

December Greetings!

November saw the Winter Relief program start our third site in Annapolis, and also saw us filled to capacity at our Glen Burnie sites. The season is going well, with minimal issues. Our gratitude is extended to those who hosted in November! I hear so many wonderful stories from our 514 friends – and know how much they appreciate the efforts of their hosts.

HELP Wanted!

Appreciation is extended to Ferndale UMC for opening their doors to us December 18-26 to fill a hosting vacancy at the last minute. This week was not on their calendar to host, so we are seeking volunteers to assist for the week. Please prayerfully consider how you and your congregation can offer your support this week. The best case scenario would be for a congregation to take on a 14 hour shift (arriving at Ferndale at 5pm, hosting through the evening and overnight, providing dinner, breakfast, and packed lunch, and leaving the site at 7am the next morning).

Alice Neary has graciously volunteered to be the coordinator of this effort. Please contact her directly if you can assist. Thank you in advance for your help!

Alice's contact info: wearyneary@aol.com cell:443-857-0778

November Generosity:

- Arundel House of Hope is one of four charitable organizations selected by this year's Northrop Grumman Christmas Project. We are so grateful to the employees of NG who donate to this project in order to make our wish list items a reality. We will follow up next month with a total run down of gifts - but so far our Patriot House has received a much needed snow blower and faux leather chairs, and the Community Recovery Center also received faux leather chairs to replace the old, worn out fabric chairs. An amazing transformation!

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. I am receiving reports only about 50% of the time.
- The shower trailer has been functional – with a few idiosyncrasies! We have trained the movers at Site 3 on the set up and break down procedures, and they did really well with that responsibility this week. We will continue to train a few clients from the other 2 sites. It has been reported that the floor in the middle shower is “soft”. Please do not use that shower until we have an opportunity to address the issue.
- Excess luggage – please continue to monitor excess luggage. I will be getting suitcases for at least one of the sites this week, so hopefully that will help. We have been picking up the gear of exited clients after it has been passed a single time to the next hosting

site. Please clearly mark this gear with name and DATE so that we can keep up with what needs to be picked up.

- Guest Information Book - at some point during your week, please confirm that you have a guest information sheet for each client at your site. If you are missing any sheets, just let me know in the morning report and we will send out a replacement. If there is an emergency with someone, these sheets are a good resource to send on with the paramedics or police.

Upcoming Events:

- Upcoming Site Coordinator meetings are scheduled on December 6 (note this is a change in previous December date and time) , January 9, February 13, and March 13.

December's Site Coordinator Meeting will begin with training by The Anne Arundel County Department of Health on the use of intranasal naloxone, a prescription medicine used to reverse an opioid overdose and prevent death. A free naloxone kit will be distributed to each Site Coordinator present at the meeting. **The meeting is scheduled this Wednesday, December 6th, beginning at 6:30pm at Arundel House of Hope.**

Again, thanks for all that you do for this incredible ministry of mercy and grace to our unhoused neighbors. May peace, joy and hope be yours this holiday season!

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