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Message from the Founder

By: Pastor Tim Bash, Founder

We have been serving at the mobile methadone clinic in Camden for about 5 years. Over that time there have been many great accounts of people we have met and conversations that were held. The methadone program has been changing and left us with a smaller audience and fewer opportunities to serve. In light of those facts, we have made a change.

We have moved to a new service location in Camden. We now serve at Broadway and Chestnut. It is a lively location with a much larger audience. It is only a few blocks away from the old location but it is a huge difference in atmosphere and opportunity. We were unsure when we were considering making the change but now that we are there, it was absolutely the right decision. We have connected with a local pastor who preaches in that exact location right before we arrive. We now serve clothing and it is a big hit. We did not serve clothing at the old location because those we served did not need clothing. This has opened another avenue to connect and serve.

Of all the reasons it was a great idea to change location, it is the opportunities to serve that is the best reason. When considering the change, we thought of going to the transportation center because we knew there would be more people there. Our concern was that there would be too many people, so we would not be able to make the personal connections we love to make. The new location has more people than the original location but not as many as the transportation center. It's just right for our purposes. God knew where we were supposed to go. We just had to follow Him to find it.



Outreach Update

By: Brian Fullerton, Outreach Coordinator

The past few months of serving have been great in Philadelphia. We have provided food and clothing to close to 250 people this summer. Even though we had some real hot nights, we were happy to see some volunteers join us who had not been out in a while due to work or family commitments. It is always nice to have previous volunteers be able to go out with us again. It is amazing how God uses the gifts and resources of each volunteer to help make our outings a success. Some people are very good at keeping things organized while passing out clothing (I admit I am not one of those people), while others enjoy serving the food. And others have the gift of being able to talk to those individuals that we meet. But what really amazes me is how God uses our personal strengths to help those we meet.

On a recent outing there was a gentleman who suddenly appeared next to one of our volunteers, Carol. Carol told us afterwards that she had been talking to someone else when that person abruptly walked away which led her to start a conversation with this other gentleman. It turns out that he had been involved with drugs and was looking to get clean. It just so happened that of all the volunteers with us that particular night, Carol was the one who had the contacts to get him settled into a rehab facility in the city. He could have started a conversation with any of the rest of us and we certainly would have prayed with him that he would be able to find the help he needed, but he went to the one volunteer who had the resources to get him the help he needed. This is just one example of how God uses us to help those in need while we

are in Philadelphia. If you have any questions about our outings to Philadelphia or would like to assist in preparation for the outings, please feel free to contact me at 1-866-924-2677 Ext. 41. We would love to have you join us.

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DONATIONS can be accepted by calling someone from the leadership committee at 866-924-2677 to arrange for pick up. Anyone willing to have a clothing/supply drive please contact Brian. We currently have a good supply of women's clothing but we are now looking for men's fall clothes. As the weather turns colder, we are actively seeking warm clothes, coats and blankets. Although we greatly appreciate all donations we receive, please note that we have recently been receiving many items that are not Sure House friendly. It would be greatly appreciated if donators could screen donations a little more carefully for items that do not meet our purposes.

RECENT EVENTS (In addition to our regularly scheduled outings.)

Approximately 20 volunteers and partners gathered to chat, chew and cool off at the Sure House Annual BBQ and Pool Party. Also, the Sure House Banquet committee had a prayer desert in preparation for the Annual Sure House Banquet Fundraiser to take place this October. More than 200 people have been blessed with food, clothing and toiletry items between June and August 2018. TGBTG!

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL!



Join us
Thursday, October 4, 2018
for the
SHM Annual Fundraiser Banquet
At the
Wedgewood Country Club
200 Hurfville Road,
Blackwood, NJ
RSVP
Barbara Bash at 856-308-1831



We had a blast at the Annual Sure House BBQ Pool Party with lots of food, fun and fellowship!

