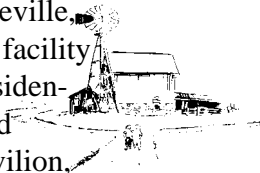


MEETING GROUND DIRECTORY

Board of Directors: Gerald Cole, Jeff Dandoy, Fran Gingher, Dallas Higginbotham, Terri Hasson, Mary Ann Hopkins, Tracy McCaw, Frances Quayle, Dave Rae, Tim Rodden, Nelson Stubbs, Al Yuninger.
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CLAIRVAUX FARM: 21 Veazey Cove Rd., Earleville, MD 21919 410/275-8990. A 20-acre residential facility with accommodations for 35 persons. There are residential buildings for families with children, women and men, a dining hall, chapel, community building, pavilion, offices and barns -- 13 buildings in all, most built by volunteers.



WAYFARERS' HOUSE: 107 Delaware Ave., Elkton, MD 21921 410/398-4381. A large 9-bedroom, 4-bathroom Victorian house, centrally located in town, with a capacity for 16 women with or without children.



GEORGE PORTER HOUSE: 238 Mackall St., Elkton, MD 21921 410/620-4678. A 7 bedroom duplex which is a group home transitional house for 8 persons.



Last year we:

- Provided 14,843 bednights of emergency and transitional housing.
- Served over 35,000 meals.
- Were available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for referrals and supportive services.
- Assisted 300 persons in the transition from being homeless
- Since its inception in 1982, Meeting Ground has provided 364,818 bednights of emergency & transitional housing.

Groups & Workshops: • Chapel Service (weekly) • Bible study group • Parenting/communication class • GED class • Nutrition workshop • Financial planning workshop • Children's Hour • Self-esteem workshop • Craft/Art workshop • Rolling Readers

Homeless prevention: • Emergency food assistance • Clothing, furniture, appliance help • Food clubs (Hope Program) • Rainbow Fund for medical assistance • Legal Assistance Fund • Savings account program • Aftercare Program

Education & Advocacy: • Loaves & Fishes (Bi-monthly newspaper) The Meeting Ground Reader • Web Site: www.meetingground.org • Work Camp Program (work/study - 25 groups, 400 volunteers / year) • Retreats for Confirmation Classes, etc. • Workshops on homelessness • Gatekeepers Bible Studies • Conferences: "Homelessness & the Church" "New Ways of Being Church" "Standing Together: Building Justice into a World Economy" "Helping, Not Fixing: Practical Roots of Compassionate Action"

Continuing membership/partnership in: • National Coalition for the Homeless • North American Street Newspaper Association • National Homeless Persons Memorial Day

Some of the programs & partnerships which Meeting Ground has helped to initiate since its inception in 1981:

- Friendship House, Inc. (Wilmington, DE) • BorderLinks (Tucson, AZ)
- Cecil County Men's Shelter (Elkton) • Elkton Community Kitchen

Mission Statement: *We, the community of Meeting Ground, are a people of faith, hope and love. Our mission is to help meet basic human needs and to address the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and homelessness. We bring together homeless and non-homeless persons in a context of shared life and work by providing hospitality, shelter, food and education. We strive to live with compassion, respect, affirmation and advocacy. In the light of the loving community of God's grace, we invite all to participate fully regardless of needs, differences or gifts. At Meeting Ground, in humility, "we all sit at the same table" in ministry one to another, each seeking to discover one's own identity.*

Volunteer Renee Steele Honored. . .



On Monday, June 21st, ten women from Wayfarer's House went to Rock Hall, MD to an award ceremony of the Soroptimist Society, an organization of business and professional women, to honor Renee Steele [left], a 13-year volunteer at Wayfarer's House. After a wonderful meal, they presented her with a "Woman Helping Women" Award. We were a group of staff, volunteers, and residents; all of whom have benefitted from our relationships with Renee. We told of her hard work, shopping for groceries, picking up hundreds of pounds of food from the food bank, driving folks to appointments; of her recent heart attack and her spirit and will to bounce back as she continues to help out.

Photo by Marika Rein



Betty and Ray Cross, natives of Corpus Christi, Texas, are serving their 4th summer as mission volunteers with Meeting Ground. They work among us with patience, dedication, and always much caring and joy. This summer they have stepped in to help in many different ways with work camps as well as the ongoing program, and have been a mainstay of our community life. In August they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!