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IHOC Monthly News

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Sonya and Kristen (our intern from Rutgers) were hard at work this past month recruiting volunteers and participants for IHOC's expanded mentoring program which officially starts November 1. The program is designed to maintain relationships with men who participated in the Network and or Transitional Housing Program to help them feel connected to a supportive community. So far six congregations and seven participants are involved in the program.

Mentors will call to chat and check in with their mentees at least once a week so that they do not feel isolated and forgotten. Mentors who are able may also provide transportation to medical appointments when other transportation is not available and invite their mentee to participate in appropriate socially distanced activities. Mentors can help mentees to develop new interests and hobbies. The program also plans to schedule monthly activities for mentors and mentees and a cooking session is tentatively scheduled for November 14th at St Michael's Lutheran Church.

I look forward to sharing progress reports with you as the program progresses. Anyone who would like to find out more about the program can call me or Sonya. Ruth Morgenroth, Executive Director

Mallwalk

The Mall Walk is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2021 at the Voorhees Town Center.

At this time, we are hoping to have an in-person walk while adhering to the COVID restrictions from our governmental agencies. Additionally, we are also, looking into having a virtual walk.

More information will be available in the upcoming IHOC Newsletters

Because of COVID, our financial needs are truly significant this year. So, Mall Walk 2021 is more important than ever. Carol and Fred

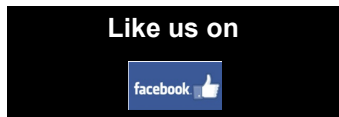


Thanks ED!

Fred is enjoying his new shirt from Ed. And YES, Fred is truly a "Special Mowing Unit"

Fred has recently painted the parking lines at the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

Thanks FRED for all you do to make our world a better place!



Quote: "The 'difference' = What you say you'll do - what you actually do" - George Akomas Jr

WHERE IS LONNIE ?

Lonnie Cooper has moved to Abilene Texas. Lonnie was managing a motel in Williamstown and they did very well while he was there. The owner loved him. Lonnie was so responsible that the owner had more time to pursue other lines of business. This spare time led him to buy another motel and restaurant in Texas and...he asked Lonnie to manage the restaurant for him. (Long ago Lonnie had restaurant experience in Georgia).

Lonnie is about 2 1/2 hours from Dallas, and he loves it. If you would like to write to him, he would love that. Frontier Inn - 3210 Pine Street, Abilene TX 79601 ~ Attention Lonnie Cooper.

HE WANTS TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE AT M'KOR SHALOM.....

HE WILL RETURN FOR YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER IN 2021!!

If you are not aware, M'KOR serves dinner to over 100 people on Christmas Day. Those included are members of the synagogue, the men in the Network, all IHOC vets and anyone in the IHOC family who would like to join.

Lonnie arrives on the 23rd and shops and cooks and bakes on the 24th and 25th.

Word to the wise.....save room for dessert, Lonnie gives Sonya a run for her money with cakes and pies.



Even though the mentoring program has not officially started, three members of St. Michael's, including me, have been mentoring Big Bill L. We have been taking him to doctor's appointments and, recently, to Bible study and one of our members shares her special Louisiana style dinners when she makes them for her family. When it is my turn to take Bill to an appointment we usually stop for pizza - a shared passion. (Although I do not understand

his love for anchovy pizza). For some reason Bill thinks I am hilarious so we spend a lot of time laughing both in person and on the phone and when we are together which "makes my day". Bill says I "make his day" as well.

Ruth Morgenroth, Executive Director



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Danny Waterfield thanks all those who wrote to him. He is currently in Central Reception and Assignment Facility awaiting assignment to a more permanent facility to finish his term until he is assigned to a half way house.

He says the food is incredibly good and looks forward to hearing from you.

Danny can have such a positive attitude. Please help maintain those good spirits by writing him. Daniel Waterfield 000503222B W2A ~ C/O CRAF ~ PO BOX 7450 West Trenton, NJ 08628

Those who are incarcerated don't have much going good, mail is the top thing they have.

