

Beginning to help the Homelessness

# What can I do...?

## Name, Phone & Email Volunteer Form

### Help Area

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Providing Pillows</u>                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Host Church</u>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Provide Food</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Providing Blankets</u>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Providing Sheets</u>          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Doing Laundry</u>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Provide Cleaning Supplies</u> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Staffing Nightly</u>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Driving</u>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Financial</u>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>I will present these needs to my Church/Organization</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Administration</u>            |  |

I would like to help for a period of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of days at a time    2 weeks    1 month

For financial contributions, please make checks payable to St John's ELC, and include "MAIN Street in the Memo Line. For Online contributions, visit our website and click "Contributions"

You can reach us for more info at:



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and please include "Main Street" in your Subject Line

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## We Are In Need Of A Local Pottstown Homeless Shelter Cooperative

As helpful and needed as "One Night At A Time" (ONAT) has been in our area, it has been discontinued as a mobile homeless shelter—becoming a new stationary 50 bed facility located in Norristown, on the grounds of the State Hospital facility. The ONAT program no longer exists in the way that it once had—as a cooperative mobile shelter finding its physical location in different host churches, from Norristown to Pottstown, each month.

The difficulties with administering the ONAT mobile shelter, that covered the entire county, were formidable. And as much as it blessed the homeless community with protection from the elements at night, it operated with difficulty, in obvious need for a permanent location to better serve those needing its help.

ONAT was the only resource for homeless single men and women in the Pottstown area. The new facility, located in Norristown, gained a 70 person waiting list nearly as soon as it opened. There is a huge need, and the problem is growing.

With cold weather here, we need to help our county, and this growing population in need, by providing for them from the private sector, here in the Pottstown area, with a goal of working towards a more permanent and supportive solution for our friends within this population. Churches, businesses, cooperatives, and individuals that care, can help toward this end. This is why we have begun The Ministries at Main Street.

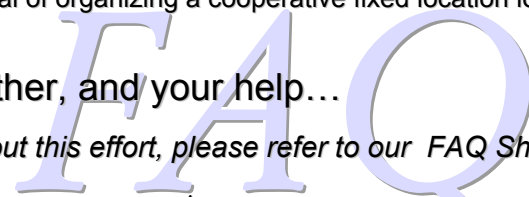
The short term solution to this struggle, is to establish our own cooperative mobile shelter within the Pottstown area, to shelter people through the winter months, with an ultimate goal of organizing a cooperative fixed location long-term.

We need each other, and your help...

For more information about this effort, please refer to our [FAQ Sheet](#)

Thank You in advance for your concern!

We hope to grow a community of caring through the cooperative efforts of area churches, the TriCounty Community Network (TCN), community organizations, and individuals who are concerned about the increasingly difficult issues surrounding poverty and the homeless community in our area.



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