

**MERRY CHRISTMAS * HAPPY, HEALTHY
2018**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 16, 2018 Annual Meeting & Board of Directors: 7:00 pm
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – October 31)

Persons sheltered – 42 Families – 18
Sheltered Adults – 19 Children - 23
Nights of Shelter provided – 3,444

PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE for your Amazon holiday gifts www.smile.amazon.com - sign up & designate FISH Hospitality Program as your charity

GUESTS' CORNER

I came into the FISH Hospitality Program with my kids, a 14 year old daughter, a 14 year old son, and a 10 year old daughter. We were so grateful to be in the program because I didn't know what we were going to do. Theresa is wonderful and caring. She was always available when I needed to talk. She also made sure the kids and I had everything we needed, and we were ok. Emily is the sweetest the person always giving me advice and making sure the kids had enough to eat and we were ok. Frank is such a nice guy. He was always available to pick us up when we needed that ride. The churches we stayed at everyone was so nice and caring. My family and I are so very grateful to everyone - all the coordinators and volunteers at the churches who cooked all the meals and making our stay feel like home.

I also want to thank Ashley Furniture. The Hope to Dream Program provided beds for my kids and some other furniture too. It is a wonderful program, and I hope it will continue to help others that are in my same situation.

Thank you to the FISH Hospitality, Theresa, Emily, Frank, Kathy and the Board of Directors. We are all so thankful for everything that you did for us. Genea

I want to first thank God for FISH Hospitality. This program was far beyond what I expected. My children and I fell on hard times and Theresa and Emily was so welcoming, so understanding and most important not judgmental. This program makes sure you are provided with all the tools needed to keep you grounded to provide for your family. There were times I wanted to give up and Theresa listened and still never ever judged me.

I want to sincerely thank Theresa, Emily and the staff, volunteers, coordinators and Board of Directors at FISH Hospitality for providing a great program to help my family and I to a brand new start. We are forever grateful to you all. May God continue to bless you all.
Tanisha

To call FISH Hospitality Program and speak to Mrs. Neidich and get accepted in the Program was truly a blessing in the time of our needs. My daughter and I were part of the program for four weeks and were helped in many ways that met our financial needs. Plus, we were given shelter which was the main goal.

We met many wonderful people in this process -- plus I made a connection and landed a new job. Who would have thought I would get a new job out of this process? I would like to thank the volunteers, coordinators, staff and board of directors of FISH Hospitality as well as Geleen from Family Promise in Union County for working together with Theresa to make it possible to move into a home of our own.

In a situation which was somewhat uncomfortable in my life, every need was met, for my daughter and I not only shelter but spiritual and financial needs as well.

I will be grateful for the rest of my life.

A. Thompson & D. Thompson

****See over for another Guest's Corner****

MANY THANKS to:

St. Francis Episcopal, Dunellen for filling in as a Night Host Church, once again when no host church was available in September and again in November. **IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

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GUEST'S CORNER

I want to give a sincere thank you to this program. My children and I are very grateful. Being in FISH Hospitality for two months helped me save that money for my security deposit and rent.

Thanks to Theresa and Geleen, from Family Promise of Union County, for working together to resolve many of the complicated issues that came up while I was in the program.

I would also like to thank the Frank the Van Driver for transportation for my boys. This program also has some wonderful people at the churches and staff, and I want to thank you all.
Cynthia

WISH LIST

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

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

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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
Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield (day/night)
Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen (day/night)
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 Beginnings Church of the Nazarene, Edison
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. Frances 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
Stonecrest Community Church, Warren
The Rescue House of Prayer, South Plainfield
Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield
Metuchen Branch YMCA

Who's in the program now?

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Mom & girl (5) – MC
Mom & boy (12) & 1 girl (6) - MC
Mom & boy (16) & 2 girls (13 & 10) - UC
Single woman - UC
Mom & boy (8 months) & 2 girls (11 & 8) - MC

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