



LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES of NEW JERSEY

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LOOKING FOR A CHARITABLE INITIATIVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

We have plenty of options for you!

For many, it is hard to imagine celebrating Thanksgiving without having family and close friends gathered around the table sharing the blessings of the past year by telling stories and reminiscing. However, for hundreds of people throughout New Jersey, there is no table to sit at, no family to spend time with, and no food to feast on. Yet somehow, so many of them can give you a long list of things they are thankful for. YOU and YOUR ORGANIZATION can be at the top of their list along with Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ). When we deliver the turkeys and food bags we collect each holiday season, we see first-hand how grateful the patrons of our homeless shelter and the residents of our affordable housing communities are to you for your support and generosity.

Hundreds of New Jerseyans are homeless or are unable to provide for their families. At Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, we feel it is our calling to see that these individuals have a place to come to for a hot meal and/or a bag full of groceries to bring home – especially during the holidays. But, we need your help!

Often, during difficult times and around the holiday season, corporations, organizations and local business and their employees look for a way to help those in need. We have some great initiatives that might fit perfectly into your company's agenda.

1 – ASSEMBLE GROCERY BAGS for residents in LSM/NJ's properties. LSM/NJ properties are home to low income seniors and families. *Canned goods, non perishable items, hygiene items and grocery gift cards to Shoprite, Pathmark and A&P* are the perfect way to help our residents. Holiday foods like: canned vegetables, stuffing, gravy and cornbread and cranberry sauce, help to complete their holiday meal. Gift cards enable them to make food choices that suit their family.

2 – MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION TO LSM/NJ'S TURKEY FUND so that LSM/NJ is able to purchase enough turkeys (over 600) to feed the homeless during Thanksgiving and Christmas at *New Visions Homeless Day Shelter* in Camden, New Jersey.

3 – DONATE TOYS & GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. Each year we collect *toys for children* (age appropriate) in our programs, and *gifts for our seniors*, such as; calendars, especially those with larger numbers; hats, scarves & gloves, and other items all help to lift the spirit of others during the holiday season. We can provide to you the family wish lists that we receive from the children with their age and sex, so that you can customize the gifts they receive. We prefer the toys to be wrapped and labeled.

DID YOU KNOW...

NEW VISIONS HOMELESS DAY SHELTER PROVIDES A DAYTIME SAFE HAVEN FOR MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN TO RECEIVE A NUTRITIOUS MEAL (BREAKFAST AND LUNCH), A HOT SHOWER, & ACCESS TO JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE & SOCIAL SERVICES.

From January 2010 through July 2010, New Visions:

- Served 22,691 meals, including breakfast and lunch
- Received help from 1,000 volunteers, investing 7,000 hours serving our patrons

LSM/NJ provides bags to fill with the donated items, if needed. And, we will gladly pick-up your donated items so that they can be delivered directly to our residents.. If you think your organization would like to coordinate efforts to support any of the above initiatives for the holiday season, please contact Barbara Carriere, Development Manager, at bcarriere@lsmnj.org or at 609.699.4102.

DONATIONS TO ANY OF LSM/NJ'S MANY PROGRAMS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Lutheran Foundation of New Jersey, 6 Terri Lane, Suite 300, Burlington, NJ 08016.

Be sure to designate your donation to the program of your choice.

Also, make your donation online, by visiting www.lsmnj.org, and click on "Please Donate Now."

We hope you will consider offering your support during the Holidays.

There is no better time to lend a hand!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in response to God's love as revealed in the Gospel, the mission of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is to serve those in New Jersey who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices.