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SUMMER

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Hunger in New Jersey: A Reality

Often times we don't think about hunger in New Jersey, but the reality is many families in our communities don't know when their next meal will be. A nationwide hunger survey by Feeding America identified 171,920 people in South Jersey alone as food insecure- 1/3 are children. Over 12,000 individuals receive emergency food assistance in any given week.



To help fight this problem, in 2007 Twin Oaks opened our first food pantry in Mt. Holly. July 30 marks the 1st anniversary of the opening of our second pantry in Berlin. The pantries provide emergency hunger relief to individuals and families in need in Twin Oaks programs. They often face the harsh dilemma of spending their meager financial resources to purchase food or other basic needs such as rent, utilities and medications. Our goal is to make sure food doesn't have to be a choice.

Today, more than 500 families a month count on the Twin Oaks Food Pantries for emergency food assistance. In the past year, the pantries combined provided over 155,000 meals to 17,000 individuals- an incredible 38% increase from the year before. To keep up with the spike in numbers, community support is critical.

You can help by joining the fight against hunger!

1) Give Food. Drop off food at a Twin Oaks Food Pantry:

770 Woodlane Road, Suite 16
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

128 Cross Keys Road
Berlin, NJ 08009

2) Give Time. Volunteer to run your own food drive! Get your co-workers, classmates or community involved.

3) Give Funds. Make a monetary donation online at www.twinoakscs.org or mail your donation to 770 Woodlane Rd, Suite 23, Attn: Development Office, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060.

As the need continues to grow, we commit to not only providing food, but also the opportunity for self-sufficiency and a better quality of life. We sincerely thank you for your support along the way!

Bob Pekar
Chief Executive Officer

Operation Fill-A-Backpack August 1 – 26

Every child deserves a great first day of school!

Before we know it, summer will be over and it will be 'Back to School' time! Children throughout the region will pick out pencils, notebooks and more to fill their brand new backpacks. Unfortunately, many families in Twin Oaks Community Services programs cannot afford new backpacks and basic supplies for the upcoming school year.



DONATION IDEAS:

Backpacks
Lunchboxes
Spiral bound, composition notebooks
Pens, pencils, erasers, pencil cases
Calculators (solar and scientific)
Crayons, markers, colored pencils
Highlighters
Protractors, rulers
Scissors
Glue sticks
Three ring binders with papers
Pocket folders
Index cards
Book covers
Facial tissues,

We invite YOU to help a child in need return to school with the confidence needed to succeed.

1) Drop off donations at a Twin Oaks location:

Twin Oaks Main Offices
499 Cooper Landing Rd.,
Cherry Hill

770 Woodlane Road, Mt. Holly
128 Cross Keys Rd., Berlin

Twin Oaks Thrift Shop
697 Haddon Ave.,
Collingswood

Moorestown Mall
Customer Service Center

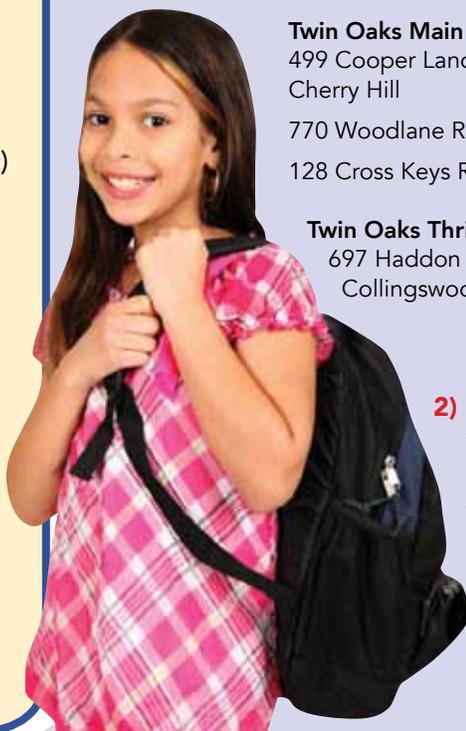
**Garden State
Discovery Museum**
2040 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill

Starbucks
Mount Laurel, Centerton Rd.
Moorestown, Main St.
Delran, Fairview Blvd.
Cherry Hill, Haddonfield Rd.

2) **Run your OWN drive!** Get your co-workers, classmates or community involved.

3) **Make a monetary donation** online at www.twinoakscs.org or mail your donation to Twin Oaks Community Services.

Questions? Call the Development Office at 609-267-5928 ext. 186 or email keyanna.turner@twinoakscs.org.



Shop and Support this Summer!

SHOP

The Twin Oaks Thrift Shop is the place to find fantastic clothing, jewelry, accessories, household items and more! All proceeds from the shop will benefit Twin Oaks programs.

SUPPORT

Support our cause by donating items to the shop! Donations accepted during business hours. Items should be clean and in good condition.

DONATION IDEAS:

Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing • Jewelry • Accessories
Household Items (Lamps, Dishes, Cookware, etc.) • Shoes • Art,
Mirrors & Seasonal Decorations • Collectibles



Visit us in beautiful
downtown Collingswood:

697 Haddon Ave.
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday,
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Community Scrapbook



Target Corporation



Burlington County Chamber of Commerce
Young Professionals Network

United Way Day of Action

Volunteers from CVS, Target, Burlington County Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Network and Enterprise Rent-A-Car volunteered at various Twin Oaks group homes for the 2013 United Way Day of Action. The groups planted flowers, landscaped, painted and more to beautify the homes!



CVS Corporation



Enterprise Rent-A-Car



Maryann and June of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Columbus dropped off personal care packages to our food pantry. Thank you!



Employees from Keller Williams Burlington County volunteered in the food pantry for their RED Day (Renew, Energize and Donate). Thanks everyone!

Early Intervention Support Services

Get the Help You Need, When You Need It

Finding your way to wellness and recovery during times of crisis is not always easy. Many people in crisis who need immediate help with symptoms of a mental illness go to local hospital emergency rooms and wait a long time for care. Twin Oaks Early Intervention Support Services offers an alternative for those who are not in need of psychiatric hospitalization.

Early Intervention Support Services (EISS) helps adults ages 18 years and older in Camden and Cumberland Counties who are experiencing emotional problems. To help visitors feel more comfortable, EISS offers a relaxing, therapeutic "Living Room" environment. When you walk through the doors, you will find several comfortable seating areas, computers, a television, books, board games and a tropical fish tank.

The program emphasizes wellness and recovery principles that see individuals through the immediate crisis and future challenges. EISS focuses on building and reinforcing coping skills and support networks such as service providers, family members, friends, religious institutions and other community resources.

To learn more about EISS and other Twin Oaks programs, visit www.twinoakscs.org.

We encourage anyone in crisis to visit or call EISS first before going to a Crisis Screening Center or ER.



Margie shares how EISS helped her-

When I had no one, EISS helped me. I had been laid off from work and was falling behind in my bills. My financial hardship was not the only thing weighing on my mind. The recent deaths of my parents and best friend overwhelmed me and I became depressed. I lost my appetite and was crying a lot. I thought of my son and decided to reach out to EISS.

When I arrived, I spoke to the EISS staff about everything I was going through. The staff were so nice and they assured me that things would be OK. I felt like the staff actually cared. Even though I was crying, they listened to my story and linked me to the resources I needed. They brought me to the food pantry so I could get food for myself and my son and introduced me to a doctor. I spoke to the doctor and told him everything.

As the weeks passed, I felt a lot better than I did when I first arrived at EISS. I met more staff members and they were extremely nice. I attended the groups and each time I felt that I had listening ears, and the people listening actually cared about me. I love them all and will never forget that they were the first to help me. I plan on attending the future groups and hopefully become a volunteer when I have time.

- Margie

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Get Your Family in GEAR!

Saturday, September 28

10 am - 3 pm • rain or shine
Moorestown Mall parking lot

Beep
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Kids
FREE!
Adults \$5.00

Fun For The Whole Family

Face Painting Food
Games Moon Bounce
Music and More!

Trucks to
Explore

Ambulance
Bucket Truck
Bookmobile
Construction
Vehicles
D.A.R.E. Car
Fire Truck
Idaho Potato Truck
Krispy Kreme Cruiser
Tow Truck
Tractor Trailer
...And Many More!

TOUCH A TRUCK



Explore.

Touch.

See.

Get involved! There is still time to sponsor or bring a vehicle to the event!

Contact Jennifer Gaynor at 609-267-5928 x210 or jennifer.gaynor@twinoakscs.org.

To learn more visit www.twinoakscs.org



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Twin Oaks Community Services, a merger of Family Service and Steininger, provides behavioral health and social services to vulnerable children, adults and families throughout New Jersey.

If you or someone you know needs our care, please call our confidential point of entry: Access Center 1-800-963-3377

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SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 18, 2013

9TH ANNUAL -2013- MOORESTOWN PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Join us for cocktail and hors d'oeuvres
at the beautiful home of **Jon and Loretta Runyan**.
From there, move on to share an intimate dinner with friends
prepared by a talented area chef in a Moorestown home.
For more information, contact the Development Office at 609-267-5928.

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