

November 2018 Newsletter

Greetings all,

Wow! We are already a month into the hosting season and opened our 3rd site in Annapolis on Monday. We extend our appreciation to hosting sites who have opened their doors and hearts to our guests in October!

October Generosity:

- The Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church included our facility in their service day. On Saturday the 20th over 12 members of the Conference, led by Annapolis District Superintendent Evan Young painted in the Day Center and cleaned the carpet in the Community Recovery Center!
- We continue to receive clothing and hygiene supplies where our guests can "shop" for needed items.
- Many thanks to Glen Burnie UMC for opening their doors to us in a last minute emergency! Kudos and appreciation to all that volunteered to prepare meals and host when the plea for help went out!

Donation Requests:

As you can see, we rely heavily on your generosity. Please continue to keep us in mind as your charitable organization! We gratefully receive donations. We are particularly in need of the following items: blankets (warm, twin size), disposable razors, travel size deodorant, tube socks, underwear, and coats.

We are also looking to replace some of our worn out fabric furniture in the Day Center with chairs that are easier to keep clean (faux leather). If you would like to consider buying a chair, please let me know and I will send you the link to the chairs we would like to obtain. The cost is approximately \$80 each (originally \$188) at Wayfair.

Hosting Site Reminders:

- Please remember to send daily reports to me (via text, phone, or email). These reports are key to the communication network with our Segment Coordinators. Each hosting site has a Segment Coordinator that can assist with any issues/concerns/questions. At this point all Site Coordinators should have been contacted by their Segment Coordinator. If not, please let me know.
- If a guest shows up at your site and is not on the Intake Sheet, please do not allow them to come into your site. If you have any questions about a guest that shows up (at reasonable hours), please contact me on my cell at 410-440-1719.
- Please send back used bedding bags to the Day Center. We will wash the blankets and pillow protectors and put them back into rotation. We have come close to depleting our supply!

- Showers have been arranged for those sites that have requested the use of AA County Middle School facilities. AHOH makes these arrangements through our liaison at the Superintendent's office. If you are on the schedule for "school facility" arrangements have been made for you at the school you requested. The week prior to hosting, you should contact the school to finalize the time and entrance details. All showers take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Excess luggage - please continue to monitor excess luggage. Two pieces of luggage under 35 pounds each as well as a bedding bag in a white garbage bag containing AHOH issued pillow and blanket are all that guests should have.
- Our shower trailer is up and running! We successfully had 32 guests run through the showers last night at one of our sites. A special thanks to Scott Zimmerman for obtaining a new heater at an amazing price, and installing it without charging us, and to Rob (my hubby) for replacing the valves and piping in the showers.

Upcoming Events:

- Our next Site Coordinator Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 13th. We will have Narcan training by the AA Department of Health at 7pm followed by a short business meeting at 7:30pm.

HELP Wanted!

- We have immediate help with weeks that we were unable to find hosts in both November and December. We are seeking help with evening hosts, meal preparation/serving/cleanup, and overnight hosts. Please use the following links to sign up! We really appreciate any assistance that can be provided.

Our appreciation is extended to both Ferndale UMC and St. Christopher's for providing the physical location to host our guests!

Sign up to help the **week of November 26 - December 3 at Ferndale UMC**. Contact Alice Neary at 443-857-0778 or wearyneary@aol.com with any questions

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0448afa72ca02-ferndale>

Sign up to help the **week of December 18 - December 26 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**. Contact me at this email or 443-440-1719

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0448afa72ca02-stchristophers>

Again, thanks for all that you do for this incredible ministry of mercy and grace to our un-housed neighbors. Here's wishing you and your loved ones a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

~Pam