

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

May 19, 2020 Board of Directors: 7:00 pm
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 – December 31, 2019)

Persons sheltered – 44 Families – 15
Sheltered Adults – 16 Children - 28
Nights of Shelter provided – 4,125

CoVid-19 Statement

We are all affected by the CoVid-19. It has changed our day to day lives in ways we have not imagined since Sandy in 2012. We all are sensitive to the concerns COVID-19 brings to our families, congregations and communities, but we must avoid panic, continue to learn and respond with practical strategies. Please don't hesitate to contact us regarding any ideas or concerns. You are welcome to join us as we follow updates provided by CDC and The New Jersey Department of Health at the links below:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
NJ Department of Health
<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

One more comment, but perhaps the most important!

All of us at FISH Hospitality are grateful to the faith community for your ongoing generous hospitality to our guests. Our network has been working TOGETHER to put our faith into action to address homelessness long before it received so much media attention. Current community health concerns are giving us another opportunity to unite in faith.

Let's pray for our guests, volunteers, families and community to stay healthy!

***You can make a donation on-line using Paypal go to FHP website:
<http://www.fishhospitality.org/donate>
Thank you!***

GUEST'S CORNER #1

My name is Deandra. I entered the program on October 24th with my 11 month old daughter, Malani, with hopes of leaving this journey with a new chapter. I would like to say thank you for everything!

I would like to thank everyone from all volunteers, coordinators and the board of directors affiliated with FISH Hospitality for all the help with me and Malani. You made my heart filled and always showed us the right path.

Now that I'm out the program in my own place, Malani and I would like to take this time out to say to Theresa and all the coordinators and volunteers that are a part of the program, thank you for everything that you gave to us!!

*Sincerely
Deandra Green*

BOX CITY – May 15th

6:30 pm – 7:30 am

Trinity Presbyterian, East Brunswick

The event will take place on the lawn of Trinity Presbyterian Church – for more information or to register for the event go to www.trinity-pc.org.

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.

WE'RE GOING ELECTRONIC!!

In an effort to lower mailing costs, we are sending our newsletters for the Spring and Fall via email only. These newsletters will be on our website www.fishhospitality.org

Please send your email address to our offices to admin@fishhospitality.org to help reduce our mailing costs. THANK YOU!!!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

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GUEST'S CORNER #2

On behalf of me and my daughter, Jayda, I would like to thank FISH Hospitality Program, all the coordinators & volunteers, and the Board of Directors.

Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure. I'm so very humbled and grateful for everything.

Constance

WISH LIST

Household items: for Guests when they move into their own homes including: toilet paper, paper towels; Lysol wipes; window cleaner; dryer sheets; cleanser; dish detergent, kitchen/bath size hand soap; air freshener; toilet bowl cleaner, etc.

Toiletries: Feminine hygiene pads (all sizes), shaving cream & body wash and body lotion/moisturizer (for sensitive skin for both women & men)

We need gift cards for specific requests, birthdays and when Guests leave FHP for household items or food.
Costco Cash Cards, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Famous Footwear, Shop Rite, Acme, & Stop N Shop

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Host Congregations

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, East Brunswick
Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway
Community Presbyterian Church, Edison
First Presbyterian, Avenel
First Presbyterian, Cranford
First Presbyterian, Dunellen
Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield (day/night)
Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield
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/Community Agencies

The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin
Jack and Jill of America – Greater Union County
Liquid Church, HQ Parsippany
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
Raritan Valley YMCA of East Brunswick
St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church, Iselin
St. Frances Cabrini, Piscataway
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Dunellen
St Paul's Lutheran Church in Edison
Stonecrest Community Church, Warren
Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield
United Methodist Church, Woodbridge
YMCA, Metuchen Branch
Zion Tabernacle, Piscataway

Who's in the program now?

(Kid's age in parenthesis – County)

Dad & two boys (8 &9) – MC
Mom & girl (2) – MC Mom & girl (18) MC
Mom & boy (2) girl (3) – UC

WE REALLY NEED YOU!!

Yes **YOU!** We often need help at our night hosting churches with meals ***and especially overnight hosting.*** Please call the office and leave a message on the answering machine.
