

Stories of Sisters of Charity Ministries Responding to People Experiencing Homelessness

MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESSES HOMELESSNESS



At Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, NJ, we speak of Seton Spirit and we also proudly speak of our Seton Service. Our students do not have a Service Requirement in order to receive a diploma from Mother Seton Regional, however they are involved in numerous projects both in school and outside of school. Many of these projects are sponsored by our Campus Ministry Office, Student Council, National Honor Society (NHS) or other interested groups. Listed below are some of our projects directly related to combating homelessness.

Faculty and students participate in a Sandwich Run every Monday. Sandwiches and bags of food are donated and delivered to the Soup Kitchen at Saint Joseph's Social Center in Elizabeth. We have been doing this all year round for several years now. We average over 250 sandwiches and 15 bags of food each week.

We have a course in our Religion Department curriculum on Social Justice for the juniors. In this class, students study social justice issues, one of which is the topic of homelessness.

In November, the Student Council conducts a Turkey and Food Basket drive at Thanksgiving. In December, the Student Council sponsors a Christmas Giving Tree Drive where students are asked to contribute toys and gifts of clothing. These donations are brought to the St. Joseph's Social Center in Elizabeth where they can be distributed to those in need.



In addition, during the month of November, coats and articles of warm clothing are collected and distributed to men, women and children who come to the various social centers. Blankets, towels, scarfs, hats, gloves, toiletry kits and other necessities are collected throughout the year for the people served by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Our Loaves and Fishes Campus Ministry Club sponsors Operation Warmheart. Club members prepare duffle bags with towels, toiletries, blankets, sweatshirts, underwear and socks for the homeless who travel to shelters throughout the winter months.

A “SOUPER” Bowl Drive is held at the end of January; during this drive we collect and donate many cans of soup to St. Joseph’s. A Luv Socks Drive is sponsored during the month of February and we deliver all of these donations to shelters.

Alumnae, faculty, students and their families may choose to be involved in CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, which is a project to educate and support the children in Haiti. The cost to feed, educate and pay for teacher training and salaries for teachers is \$100 a year per child. Each Circle provides the money to support one child. This project is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity.

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