



## **E-News**

### **October, 2016**

#### ***Overnights of Hospitality***

We are in the process of preparing to begin our 13<sup>th</sup> season of the Overnights of Hospitality, our emergency winter sheltering program for single men. We will continue to operate as we did last year with the involvement of Fr. Bill's/Mainspring.

We will be using the same two sites – First Baptist and Christ Church. The schedule will soon be on our website, [www.plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org](http://www.plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org). There will be two chaperones – one paid and one volunteer. Meals will continue to be provided by volunteers. Since MealTrain Plus was very successful in scheduling our volunteers, we will use it again. The address is <https://mealtrain.com/k4w5gd>. When accessing the site, be sure to go the November calendar. A reminder notice is sent a week before your date, so please be sure to check your email.

Since there are extra costs to the Overnights – paid staff, insurance, transportation, we would appreciate donations to help pay for those additional costs.

#### **Paid Chaperone?**

We are looking to recruit local people who may be interested in chaperoning on a paid basis. There are two shifts – 4 PM to 12 AM and 12 AM to 8 AM. Training will be provided for those who are hired. Paid chaperones are employees of Fr. Bill's Mainspring. Please contact Connie at 508-367-0516 or [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com) if you are interested in applying.

#### **Material Donations**

We are always in need of socks and underwear. Please drop off any donations at 366 Court St.

## *Housing*

We are pleased to report that 8 more formerly homeless individuals have moved into permanent housing, some with the assistance of Mass Rental Vouchers (MRVP). We were hoping that this will decrease the numbers seeking shelter, but unfortunately, there are a few newly homeless in Plymouth that will need to make use of our shelter this season.

## *Fundraising*

### Golf Tournament

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was held on Monday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Souther's Marsh. We had 92 golfers, the most ever! We netted almost \$20,000 for the Taskforce which is \$5,000 more than last year! A huge thank you to all who participated and to John Malloy and Barbara Wojtkiewicz, our co-organizers. Mark your calendars for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual tournament which will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017.

### Walking Home

Board member Frank Mand has been very busy holding events to promote his Walking Home project, the net proceeds of which will come to the Taskforce. Go to <http://www.walkinghome.us/author/frank/> to read more about Frank's project and how to make a donation.

## *Office Space*

We are pleased to report that Fr. Bill's/Mainspring has moved into our rental office space at 1 South Spooner St. Also, there have been some staff changes. Sharon Williams is the new Housing Manager in the Plymouth office and Debbie Ferretti one of the new Case Managers.

## *Sad News*

In July, two folks, Thomas Miranda and Kelly Wynands, who were living in our houses on Court St., passed away. Please keep their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## *Amazon Smile*

We now can raise money through Amazon's Smile program. Amazon will give us 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and follow instructions. You will need to choose Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless (old name). Be sure to make the AmazonSmile your 'go to page' when purchasing goods from Amazon.

## *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.