



ST. JOSEPH HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

# FROM the PORCH

## Fall Newsletter 2017

St. Joseph House of Hospitality is a program  
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## St. Joe Summer Memories



**Calming the Waters.** On June 20, there was a water main break in our building that left us without water for 24 hours. Providentially, a Youth Group of 60 high-school students from Texas was in Pittsburgh that week doing outreach to various programs for the homeless. The very next day in the shade of the greenery of our backyard, the students put on a concert for the men at St. Joe's that featured Gospel music and the witness of their faith. At the conclusion of the concert, we were happy to announce that the water had been restored. It was an exclamation point on an evening that had shifted our focus from the loss of water, to the source of "Living Water." †

## Benefits of a Summer Harvest.

Our resident gardener Frank B. shows off the latest harvest from our back yard garden that provides lots of fresh produce for kitchen staff and residents. Frank makes the voluntary commitment to weed, water and harvest all season long for the benefit of the whole community. The garden was another Eagle Scout project from a local Troop in Allison Park. †



## The Big One that Didn't Get

**Away.** St. Joe resident Randy B proudly displays this large mouth bass caught during a fishing outing near Seven Springs. †



**Bocce and Fellowship.** St. Joe residents participated in a Summer Bocce Ball League that took place on the Bocce Court on our grounds created by a Boy Scout as his Eagle Scout project. Monthly prizes were awarded for the highest point total, but the best part centered on the fun and fellowship between the residents. †

## Fishing for . . . *Donations and Volunteers*



St. Joe's is in need of various personal items for our residents, as well as volunteers to assist us with our daily operations.

To **DONATE** any of the following items, please contact our Housekeeper Mary Moran by phone or email, 412-471-0666 or [mmoran2@ccpgh.org](mailto:mmoran2@ccpgh.org).

storage bins for resident rooms	belts
Chlorox wipes for cleaning	tennis shoes, sizes 8 ½ to 14
Vaseline	boots
hand sanitizer	slippers
hand lotion	briefs, sizes S, M, L
shampoo & conditioner, full sizes	socks, black & white
deodorant	t-shirts, sizes S to XXL
shower shoes	hoodies, zip up only
back scrubbers	Long Johns, sizes M to XXL
hair brushes & combs	winter coats, hats, scarves
comforters, twin size only	

To **VOLUNTEER** for one of these services, contact our Operations Manager Lonnie Jackson by phone or email, 412-471-0666 or [ljacks@ccpgh.org](mailto:ljacks@ccpgh.org).

- Drivers needed to pick up food donations at various locations on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Computer lab helpers needed to assist our residents with the basics; choose your own hours and day(s).
- Pen Pals needed to write to a resident the old-fashioned way.

*Thank You!*



## Remembering St. Joe's When You Make Your ESTATE PLANS

As those of you who read this publication are well aware, the work at St. Joe's is vital to our community, a necessity for those men who would otherwise be neglected and forgotten. Our work can only continue with the generous support from donors like you.

A popular and successful means of giving is to remember St. Joe's in your Will. It can be as simple as including the following language:

*"I give to St. Joseph House of Hospitality the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the work and mission of St. Joseph House of Hospitality whose address is 1635 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219."*

To learn more about other giving options, please contact Administrator Tom Kneier at 412-471-0666 or [tkneier@ccpgh.org](mailto:tkneier@ccpgh.org).



## Give to St. Joe's through Your United Way Workplace Campaign

Another way you can support St. Joseph House of Hospitality to help men over the age of 50 who are homeless or who are facing homelessness is through your workplace United Way Campaign. To donate, be sure to use . . .



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Thank you for giving!



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### St. Joseph House of Hospitality

To empower older homeless men to progress towards self-sufficiency through an active residential community.

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