

MEETING GROUND DIRECTORY

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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.*

Please Come - all invited!

**Cecil County Men's Shelter
Settlement House**

Annual Dinner & Meeting
 Tuesday, October 26, 2004 - 5:30 pm
 Elkton United Methodist Church
 For Information call: 410-392-8066
 or email: settlementhouse@yahoo.com



A BATH FOR ELVIS Shana [left], Kate, and Addie give an unwelcome scrubbing to our newest Clairvaux Farm guardian, Elvis (cause he "ain't nothin' but a hound dog"). He showed up at the farm one afternoon, hungry and homeless. We gave him a home until Kate adopted him and brought him to his permanent home on Cape Cod. Lucky dog! Elvis has promised to return with the work group every summer, if we promise no more baths!

*a piece of bread,
given in the right spirit,
may save a soul*

- Simeone Weil

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