

HOMELESSNESS SUB-COMMITTEE

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

The parishes of the cohort have:

- *St. Vincent de Paul Society* (with a food pantry) (All Churches)
- *Seeds of Service*, a center providing food, clothing, furniture, placement, counseling and mentoring (Visitation Church)
- *Participation in Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County*, an interfaith consortium which takes turns hosting and housing families in the process of placement by social services (SML)
- *Catholic Charities of Lakewood*, which operates a food pantry, provides clothing and Immigration-Family Reunification services.
- *Vincents' Legacy* which provides furniture and household furnishings. Also provides free pick up of donations and delivery.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We can do several things.

First and foremost, be considerate of feelings, understand the need to become independent or self-sufficient or able to support their own family. We can help to protect their privacy, help to navigate the available resources and be aware of the emotional, psychological and physical consequences of not having a safe place.

Secondly, we can get involved as a volunteer with existing organizations and /or become a member of the Cohort Committee and help develop this ministry. If you have any questions, need additional information on volunteer opportunities or have any ideas you would like to share, please contact:

John J. Romando at 732-379-9198, jbmjinc@aol.com as point of contact for St. Mary of the Lake Church

Or

Joan Olden 732-779-6049, joanolden@yahoo.com (Visitation Church)

ADVENT HELP WANTED

Job Description:

- Flexible Hours – as much or as little as you want
- Be kind to family, friends, and strangers
- Offer a cup of coffee to someone in need
- Donate a coat or a blanket
- Bake something special for a food pantry
- Bring a meal or donate time to Interfaith Hospitality Network