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

July 15 <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>
Wesley United Methodist, So Plainfield

Sept 17 <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u> First Presbyterian, Dunellen

Sept 26 FHP's First Annual FISH Fry Dinner

St John the Evangelist RC Church, Dunellen

Sept/Oct <u>Coordinators' Meeting</u>
Date & Location TBA

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – May 31, 2014)

Persons sheltered – 32 Family units - 11 Sheltered Adults – 12 Children - 20 Bed nights provided – 1,799

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Our 2014 Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held on Sunday, June 1st at First Presbyterian, Dunellen. This year's honorees are listed below.

2014 SERVANT OF HOPE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Marjorie G. Hall, Board Member & Office Volunteer
Paulette Harland, Support Church Volunteer, New Dover United
Methodist Church, Edison

Charlene Renollet, Floating & Support Church Volunteer, Community Presbyterian Church, Edison

Cheryl Tamashunas, Coordinator, New Dover United Methodist Church, Edison, Floating & Office Volunteer

Thank you to all our volunteers AND floating volunteers!!!

SAVE THE DATE

1ST ANNUAL FISH Fry (Eat In or Take-Out Dinner) Friday, Sept 26th

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church 317 First Street, Dunellen

GUEST'S CORNER

My world came crumbling down. I was expecting my fourth child and out of my own place. I didn't know where to go nor what to do. FISH Hospitality opened their doors to me, not only providing a place to sleep for me and my children, but also providing us with hot meals and so much more. Within a month and a half of being in the program I was able to find an apartment to call my home.

I am very grateful for this experience because I was able to learn numerous things. Plus I liked the way FHP, the hosting churches, and the volunteers handled everything that makes this program run smoothly. I want to thank Theresa and her staff for everything they have done for me and my family. I will always be grateful. Former Guest D

Who's in the program now? (Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & Dad/three kids (6, 11 & 17) - MC Mom and two children (twins 5) - UC Dad and three children (7, 10 & 12) - SC Mom and one child (1) - MC

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to ALL our monthly and recurring donors

You know who you are! We GREATLY appreciate your continued, ongoing support.

HELP WANTED Afternoon Office Volunteers

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS-FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE: answer phones and light office work - PLEASE contact Theresa: 732-968-5957 or fishhospsw@verizon.net

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WISH LIST

Laundry detergent TABS (no liquids please); DEODORANT (Suave or Dove); body lotion & body wash; CONDITIONER ONLY; bar soap (Dove & Dial); mouthwash; disposable razors; bed pillows; feminine products; Baby Items: lotion, shampoo, wash, unscented wipes and Purex baby detergent

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

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PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Host Congregations:

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway 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 Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen 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 Mount Virgin R.C. Church, Middlesex
Pilgrim Covenant, South Plainfield
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St John the Evangelist R. C. Church, Dunellen
St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bound Brook
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield

WE REALLY NEED YOU!!

Yes **YOU!** We need volunteers to help at our day center on Saturdays and Sundays. We often need help at our night hosting churches with meals and hosting. Please call the office to talk to Emily or Kathy at 732 968-5957.

THE NEW HOME FOR OUR DAY CENTER:

St. Francis Episcopal Church 400 New Market Road, Dunellen

Thank you, Rev. Jack Zamboni and Pam Maiolo for opening your doors to our Guests. Our day center opened April 7th.