

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

Oct 18 **Board of Directors: 7:00 pm**  
 Nov 15 St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen  
 Dec 20 (year-end meeting)

## SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – August 31)

Persons sheltered – 37 Families – 16  
 Sheltered Adults – 16 Children - 21  
 Nights of Shelter provided – 2,877

**PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE** for your Amazon Christmas gifts [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) - sign up & designate FISH Hospitality Program as your charity  
**Thank you!!!!**

## GUEST'S CORNER

*I reached out to FISH Hospitality Program in the latter part of 2015 as I was residing with my mother who was in the process of selling her house. To my surprise, within a week I was accepted in the program. Not only was I accepted, my adult daughter and two of her children were also. I was fortunate on my day off to visit my family; however, if I needed, the day center was open for shelter.*

*While working late and moving from church to church on a weekly basis was hectic, it was worth it. I was provided a roof over my head, daily meals, and everything needed for day to day living, from shower gel to laundry money; which allowed my daughter and I to save up for rent on our apartment.*

*Information, guidance and assistance were always available. All we had to do is ask. The Volunteers and Coordinators were always friendly and welcoming.*

*But the support didn't stop when we left FHP. To my surprise one day Emily and Frank visited with food and gift cards to help us start our new adventure. I must say, that it was very unexpected, but well appreciated.*

*At first, I must say that I was afraid to go to a shelter (blame it on too much TV); but I am glad that I was accepted in the program as it taught me valuable day to day experiences; and gave me a pipeline to access information and the tools I needed to venture out on my own in my new living quarters.*

*Thank you to the staff, board of directors, churches, Volunteers and Coordinators... I applaud you all.*  
 Former Guest Donna

## WELCOME TO:

### NEW HOST CHURCH:

**Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield**

*Thank you for a successful first hosting on: August 28th*

### NEW SUPPORT CHURCH

**Stone Crest Community Church, Warren**

### NEW TREASURER

**Charlene Renollet of  
 Community Presbyterian Church, Edison**

## MANY THANKS to:

**St. Francis Episcopal, Dunellen** for filling in at the last minute as a Night Host Church when our calendar was empty in June AND July. **IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

**Prudential, Roseland CEC** for the backpacks stuffed with school supplies and goodies, the household and personal items AND gift cards! Special thanks to Stefanie Sancho, Carol Denequolo & Nancy Howley for organizing the drive.

**Enumi Akisisa, Edison**, for the backpacks filled with School Supplies

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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

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## WISH LIST

***We always need furniture for Guests moving out of the program. Please call us when you have or know about available furniture.***

**Baby wipes, toothbrushes for children, feminine hygiene OVERNIGHT maxi-pads; cotton swabs (in smaller packaging, but no travel size, please) and Dove bar soap (sensitive please)**

**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.***

## 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)  
Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield  
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  
Stone Crest Community Church, Warren  
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield  
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield  
Wesley United Methodist, S. Plainfield

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

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Dad & two boys (6 & 7) – MC  
Mom & one girl (6) – MC  
Single Woman – MC - Single Woman - SC  
Mom & one girl (2) – MC  
Mom & one girl (4) - UC  
Mom & girl (6) boy (14) – UC

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