance. Not only did I get financial guidance, I also received clothing. We only had what we had on our backs. FHP gave and has done so much for me & my family I don't know how to put it in a short note. I even left there saddened because everyone in my family got so attached to the other Guests. I feel like I left having sisters I didn't have before my stay with FHP.

My two year old became ill with a virus, and FHP was right by our side in my daughter's recovery. We had to stay in a motel, and FHP brought us food and transported me and my daughter back and forth to doctor visits. Frank was always on time and did his best to make us laugh during a bad situation. FHP helped me still be able

to feel like a mom by helping my girls with Christmas gifts. Unfortunately we were not able to attend the Christmas party because my two year old was still very ill.

I am so grateful for all the support, warmth, hospitality and generosity from the Volunteers and Coordinators at the different churches we stayed at. I also want to thank the Board of Directors and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for all the help when we needed furniture and making our move into our home possible.

I got so much support from FHP – from the office staff whenever I called and from Ms Emily, who was always there to smile and provide whatever we needed and.

Thank you for all the support when you saw in my eyes I needed it the most, Theresa. Somehow you always knew to call me when I was about to break -- because yet another prospective apartment fell through.

My children still ask about Frank every time a white van passes by. They miss him. Thank you FHP for being our rescue when I was sinking.

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

MANY THANKS to:

Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway for hosting our Benefit Concert/Silent Auction

Ericsson, Inc., Piscataway- Basket of Hope project for the donation of 11 boxes of cleaning supplies and personal products

St. Francis Episcopal for the generous donation of household and personal items

You can make a donation on-line using Paypal at:
<http://www.fishhospitality.org/donate>
Thank you!!!!

WISH LIST

GIFT CARDS: Costco Cash Cards, Walmart, Target, 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 or food.

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GUEST'S CORNER

I ran out of options and finally decided to call FISH Hospitality for help. When I first came into the program, I was a bit nervous. But I quickly realized that I was blessed to be in this program and to be placed with some wonderful families. We all started the same week, and we all became friends and our kids did too.

Thank you to the Coordinators and volunteers at all the churches. They were warm and inviting and made us feel comfortable. I felt at ease in the program.

The staff is wonderful. Theresa has been very helpful. Whenever I needed her she was there with results. Emily, the budget counselor, was very resourceful. She helped me budget and prepare myself to be on my own. Even though it was complicated, FHP made sure I got back and forth to work, and my son to school. Frank was always on time and even made us laugh when things were toughest.

I want to thank the Board of Directors and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for everything. FHP even helped me move into my new place.

I can't thank you all enough for the help and support. This is an experience I will never forget.

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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:

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

Who's in the program now?

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & one girl (2) – UC
Mom & one girl (6) – MC
Mom & one boy (13) – MC
Single Woman - SC
Mom & girl (6) boy (13) – UC
Mom & two girls (5 & 12) boy (16) – MC

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