

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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18: Board of Directors: 7:15 pm  
Nov 13: Board of Directors: 7:15 p.m.  
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen

## SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – Aug 31st)

Persons sheltered – 33	Families – 10
Sheltered Adults – 11	Children - 22
Nights of Shelter provided – 3029	

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*Thank you*

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## GUESTS' CORNER #1

When I made the decision to join the program, I didn't know what to expect and was very nervous; but after meeting with Theresa she reassured me that we would be safe and were in good hands. Theresa was very easy to talk to and helped me get my life back on track. At times staying in the program became very difficult for me, and I felt like giving up. Theresa was always there to remind me to stay focused, and I will reach my goal. She was able to assist me with getting my son into daycare so that I could change my job status from part-time to full-time, and get a better paying position which helped me buy myself my first car. It has been such a blessing to have meet Theresa, and I can't thank her enough for everything she has done for us.

Since day one we enjoyed the van rides with Frank. He was very patient, funny, easy going, always there when we needed him, and even helped my children with homework. My children and I would like to thank Frank for not just

being our favorite van driver but for also being a great friend.

I have never meet someone with such a genuinely sweet soul until I meet Emily. She truly cared about us. She made sure that we had everything we needed without hesitation and even taught me the importance of budgeting my finances. I also thank Patricia for taking time out of her schedule to be at the day center whenever we needed her even at last minute!

I've made so many good friends who were Guests, and I also met so many great volunteers that made us feel welcome, as if we were family and even prayed for us! My family and I would like to thank everyone who made our holiday season wonderful. We received so many great gifts and lots of love.

We would like to thank the coordinators and all the volunteers as well as the board of directors who made so many things possible for us. This program has truly made our lives better. I am able to provide a better life for my children and will keep this experience in mind to keep me focused.

Thank you, FISH Hospitality for everything!!  
*Former Guest S*

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**Welcome & THANK YOU to our newest Host Church for a successful week: July 8th**

*Community Bible Church, Dunellen*

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**THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN to:**

*St. Francis Episcopal, Dunellen for filling in as Night Host Church for the weeks of July 29<sup>th</sup> and again on August 13th.*

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**MANY THANKS to:**

*Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield, one of our foundation host congregations, for hosting this year for a record five weeks with one more scheduled in November. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!*

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**SEPT 2018**

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**WISH LIST**

**Household Items:** Cleanser, window cleaner, laundry pods, dryer sheets, and dish soap (PLEASE no super-sized items)

**Toiletries:** Feminine hygiene pads (all sizes), disposable razors, shaving cream & body wash (for sensitive skin for both women & men) and men's and women's deodorant

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

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**HELP WANTED!!**

We require assistance in preparing fiscal reports and budgets for grant proposals. Grant writing not necessary. Please email your resume to admin@fishhospitality.org or call the office.

Thursday afternoon office volunteer to answer phones and do light clerical work. Please call the office and speak to Kathy 732 968-5957.

**PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS**

**Host Congregations:**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, East Brunswick  
Bound Brook Presbyterian Church  
Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway  
Community Bible Church, Dunellen  
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  
Jack and Jill of America - Greater Union County  
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield  
Negro Women Council - 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  
Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge  
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 Paul's Lutheran Church in Edison  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Edison  
Stonecrest Community Church, Warren  
Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield  
United Methodist Church, Woodbridge  
YMCA, Metuchen Branch  
Zion Tabernacle, Piscataway

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

(Kid's age in parenthesis - County)

Mom & three boys (17, 16 & 14) - UC  
Single Woman - UC  
Mom & Dad & 4 girls (16, 12, 7 & 6) & one boy (2) - MC  
Mom & girl (3) - UC

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