

Wayfarers' House & George Porter House



To say the least, 2008 was a year of many unexpected changes and transitions for the Wayfarers' and George Porter Houses. With the help of many fantastic volunteers, residents and staff, the legacy of Marsha Mazza's 26 years of kind and generous hospitality continues on. Seventy-seven people were welcomed to make a temporary "home" and find spiritual and emotional support through the ministry of the Wayfarers' and George Porter Houses. With God's guidance and blessing, we endeavor to be the people of faith, hope and love to all those who are and will be a part of our community in 2009.

Wayfarers' House Statistics:

Total Number of Women and Children Housed at Wayfarers' House during 2008: 77

50%	Single Women	50%	Families
4.5%	Veterans		
69%	Adults	31%	Children

From: Cecil County 90%
 Balt. City 1.5%
 Delaware 5.7%
 Other States 2.8%

Programs:

Emergency Housing <30 days	17%
Transitional Housing >30 days	83%

Average Length of Stay:

Single Women	191 days (6.5 months)
Families	203 days (6.75 months)

Single Women 35

Ages: 18-25	14%
25-34	20%
35-44	17%
45-54	23%
55+	26%

Families 35

Ages: 0-5	29%
6-12	23%
13-17	11%
18-25	9%
25-34	20%
35-44	3%
45-54	5%

Single Adult Destination:

of Single Women who moved out in 2008: 23

Moved to Apt./House	18%
Moved in with Family/Friends	52%
Hospital	9%
Motel/Another Shelter	13%
No Housing/Unknown	9%

Family Unit Destination:

of Families that moved out during 2008: 9

Moved to Apt./House	67%
Moved in with Family/Friends	33%

Working to Assist Wayfarers' House Residents During 2008

Cynthia Wood – Program Director
 Lindsey Harris – Program Assistant/Public Allies DE
 Beth Cathell – Program Assistant/Americorps
 Donna Hill – Resident Monitor
 Renee Steele – Office & Grocery Shopping Volunteer
 Lynn Rodden – Office Volunteer
 Marcia Biddle – Office Volunteer & Marsha's Christmas Barn
 Raven Keane – Coordinator of Marsha's Christmas Barn & Community Liaison
 Molly Keane – Marsha's Christmas Barn Appointment Coordinator
 Sandy Howard – Night Monitor & Organizational Volunteer



Eric Schaumann – Maintenance Volunteer
 Sala Danboise – Special Events Volunteer
 Emma Sassaman – Office Volunteer

Also we want to recognize the many wonderful volunteers and Wayfarers’ House and Rotating Shelter residents who gave of their valuable time in December to make it possible to serve more than 1,400 needy children through the “Marsha’s Christmas Barn” Program. A special “thank you” goes to Bob Alcorn of the Cecil County Toys for Tots who made this level of assistance possible.

Highlight Events of 2008

- Ongoing: Hair Cuts at Hogsdon Vo Tech, Bear, DE
- April Girl Scout Troup #843, Felicia Parag , Troup Leader – Remodeled Playroom
- June First Assembly of God Women’s Group Workday, Suzie Pope, Leader– Organized Linen Storage Room
- August Conowingo Baptist, Joanne Henderson, Leader – Painted & Repaired Playground
- October Babcock Presbyterian Church, - Painted Donation Porch & Cleaned out Garage and Basement
- November 2 UDel Nursing Students Practicum; Red Lion Evangelical Free Church, George Billings Director, - Painted Main Hallway, Organized Kitchen, Planted Bulbs, Cleaned out storage areas; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Susan Baddorf & Helen Walker Leaders – Remodeled Family Room 203
- December Marsha’s Christmas Barn Project, Raven Keane, Director; 2 UDel Nursing Students Practicum; Elkton High School Students, Jim Brown, Leader – Leaf Raking; Holiday Hair Cuts, Michelle Johnson of Michelle’s Salon; Longwood Gardens Christmas Trip & Dinner provided by Sala Danboise; Positive Direction Presentation by J. Bert Freeman

George Porter House Statistics:

Total Number of Persons at George Porter House during 2008: 7

14% Single Women 86% Single Men
 29% Veterans

From: Cecil County 72%
 Delaware 14%
 Other 14%

Ages: 18-25 0%
 25-34 0%
 35-44 14%
 45-54 43%
 55+ 43%

Programs:
 Transitional Housing >30 days 100%

Single Adult Destination:
 # who moved out in 2008: 1

To a Hospital 100%

- Cynthia Wood, Wayfarers’ House / George Porter House Program Director