



## E-News

December, 2015

*Happy Holidays!!!*

*and*

*Thank you to all our volunteers and donators.*

Your support continued support is very much appreciated!

### *Overnights of Hospitality*

We are in our fourth week of our nights of Hospitality. With some minor glitches, the program has been running smoothly under our new organizational structure with Father Bill's/Mainspring. We have been averaging 6-8 guests per evening.

Using the Meal Train Plus site to sign up to volunteer has been mostly successful. As a result of the article in the OCM by Frank Mand, we have had a number of new volunteers, mostly to provide meals. There has been some confusion for those who are volunteering as meal providers or as chaperones as to which site is hosting. So, for the next 4 weeks, the schedule is below. The full schedule may be accessed on our web page – [www.plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org](http://www.plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org). Our web address is also listed under General Instructions in the right hand corner of the Meal Train site. We encourage all who wish to volunteer, to continue to do so through the Meal Train site. You will receive an email reminder from Meal Train a day before you are scheduled to serve. If you do not have access to a computer, you may ask the site coordinator to do so for you.

### **Weeks of Hosting**

Dec. 20-Dec. 26 – First Baptist

Dec. 27-Jan. 2 – First Baptist

Jan. 3 – Jan. 9 – Christ Church

Jan. 10-Jan. 16 – First Baptist

Thank you to all who have volunteered to far! We have all meals covered through the end of January, but we still need folks to fill the chaperone spots: Dec. 23, Dec. 27, and Dec. 28. There are a number of open spots in January, as well as for the rest of the season.

### *Fundraising*

As was mentioned in our last newsletter, we need to raise \$50,000 to support the Overnights program. We received a substantial grant from Granite Telecommunications. Thanks to Kathy Dayan for this contact. We also received grants from Fidelity, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Church of the Pilgrimage and some individuals towards this goal. First Parish Unitarian in Duxbury provided us with a grant to buy paper goods for the entire season. In addition, Fr. Bill's has been making contacts with some of its donors. We still need to raise approximately \$15,000 more between Fr. Bill's and the Taskforce.

Thanks to Ocean Spray for donating 10 cases of cranberry juice and to Nancy Carini and the Second Church in Plymouth for volunteering to do the laundry at the end of each week.

Thanks again to the PAICA for giving us its Thanksgiving service offering towards our annual operating costs and thanks to Pennies for Hunger for granting us funds to purchase gift cards which we use towards the purchase of food for the Overnights.

### *Year End Donations – It's not too late!*

**Please consider making the Taskforce one of your charities to which you donate this year. You can mail your checks to Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, PO Box 3896, Plymouth, MA 02361 or you may make a direct contribution online via our website <http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>.**

### *Communitree*

If you haven't yet had a chance to visit the Communitree, the brainchild of OCM reporter Frank Mand, in Town Square, please do so! Seventy-five nonprofits, including our organization, created ornaments that are now hanging on the tree. See if you can locate ours. Hint – it's in the front in the lower section.

Thanks to Shields Design Studio for creating our ornament with our new logo.

### *Website*

Check out our website:

<http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

### *Facebook*

We are also on Facebook. Go to our website <http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org> to like us!

*Etc...*

Please be sure to let us know if you change your email address or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.