



Safe Harbor of Chester County

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Fact Sheet

Safe Harbor's mission reaches beyond just feeding the homeless and providing shelter. We seek to understand each person's background, define short term action plans designed to address their problems and needs, and monitor their progress. Our mission is to help rebuild lives and life skills, reestablish self-esteem, and help people overcome the issues that prevent them from leading independent, productive lives.

Mission: Safe Harbor of Chester County is an independent, nonprofit organization providing food, shelter, friendship, counseling and recovery opportunities to help homeless men and women in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Background

- Begun in 1992 upon Chester County Commissioner Andy Dinniman's call for a Task Force to address issues of homelessness
- Permanent shelter opened on December 22, 1995 housing 20 single homeless men and 4 women
- First year served 146 men and 9 women. In 2012, 305 unduplicated men and women were served
- Since 1995, has provided over 149,000 nights (based on 95% occupancy) of support for hundreds of single homeless men and single homeless women
- 120 day stay limit increased from 90 days in 2010
- 2010 – doubled capacity to support 20 single homeless men and 20 single homeless women
- 2013 – Began participation in Chester County's Decade to Doorways program. Calling the toll-free number 1-800-935-3181 will provide assistance to those in need of shelter

Services

- Clean bed, laundry, shower facilities, clothing and personal hygiene supplies in a safe, clean and stable environment
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner provided every day for shelter residents
- On-site counseling and case management services
- Collaboration with other human services agencies including: job training referral and employment placement; weekly life skills training (i.e. conflict resolution, banking/budgeting, etc.); weekly Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings; and, access to health, financial, and legal aid services
- Lunch for 40-65 low and no income men, women, and children from the community every weekday from 11:30am until 12:30pm

Operating Budget

- Approaching \$1 million annually
- Approximate % of Giving: Government 12%; Faith Communities 6%; Individuals 12%; Corporate & United Ways 16%; Grants & Charitable Foundations 27%; Fundraising Events 19%
- Cost per person is \$45 per day / \$1350 per month
- Value of in kind donations \$137,000 annually

Board/Staff/Volunteers

- 15 Board members; 19 staff members including Executive Director Glenn Fricke
- Over 400 volunteers provide 13,330+ volunteer hours annually, which equates to close to \$300,000 per year in savings

...providing shelter, encouragement and recovery opportunities to the homeless since 1992.

The official registration and financial information of Safe Harbor of Chester County may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization