

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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## SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – December 31)

Persons sheltered – 45                      Families – 19  
Sheltered Adults – 20                      Children – 25  
Nights of Shelter provided – 4,399

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***Thanks to Steve McCall & Bill Cook  
who donated their time and talent for the  
benefit of FHP***

***on Saturday, February 11, for  
a night of acoustic music with  
“Steve & Bill” at  
Crossroads Bar & Restaurant  
78 North Avenue, Garwood***

***Many thanks to all who attended  
for a very successful evening  
and to Crossroads***

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## GUEST'S CORNER #1

My name is Nathaniel. I am a single dad of two boys, Daniel and Natdiel. I just want to say thanks for everything FISH Hospitality Program did for us. Me and the kids will remember this help for the rest of our lives. Thanks to all of the coordinators of every church and the volunteers. I'm more than thankful for all of the people that received us every day with a smile and big "good afternoon."

Thanks to all the people that we will always remember, especially the kids. The kids don't want to leave the program because they love it. But they understand that we have to leave.

I will keep in contact with the program, I have no words to say thank you and explain how happy the program made us.

Again, thanks for everything!!

## GUEST'S CORNER #2

***I am a single mother of two children. Earlier this year I became homeless and reached out to many different shelters with no luck. One day I called FISH Hospitality and they took my information and said they will call me back. A couple days later I received a call from FHP letting me know that they have room for me and my family.***

***From that day on my life has changed. When I met with Theresa, she explained everything about the program; and how we have to move each week. At first I was like "Oh my -- moving each week? More stress!" She explained to me that it's not as bad as it seems.***

***Everyone that I met in the program have impacted my life tremendously. Theresa, who is a great director, always made herself available; and if she was not, she found a way to get someone to help. Emily is VERY NICE and a very patient person. I would like to thank everyone from FHP, the coordinators, volunteers, board of directors and staff, and all the churches that provided a place for me and my children to sleep and eat. I am beyond grateful for the help that everyone has given me during my stay with FHP. Thank you for everything – the support and hearts that were given.***

***Thank you so much!  
Former Guest Kiki***

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***Thank you for generous  
donations of gift cards:***

***The Congregational Church  
Of Bound Brook***

***Anonymous donor from Westfield***

***Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church,  
Middlesex***

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## MARCH 2017

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

***PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE for all your gift purchases at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) - please designate FISH Hospitality Program as your charity. Thank you!!!!***

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## WISH LIST

**Unscented baby wipes, cocoa butter & Aveeno body lotion, feminine hygiene OVERNIGHT maxi-pads; mouthwash (in smaller packaging, but no travel size, please) and laundry detergent PODS**

**Household items: for Guests when they move into their own homes - paper towels, toilet paper & dish detergent**

**GIFT CARDS: Costco Cash Cards, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Payless Shoes, Famous Footwear, Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop N Shop**

***We need gift cards to give to Guests for specific needs, 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  
The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin  
Friends Quaker Meeting House, Plainfield  
Jack & Jill of America, Plainfield  
New Dover United Methodist Church, Edison  
Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Middlesex  
Park Community Church, South Plainfield  
St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church, Iselin  
St. Francis Cabrini, Piscataway  
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen  
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Dunellen  
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, North Plainfield  
St. Paul's Episcopal, Bound Brook  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, South Plainfield  
JOT (Joint Outreach Team)  
Stoncrest Community Church, Warren  
The Rescue House of Prayer, South Plainfield  
Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield  
Metuchen Branch YMCA  
Woodbridge Housing Authority

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

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & boy (2) - SC  
Husband, Wife & boy (4) - UC  
Single Woman - MC  
Mom & two girls (12 & 9) - MC  
Mom & one girl (2) - MC  
Mom & girl (6) boy (14) - UC

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