

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

- Mar 8 **FHP Silent Auction & Benefit Concert**
Christ United Methodist, Piscataway
- Mar 17 **Board of Directors**
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen
- May 16 - **Cardboard Box & Car City - fundraiser**
May 17 The Presbyterian Church in Westfield

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – December 31, 2014)

Persons sheltered – 62 Family units – 24
Sheltered Adults – 25 Children - 37
Bed nights provided – 4,471

*Sleep Under the Stars to Bring
Homelessness to Light
May 16th–May 17th
5:00 pm to 7:00 am*

Cardboard Box & Car City fundraiser at
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield
140 Mountain Avenue - for details and sign-
up go to: fishhospitality.org/boxcity

We need participants: families; high school
& college kids; volunteers and sponsors.

Who's in the program now?

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

- Mom & son (12) - UC
Mom & two children (girl 8; boy 3) - MC
Mom & son (13) – MC
Mom & daughter (11) - MC
Mom & son (2) – MC
Mom & daughter (11) – MC

GUEST'S CORNER

My name is Tracey. My son Jerrid and I entered FISH Hospitality Program (FHP) on July 28, 2014. We spoke to a woman named Emily first to help us out. I was working and didn't have a car so it was hard to get to the FISH Building, but Theresa (in charge) said she would give me a ride. When I arrived at the FISH building she did my intake and explained the rules to me. The van took me to my first church. I was new and scared but the volunteers were very nice. Throughout the months I learned a lot at FHP. I learned how to budget and stay strong. I ran into some tumbles but I got right back up. If I needed anything I knew I can go to Theresa or Emily. Frank was my transportation driver. He is awesome. We built a special relationship for the seven months we were in the program (two months is the deadline) but they were nice enough to give me extensions.

I want to say thank you to Theresa. We had a couple of setbacks, but you helped me stay strong for me and my son. You provided me with everything I needed. Thank you, Emily for the budget classes and small talks and donated items for my new home. Thank you, Frank for being my driver and always looking out for me.

Thank you, Carole & Margo and all the volunteers from the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, who donated furniture and household items for my new home. Emily for making the phone calls for items I needed and those at the Dunellen Presbyterian Church. Thank you to Carroll & Michelle, Trinity Episcopal Church, for the air mattresses.

Thank you to all the churches for your hospitality and being so kind to me and my son, Jerrid.

ROI = Return on Investment

What is the ROI for donating to FHP? ROI is the return of a family to the labor force and reducing the unemployment rate in the community. We are decreasing the rate of recidivism to homelessness by teaching life skills, including budgeting, planning, and parenting while in the program. Families take these skills with them to their workforce, school system and community -- where they can engage in aiding our economy to thrive.

ROI is the impact on the education of the children since they will be enrolled in one school with no further lapses due to homelessness. They sleep in their own beds and experience better health and welfare.

Thank you to all of our investors!

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A program for homeless women and families serving
Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties NJ

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WISH LIST

Laundry detergent TABS (no liquids please);
DOVE BAR SOAP; BODY WASH; WOMEN'S
DEODORANT; BODY LOTION; FEMININE
PRODUCTS (pads & mini-pads); TOOTHPASTE
(Crest, Colgate); 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner;
Baby Items: shampoo/wash and Purex baby
detergent

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

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 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
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield
Wesley United Methodist, S. 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.

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