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# BOX CITY

Proceeds will be donated to the FISH Hospitality Program of Middlesex County

**What is Box City?** This event offers an opportunity for the community to raise awareness about homelessness, while raising funds for the FISH Hospitality Program. Box City is an overnight “camp out style” event, where participants bring a cardboard box to sleep in overnight, brave the elements, and experience a small part of what homeless people endure every night. This is a carry-in/carry-out event. (You carry it in, you carry it all back out. No recycling services are available on site.)

**Who can participate? EVERYONE!** Families, businesses, school and community clubs, youth groups, sports teams, college students, boy scouts, and girl scouts are all encouraged to participate. Children third grade to the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (with a ratio of 1 chaperone to 7 children). Children under third grade must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**Where is it, and what time?** Box City will take place on the back lawn of TPC. Participants can start setting up boxes at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15. The event runs until 8 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Please plan to stay for the 7:30 am clean up.

**How do I sign up?** Forms are available at [www.trinity-pc.org](http://www.trinity-pc.org).

**What is the registration deadline and cost?** We prefer your online registration (and forms) by Thursday, May 14. You may also sign up at the event, but that could be a LONG line! Registration fee is \$15 per

person (max \$30/family), and each registered participant is encouraged to raise donations of at least \$75. Registration fee includes a soup dinner and an original Box City 2020 craft.

**What can I take to the event?** Take a box (decorated, enhanced, or plain), sleeping gear, tarp, warm clothes, a refillable water bottle, a garbage bag (carry-in/carry-out remember?), and plenty of snacks to trade at our Trading Post. You may also bring items to decorate and/or enhance your box (prizes will be given!), a cell phone, games, medications, and essential toiletries, but please NO alcoholic beverages, glass bottles, pets, tents, or other electronic items.

**Will there be food available?** A modest soup dinner will be provided. Bring your own snacks to trade at the Trading Post or to munch.

**What if it rains?** “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...” will cancel Box City 2020.

**Can I still participate if I cannot sleep overnight at Box City?** We understand that some participants may not be able to spend the night. “Virtual Residents” can raise funds by securing a minimum of \$100 in donations, but sleep at home.

**Are there other ways to help? YES!** Volunteers are needed to help with planning all aspects of the event. All are expected to participate in clean-up at 7:30 am. You may volunteer to help online.