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“It’s All Love” at Stockton 51: The A-TEAM Gives Back

By Jared Wolf

Sixteen years ago, a small group of visual artists met with Extra Helpings volunteer, Susan Darley, to discuss the possibility of forming an art cooperative within the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Founded in 2001, Extra Helpings was a small art program designed to alleviate the stresses of poverty by encouraging artistic expression.

The small collection of amateur artists came to be known as the A-TEAM, eventually morphing into the Trenton Community A-TEAM (formerly known as TCAT), which recently opened Stockton 51, a neighborhood art center within a previously abandoned two-story carriage house at 51 North Stockton Street in Downtown Trenton. The space was given to the A-TEAM by Isles Inc., a Wood Street non-profit organization that is working to establish an arts district in the surrounding community.

Today, the Stockton 51 art studio is a popular haven for a number of local painters, sketchers, musicians, and sculptors to unwind from the vices of urban life in America, and simply create.



“Hendrix”
By Demond Williams

In its earliest form, TCAT was designed to offer an open facility to those who possessed creative talents or an interest in the arts,

but it did not have the necessary resources to pursue its creative endeavors. Darley wished to create a “collegial environment in which

they [the artists] could hone their creative abilities.”

The goal: sell artwork and realize the benefits of seeing hard work come to life.

From the beginning, the artists decided how the A-TEAM would operate and which projects it would undertake. In this way, “membership in the group also provided an opportunity for the artists to learn entrepreneurial skills,” said Darley.

Membership expanded, and the walls of TASK quickly became an open display of their work. Over the years, the ‘A-TEAM Artists of Trenton’ have participated in hundreds of shows. From displays in museums and galleries to corporate offices and government agencies, the A-TEAM has seen their pipe dream become reality.

Moreover, the A-TEAM artists have given back to the Trenton community in a multitude of ways, by lending work to local businesses and non-profit groups, or by leading monthly art workshops for residents of the Rescue Mission of Trenton and patrons at The Arc Mercer.

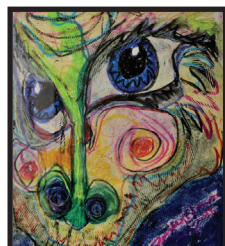
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The artists have also hosted clients from the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital’s art therapy program in their studio. And just last summer, Stockton 51 hosted a community cookout in which over 2,000 people attended. During the event, which was funded by TASK, the studio gave out over 1,000 hamburgers and hot dogs.

This is one of the countless examples of how this facility has given back to its community.

One artist in particular has had a profound impact on the A-TEAM family. Self-taught artist Walter Roberts, Jr. learned how to shade from his sixth grade math teacher. His teacher told him that if he taught him how to shade, he had to start paying attention. Today, Roberts is celebrating over twenty years as a member of the A-Team and considers his ability to shade his greatest strength.

Derrick Branch, another self-taught artist, has been with the A-TEAM for over ten years. A bass guitarist, Branch helped begin a music program within the TCAT crew and hopes to see it expand in the coming years.

Branch, in collaboration with other musicians, has made several hip-hop compositions, in addition to rehearsed renditions of prominent Jazz scores from musicians like Duke Ellington.

From what started as a few friends seeking extra community services at TASK has transformed into a playground for the disenfranchised. Roberts described Stockton 51 as “a sanctuary in the city” from which “anything can be thought.”

For many of the teens who go to the studio to paint, draw, build, jam, sketch, or create, Stockton 51 is a healthy way to stay off of the streets and out of trouble. Well-equipped with tools and gadgets,

artists can spend endless hours creating and composing.

Roberts recalled several nights where he and other artists worked until 8 in the morning to complete some of their more complex pieces. Roberts’ was happy to share one of his proudest pieces: a portrait of the 20th century academic and activist Angela Davis. Roberts’ worked for five straight days without sleep to compete the piece—his desire for perfection acting as the sole motivation to stay awake.

When asked if he could name a few of the artists who come to Stockton 51, Roberts simply responded, “I can name a billion of ‘em”. The studio has become a symbol of the community, and a representation of the beautiful art that can emerge from the struggles of a childhood in the city. “It’s all love,” he said. “Giving kids a place to openly express themselves distracts them from the jungle.”

Looking forward, TCAT hopes to go three-dimensional: the artists want to pursue projects that don’t just hang on walls. They are looking to create statues, T-shirts, clothing, and jewelry.

With new projects and ideas constantly flooding in, TCAT will continue to change and expand. A gift shop is currently being built at Stockton 51 and the artists are always redefining their image, both as creators, and as contributors to the community.

If you are interested in buying art or would like to reach out to one of the artists/directors, please go to their website at www.trentoncommunityateam.org/. 📍

Stockton 51

51 North Stockton Street
Trenton, NJ
trentoncommunityateam.org
(609) 421-0793



“Fading Grey”
By Kimberly L.

“As The Ink Pours Out On Paper”

By Agnes Abdelwahbe

As the ink pours out on paper to form every single word
And the sentence comes together so this poem could be heard

And sentence by sentence, a lil’ more I’m free
Releasing the emotions I’ve trapped inside of me

Expressing the anguish when anxiety kicks in
Pretending to be normal in a society I don’t fit in

Telling myself it’s okay, all will subdue
And when I think it’s over, the problems only grew

So I’ll write when I’m angry, I’ll write when I’m hurt
It’s been a while since I been happy, but to write about that I yearn

And when my words jumble up and I’m unable to speak
My thoughts and my hands go to work instinctively

So I’ll write what I’m feeling in that moment that day
And spill out my thoughts that my mouth couldn’t say

“I Speak”

By Ethel Mack

Poetry

Broken faces, without places, leaving no traces,
while looking for a place to stay, if only for a day.

I speak for the weak who know not what goes on,
nor what they seek.

I speak for those who are stranded,
because already, they have been branded.

I speak to the people who show no interest or concern.
I speak for so many people who have crashed and burned.

I speak for those still fighting and willing to learn.
I speak for the poor who wish they had more.

But today they have the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK),
and it is always an open door.



“Flowers with Wallpaper”
By Joann Abdelwahabe

City Agency Keeps Trenton Residents Healthy

By Maksymilian Popinski

For many, the past few months have been about scrambling to get the flu shot and scheduling check-ups before the fall weather goes from brisk to frosty. For individuals experiencing homelessness in Trenton and elsewhere in the state, the reality is very different.

Compared to 2015, the homeless population in New Jersey has declined by over twelve percent, but this is not the case in Trenton. Currently, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness is on the rise as individuals are moving to make use of Mercer County’s organized effort to alleviate poverty. “People come on the River Line from other areas because we have the Rescue Mission and we have the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen,” said Director James A. Brownlee of the Trenton Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

A number of these individuals are experiencing substance abuse problems or other mental health issues. And Trenton is having an increasingly difficult time accommodating the influx. The DHHS is a member of the Trenton Health Team, a non-profit that includes Capital Health, St. Francis Medical Center, and the Henry J. Austin Health Center (their only federally qualified health center). The four entities collaborate to provide medical services for individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the county.

In particular, the DHHS works very closely with the Rescue Mission of Trenton (RMT), a major point of entry for individuals experiencing homelessness in Trenton. The RMT locates and provides a complete medical evaluation of incoming homeless patrons, and continues to track them throughout the year. It also

includes an outreach program that seeks out at-risk individuals who are on the brink of experiencing homelessness, have deteriorating medical conditions, or are at the mercy of inclement weather.

In coordination with the DHHS, the RMT also monitors communicable diseases (such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and hepatitis) within the city’s homeless population. It works to contain infection and helps individuals procure antiretroviral drugs, antibiotics, or other medicines they may need, as well. The RMT’s initiatives also address a wide slew of chronic conditions, including cardiac disease, diabetes, and drug and alcohol addiction. Those who have these serious medical conditions are put in touch with Henry J. Austin Health Center. As a federally qualified health care clinic, Henry J. Austin is partially funded by the federal government to provide primary as well as preventative health care to individuals experiencing homelessness. These services include oral health, psychological/behavioral health, and specialized geriatric care for the increasing number of elderly persons experiencing homelessness.

The DHHS also collaborates with Anchor House, a non-profit that locates and supports juveniles experiencing homelessness who may also be facing dangers like abuse/neglect, pregnancy, and susceptibility to illicit substances. Anchor House coordinates with the Trenton Health Team to provide medical services to the adolescents that it works with.

As the cold winter weather approaches, the DHHS works around the clock in partnerships with organizations across Mercer County to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness are receiving the medical supports they need to be healthy. 📍

Could The River Line Light Rail Come To The State House?

By Jared Kofsky

For those without a car, Mercer County was once quite simple to navigate. Dozens of trolleys and bus routes made transportation across the capital region much easier. However, today, there are just a handful of bus routes serving the county, no intercity bus service in Trenton, just one bus line to Pennsylvania, and train fares on NJ Transit and SEPTA are continuing to rise. Trips that would take just a few minutes by car across the county can take hours by bus. Yet, according to local leaders, one of the region’s most inexpensive modes of transit in this area could potentially be expanded.

Right now, it costs \$1.60 to ride the River Line light rail, which connects the Trenton Transit Center with Camden, over 30 miles south, stopping in communities like Palmyra and Pennsauken. No matter if you are traveling one stop or 20, the fare remains the same. However, accessing the line is difficult for many Trenton residents, due to the fact that the line does not serve most neighborhoods, and has just three stops in the city.

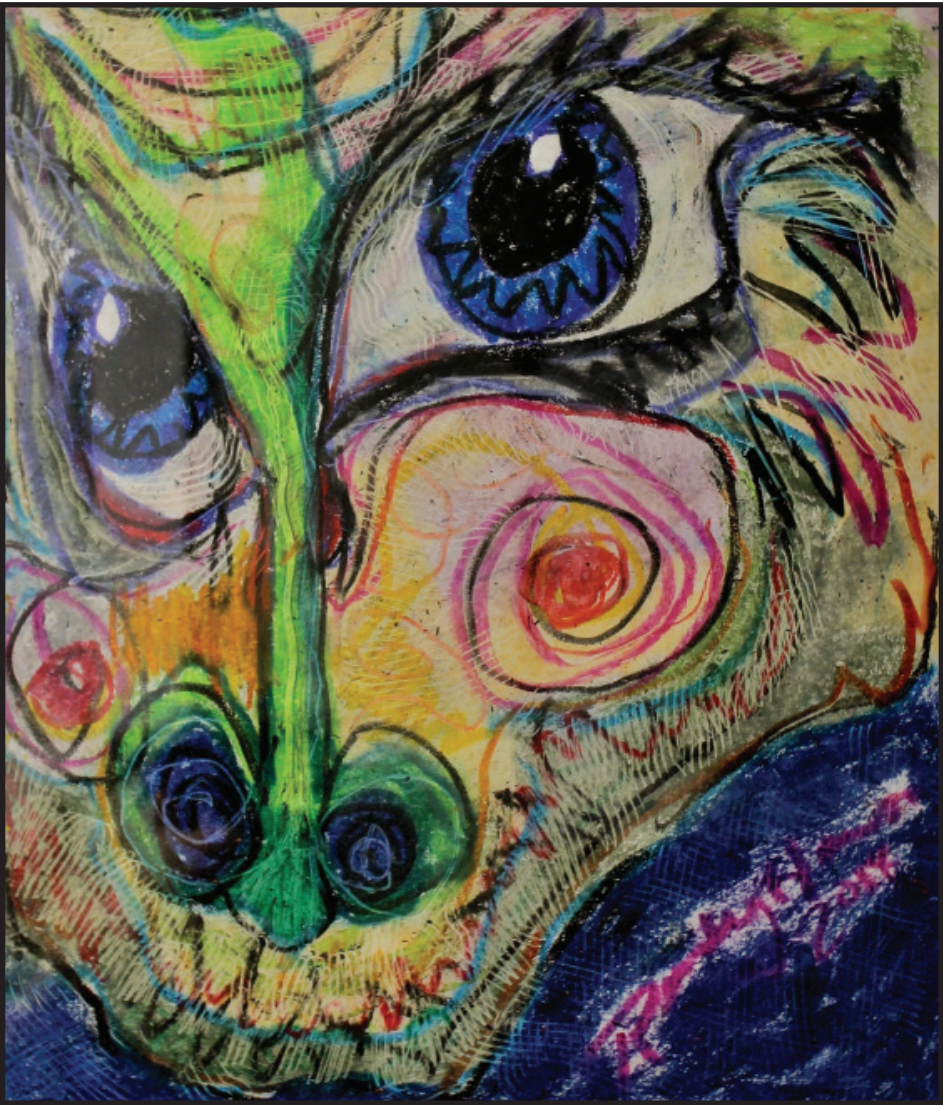
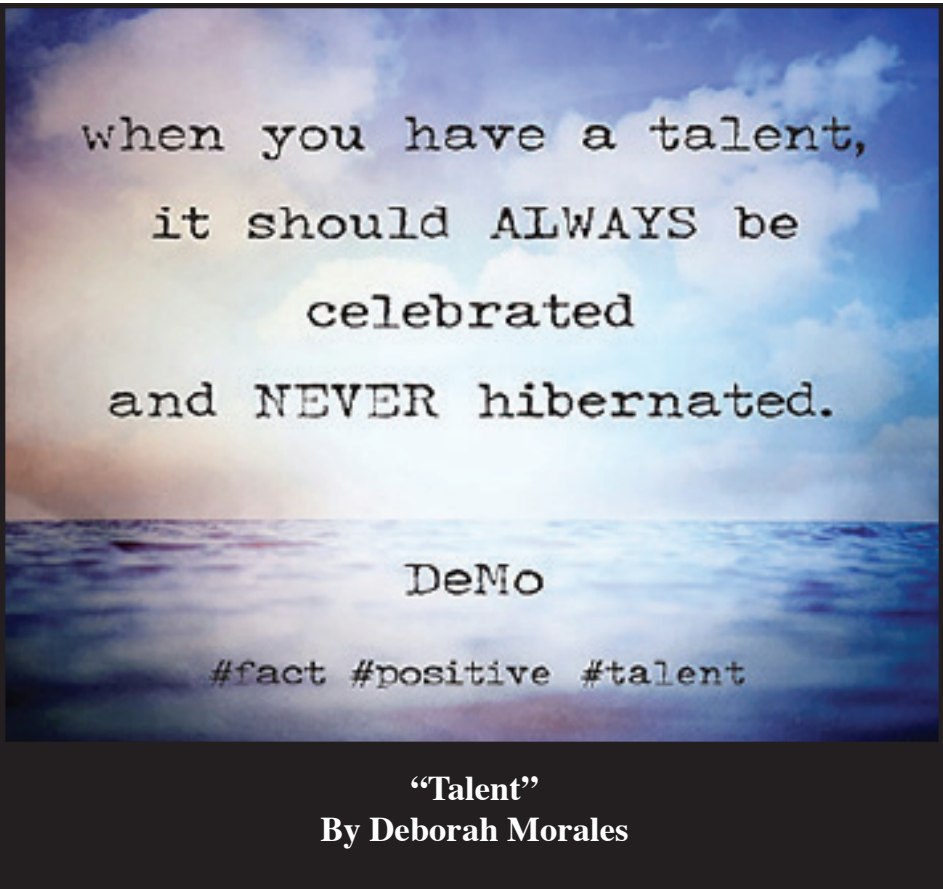
Now, proposals once again call for extending the River Line by several blocks to an area near the New Jersey State House off of West State Street. Although NJ Transit spokesperson Nancy Snyder told *The Wall* that there are currently no plans to extend the line, many area officials remain undeterred. The MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce, published a report regarding the proposal earlier this year, advocating that “wages and employment opportunities will increase due to the light rail extension,” and that “14,000 direct and indirect jobs will be created as a result of the project”. It also stated: “the light rail system is associated with connecting low income households with new economic opportunities prior to the presence of the transportation system.”

Although the Trenton area has hundreds of resources available to individuals experiencing homelessness, without a personal vehicle, accessing them can be difficult and expensive. An expansion of the River Line would allow more area residents experiencing homelessness and poverty to access more resources without having to spend the extra 70 cents for a bus ride. For example, just south of Trenton, there are food pantries near River Line stops in Roebling and Burlington. In addition, South Trenton residents could have easier and more frequent access to the many services available in Downtown Trenton, or within close walking distance across the river in Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

Likewise, there are hundreds of employers within walking distance of River Line stops, such as industrial parks and warehouses in Florence and throughout Burlington County. Many Trentonians, some of whom come from low-income households, currently take the River Line to work at Bai in Bordentown, but have to transfer from a bus to the light rail. This can cause inconveniences and missed opportunities. And while the River Line operates every half hour, many local buses in Trenton, like the 624, operate more infrequently.

Not all politicians are enthused about the plan. Earlier this year, Governor Chris Christie spoke against it, recommending that to reach West State Street, residents “use Uber” instead, according to *The Trentonian*, referring to the convenient, yet costly, taxi service.

Mayor Eric Jackson is, however, in favor of the River Line’s expansion, telling *The Wall*: “the expansion will spur economic development through our Downtown, even to our West Ward, and generate more business and more preservation throughout our city.” 🏠



“Dragon”
By Randy Harms

East Trenton Organization Brings Housing To City Residents

By Maksymilian Popinski

On 794 E. State St in Trenton is the Martin House, the building from which Father Brian McCormick of the Catholic Diocese first established his non-profit organization, Better Community Housing Trenton (BCHT) in 1972. Father Brian McCormick, known as Father Brian within the community, devoted his life to building the organization into what it is today: A non-profit that restores dilapidated and neglected homes and sells them strictly to struggling families in the region.

According to their website, the purpose of BCHT is to provide homeownership and ownership skills to those who fall below the poverty line.

The Martin House itself was designed as a clothing store, in which members who qualified for and purchased a home had to volunteer one day of service to the Trenton community.

In the store, individuals can purchase a grocery bag of clean clothes for eight dollars, and those with special conditions (behavioral issues, burn victims, physically disabled) receive this clothing at no cost. Martin House receives the majority of their inventory from donations, a portion of which is from locals moving out of the area.

Originally, the bulk of the building housed only the Martin House, but when the organization started to expand and sell homes, Father Brian McCormick decided to use the adjacent buildings (through very generous donations from the community) to add new wings to the Martin House. Likewise, the staff originally consisted only of Father Brian, a few priests who resided in the bedrooms, and a few secretaries.

Now the former bedrooms and



“Air Heads in the Wilding”
By Derrick Branch

wings are used for recreational or Martin House sponsored events. These events embody the vivacious spirit of the East Trenton community, attracting individuals from across the state including actor Martin Sheen who attended a program in 1989.

Along with the Martin House is the Martin House Learning Center operated by Ms. Sheila Conway. Conway devotes her time to hosting a number of educational, recreational and social activities including boy/girl scouts, a pre-

school, and afterschool programs. In conjunction with these educational initiatives, parents were invited to study for their GED alongside their children as they complete their schoolwork.

In 2011, BCHT completed a project on the 900th block of E. State Street where they built twelve new homes. This was the last project by Fr. Brian McCormick who reached the age of 70 and retired as per the regulations of the Catholic Church.

Unfortunately for the Martin

House, the only tie that the Diocese had to the organization was Father Brian McCormick, and without a new priest to take up the reins, Martin House no longer has access to a \$120,000 stipend from the Catholic Diocese.

Unfortunately, this has taken a toll on the home rehabilitation operations. Despite not having the help of the Diocese, many of the organization’s Catholic affiliations are still very much involved with BCHT’s efforts.

The Martin House is currently headed by Pearleen Waters. Waters, the Chief Executive Director of Operations, became a homeowner as a result of the Martin House several years ago. Waters spends her time sharing the organization’s rich history and advocating for individuals’ equal opportunity to own and maintain their own home.

“With housing in general, a basic necessity in life, it is very upsetting that some people cannot even maintain a roof over their heads,” said Waters.

Despite the humanitarian merit of the organization, Waters admits operations have become difficult without the funds from the Diocese, and Martin House requires a contractor and bookkeeper in order to continue with home rehabilitations. Martin House accepts donations of all kind and encourages those who may have spare furniture or clothing to stop by and donate. 🏠

Where You Can Turn For Help

All days and times are subject to change without notice. Call before visiting. Updated November 2016.
Check thewall.pages.tcnj.edu for more listings and map.
* = Not Located in Mercer County

Trenton And Mercer County Homeless Shelters

Amani House

518-520 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Trenton, NJ
Transitional housing (24 single adult males between the ages of 18-65). Call for appointment. Tel. (609)-393-3168 ext. 13.

Anchor House, Inc.

482 Center St, Trenton, NJ (609) 396-8329
24-hour program for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth ages 10-17 in Mercer County.
Anchor House Shelter, school Outreach Program, (609) 396-8329
Anchorage Transitional Living Program, (609) 989-1625
Anchor Link Street Outreach Program, (609) 218-5630
Anchor Line, (609) 218-5630

Better Community Housing Trenton - Doorway to Hioe

827 East State St. Trenton, NJ (609) 396-5579
Emergency shelter for homeless families in an apartment setting for up to 90 days.

Community Innovations

Administration Office – 509 Perry St, Trenton, NJ (609) 826-9480.
Trenton Family Preservation House (17 Families & Single Women).
Chester House 1 – 24-Single Men – ages 18 and up.

Chester House-11 – 15 Single Men - ages 18 and up.

Escher Street SRO & Transitional Housing

50 Escher St, Trenton, NJ (609) 392-4599
Single Occupancy Rooms for single men and women (Project Specific Section 8);
Transitional Housing for single men (26 beds) and women (8 beds). SRO accepts transitional housing clients and walk-ins. Referred by Mercer County Bord of Social Services or New Jersey Department of Corrections.

HomeFront New Jersey Family Preservation Center

101 Celia Way, Ewing, NJ (609) 989-9417
Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Housing are available.

Lifeline Emergency Shelter

300 South Clinton Ave. Trenton, NJ (609) 989-7712

Rescue Mission of Trenton

98 Carroll St, Trenton NJ (609) 695-1436
Emergency Shelter: Overnight shelter, meals and clothing for single adultsSoup Kitchen: Every Sunday and 1st Saturday in 5-Saturday month
Addictions Treatment: Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient Program, Long-Term Residential, Halfway House
Housing: Transitional Housing; Rooming and Boarding House; Permanent Sup-portive Housing

Other Services: Adult education, job training, thrift store, courtesy store and Day Center services for homeless patrons

Triad House (LifeTies)

1301 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ, 08618 (609) 394-6747
Providing 24/7 shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth ages 14 to 18.

UPI - Trenton Treatment Center

56 Escher Street, Trenton, NJ, 08609 (609) 392-2822 and Fax: (609) 392-3215
Providing 22-bed transitional housing service for single homeless males of Mercer County. Accepting transitional housing referrals from Mercer County Board of Social Services.

Womanspace

1530 Brunswick Ave, Lawrenceville, NJ (609) 394-9000
Emergency services designed to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault immediately following the initial crisis. 24-hour hotlines (1-800-572-SAFE) and Spanish-speaking staff available. Short-term emergency housing in a confidential location for victims of domestic violence.

Resurrection Lutheran Church Food Pantry

4315 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ. (609) 586-3355

Rise Food Pantry

225 Franklin Street Hightstown, NJ. (609) 443-4464.
Open for limited food distribution on Monday-Wednesday from 9am-12pm
Please call the office for requirements and information.

Sacred Heart Church

343 S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ (609) 393-2801. Soup Kitchen: 4th Sunday Lunch from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. Food Pantry: 3rd Tuesday of the month. 2pm-6pm

Salvation Army - Homeless Drop-In Center

575 East State St., Trenton. Hours 8am – 3pm, 7 days a week
Limited food. Please call for an appointment. (609) 599-9373

Samaritan Baptist Church

531 Dr. ML King Blvd, Trenton, NJ (609) 393-0016. Sat. 9am-11:30am

South Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

First Baptist Church, 128-140 Centre St., Trenton, NJ (609) 393-8810. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Dinner from 4:30pm — 5pm.

St. Mary's Cathedral (Loaves and Fishes Food & Soup Kitchen)

151 N. Warren St, Trenton, NJ. (609) 396-8447. Last two Saturdays of the month. Lunch is 11am to 2pm

St. Mary's Parish Community Food Pantry

45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ (609) 298-0261

The Crisis Ministry of Mercer County, Inc.

123 East Hanover St., Trenton, NJ. Open Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 12pm. 714 S. Clinton Ave., Trenton, NJ. Open Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 12pm. 61 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30 pm – 4pm and Tuesday 1:30 pm – 7pm. (609) 396-9355. Food pantry, emergency financial assistance (rent, utilities, security deposit, mortgage) for low income families and individuals in Mercer County. Pantry visits require photo ID and proof of Mercer County address.

The Food Center at Morrisville Presbyterian Church *

771 North Pennsylvania Ave. Morrisville, PA (215) 295-4191

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Food Pantry

801 W State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 392-3805. Food Pantry. Every other Saturday 9am-11am. Services via the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen are also available.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

72 Escher St, Trenton, NJ. (609) 695-5456. Mon. – Fri. Lunch from 11am-1pm; Mon. – Thurs. Dinner from 4pm-5:30pm. Call for other services.

Turning Point United Methodist Church

15 S. Broad St, Trenton, NJ. Dinner served / Food Pantry. 3rd Sun. 1pm-3pm.

United Progress, Inc.

62 West State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 392-2161. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-12pm.

West Trenton Soup Kitchen

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. 801 W. State St, Trenton, NJ. Thursday Dinner, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities, Behavioral Health Services

10 Southard St, Trenton, NJ. (609) 396-4557.
Integrated behavioral health and physical health services.

Capital Health Medical System at Hopewell

One Capital Way, Hopewell Township, NJ. (800) 637-2374.
Clinics, Medicaid, Medical Care, General Acute Medical Care.

Capital Health Regional Medical Center

750 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, NJ. (609) 396-6722
Mental Health Crisis Assistance. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare

Carrier Clinic *

252 County Route 601, Belle Mead, NJ. 1-800-933-3579 Access Center (24/7).
Specializing in psychiatric and substance abuse treatment. Accepts Medicaid (mental issues only) and Medicare.

Family Guidance Center - Outpatient Care

Behavioral Healthcare Services and Primary Health Care:
2210 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08619. (609) 587-7044
Substance Abuse Recovery Programs / Family Preservation & Recovery Programs:
946 Edgewood Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618. (609) 393-1626

Consumer Credit / Counseling Service:

1931 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ 08619. (609) 586-2574

Children's Day School / Children's Day Treatment Program

1925 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618. (609) 882-2288

Services include: outpatient mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, family preservation services, a school for children with emotional difficulties, housing counseling, financial counseling and education.

Henry J. Austin Health Center (Main)

321 North Warren Street Trenton, NJ - (609) 278-5900
Offers fast track, pediatrics, adult medicine, OB/GYN care, social services, podiatry, eye care, behavioral health care, dental services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing and treatment. Have ID. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare. Monday through Friday 8am-5pm and Sat 9-1.

A Better Way

1040 Pennsylvania Ave., Trenton, NJ (609) 392-1224
Specializes in mentoring, re-entry (has program) & gang reduction.

CEAS (Coordinated Entry and Assessment Services) Center

509 Perry Street, Trenton, NJ (609) 989-3722
M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Operated by the City of Trenton, this center strives to provide services like housing, identification, and information about benefits eligibility.

Child Care Connection

1001 Spruce St, Suite 201, Trenton, NJ. (609) 989-7770. Resource and Referral agency assists families in their search for quality child care and provides access to child care subsidy funds. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9am-5pm. Thurs. 9am-6pm

City of Trenton – Health & Human Services

319 E. State St. (609) 815-2160
Emergency assistance for back rent, first month rent for the homeless and/or at-risk homeless and as well as assistance for Senior Citizens.

County Connection

Rte 33 and Paxson Ave, Hamilton, NJ
County ID card and passport services. Mon, Wed, Fri. 10am – 6pm. Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm. Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm.
Walk-ins accepted.

Community Health Law Project

225 East State St, Suit 5, Trenton NJ (609) 392-5553.
Discusses legal questions with those with disabilities. Will make appointments.

Community Justice Center

310 West State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 218-5120.
Encouraging the empowerment, resiliency and rights of those struggling with disabilities by providing the essential ingredients of legal education, outreach, advocacy and representation. Will discuss legal questions with veterans and disabled and will make appointments.

Crisis Ministry of Mercer County, Inc.

123 East Hanover St, Trenton, NJ
714 S. Clinton Ave., Trenton, NJ
61 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ
(609) 396-9355
Food pantries; emergency financial assistance (rent, utilities, security deposit, mortgage); workforce development, and driver's license restoration assistance.

Family Guidance Center - Outpatient Care

Behavioral Healthcare Services and Primary Health Care:
2210 Hamilton Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08619. (609) 587-7044
Substance Abuse Recovery Programs / Family Preservation & Recovery Programs:
946 Edgewood Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618. (609) 393-1626
Consumer Credit / Counseling Service:
1931 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ 08619. (609) 586-2574
Children's Day School / Children's Day Treatment Program

Health Services

Henry J. Austin Health Center (Chambers)

317 Chambers Street, Trenton, NJ. (609) 278-5900. Adult Medicine and the above services. The satellite centers are open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Appointments are encouraged.

Henry J. Austin Health Center (Ewing Street)

112 Ewing Street, Trenton, NJ (609) 278-5900. Adult Medicine and the above services and dental care. Open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ap- pointments are encouraged.

Mount Carmel Guild

73 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609, (609) 392-5159. Limited Utility and Prescription assistance. Home Health Nursing Services: visits for medication management, vital sign checks, pre-filling syringes, adminster injections for economically disadvantaged, medically frail elderly. Free and do not accept third party payments.

New Horizons Treatment Service, Inc.

132 Perry St., Trenton, NJ. Appointment: (609) 394-8988.
Provides an array of medical, clinical and special services, i.e. substance Abuse treatment, detoxification, methadone maintenance, methadone detoxification. Mon-Fri 6am-8pm. Accepts Medicaid, WorkFirst NJ, and self-pay.

Oaks Integrated Care

31 Lexington Avenue, Ewing, NJ 609-583-1901. Linkage to mental health ser- vices, medical services, entitlements and housing. Call for appointment.

Oxford House

1065 River Road, Ewing, NJ (301) 587-2916. Toll Free: (800) 689-6411
Halfway houses to transition from rehab to independent living for individuals

Princeton House Behavioral Health

741 Mount Lucas Road, Princeton, NJ. (1-800) 242-2550; (609)- 497-3347 Inten- sive outpatient, partial hospitalization. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare.

Planned Parenthood

Trenton Center - 437 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ. (609) 599-4881
Hamilton Center - 2279 State Hwy 33, Hamilton, NJ. 689-4964
2000 Pennington Road, Eickhoff Hall, Ewing, NJ (609) 771-2110
Services: Abortion Services; Birth Control Services, Emergency Contraception, General Health Care, HIV Testing, LGBT Services, and more.
experiencing drug and alcohol addiction.

Human Services

1925 Pennington Rd, Ewing, NJ 08618. (609) 882-2288
Services include: outpatient mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, family preservation services, a school for children with emotional difficulties, housing counseling, financial counseling and education.

Helping Arms

50 Escher St, Trenton, NJ (609) 396-7515
Provides counseling, employment placement services, housing and other social services to low income people, and operates a prison re-entry initiative in Trenton. Referrals from Dept. of Corrections.

HomeFront

Administrative Offices
1880 Princeton Ave, Lawrenceville, NJ
Homeless prevention (rent/security); permanent service-enriched affordable housing; food pantry; FreeStore; Furnish the Future. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Except Tuesday 12-8pm (609) 989-9417.

Legal Services

Central Jersey Legal Services, Inc., 198 West State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 695- 6249. Will discuss legal issues with individuals, landlord/tenant or issues and will make appointments. Call for appointment (9am-4:30pm).

Mercer County Board of Social Services (MCBOSS)

200 Woolvorton St., Trenton, NJ (609) 989-4320.
Complaint Line: (609) 989-4400. Social Services: (609) 989-4451. Assist individuals with General Assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income and other services.
M-F, 8:30am- 4:30 pm, T 8:30am-8:30pm. Can call or walk-in.

Mercer County Clerk's Office

209 S. Broad St, PO Box 8068, Trenton, NJ (609) 989-6998
ID's- Voter registration forms, Mercer County photo ID, passport. Mon-Fri. 8am-4pm; Wed. until 6:45pm. Walk-ins accepted.

Mercer County Department of Housing and Community Development

640 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ (609) 989-6858
Provides heating/cooling assistance, first-time homebuyer assistance, residential rehabilitation assistance, and affordable housing.
M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Mercer County Department of Human Services

640 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ (609) 468-8296 or Fax: (609) 989-6032

Mercer Emergency & Community Services

132 North Warren St, Trenton, NJ. Outpatient (609) 394-8847.
Provides support related to housing, food and mental health.

Mercer County Office on Aging

640 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ
Information for Seniors (877) 222-3737, (609) 989-6661

Mercer County Office on Disability Services

640 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ (609) 989-6663

Mercer County Veterans Residence

2280 Hamilton Ave., Hamilton NJ (609) 989-6120.

Rescue Mission of Trenton

96 Carroll St., Trenton, NJ. (609) 393-3533. Residential and Outpatient Treatment for addictions and co-occurring disorders.

Robert Wood Johnson Hospital at Hamilton

One Hamilton Health Pl, Hamilton, NJ. (609) 586-7900
Clinics, Medical Care, General Acute Medical Care Accepts Medicaid, Medicare.

St. Francis Medical Center

601 Hamilton Ave, Trenton, NJ. (609) 599-5000
Clinics, Medicaid, Medical Care, General Acute Medical Care. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare.

Trenton Adult Rehabilitation Center

103 Enterprise Ave, Trenton, NJ (609) 599-9801
Operated by The Salvation Army

Trenton Division of Health and Human Services

218 N. Broad St., Trenton, NJ. (609) 989-3242
Health Promotions and Clinical Services; Health Incentive Program for Women (HIP4W).

Trenton Treatment Center (Part of United Progress, Inc.)

56 Escher Street, Trenton, NJ. (609) 392-2822
Trenton Treatment Center offers residential (for men only) and outpatient pro- grams for those addicted to drug and alcohol. Accepts referrals from MCBOSS, client walk-ins, and referrals from other service provider agencies, and uninsured Mercer County residents.

University Medical Center at Princeton

253 Witherspoon St, Princeton, NJ. (609) 497-4000
Clinics, General Acute Medical Care. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare.

**Note that most Health Services accept Medicare and Medicaid.
Dial 211 for Community Resources.**

One-Stop Career Center

(NJ Dept. of Labor), 26 Yard Ave, Trenton, NJ (877) 989-AJOB, (609) 989-6523. One Stop Center - offers workforce readiness services and career resources. Referrals from MCBOSS, unemployment. Walk-ins accepted. (Mon- day-Friday), 8:30am- 5pm, Tuesdays, 8:30 am- 8:30pm.

Opportunities For All

1701 S. Broad St, Hamilton, NJ (609) 394-7000
Training and employment opportunities to a diverse group of job seekers. We specialize in working with applicants with disabilities.

Rise-A Community Service Partnership

Main Office, 116 North Main St 2nd Floor Hightstown, NJ. (609) 443-4464.
Providing case management to low-income individuals in the East Windsor/Hight- stown area.
The Rise main office is open: Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm
(Closed for lunch from 1pm - 2pm daily)

Salvation Army - Homeless Drop-In Center

575 East State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 393-2801
Hours 8am – 3pm, 5 days a week

Social Security

635 South Clinton Ave, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ (609) 989-2254; 1-800-772-1213.
Assists clients with social security card replacement, Disability info, questions and assistance in applying for SSI and SSDI. Call or walk-in.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

72 1/2 Escher St, Trenton, NJ (609) 695-5456
Soup Kitchen, Food, Food Pantry; Adult Education; Computer Classes; Job Search Assistance. Monday to Friday Lunch from 10:30am to 12:50pm; Monday to Thursday Dinner from 3:30pm to 5pm

Ujima Urban Women's Center

1001 Pennington Rd, Ewing, NJ (609) 882– 2098
P-roviding compassion, advocacy, and training to urban women residing in Tren- ton and surrounding areas. Call for Appointment.

United Progress Inc. (UPI)

162 West State St, Trenton, NJ (609) 392-2161 (Main Office). Provides substance abuse treatment, HIV/AIDS counseling, employment and job development coun- seling, emergency food, utility, housing services and homeless prevention. (609) 392-2161

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Trenton Vet Center

934 Parkway Ave, Ewing, NJ (609) 882-5744

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hamilton Outpatient Clinic

3635 Quakerbridge Rd, Hamilton, NJ (609) 570-6600
General Medicine for veterans.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Intervention Program

Hotline is intended to assist homeless Veterans and their families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community.
(1-877) 4AID VET (877-424-3838)(National)



Jamie C: The Endeavor to Find Her Voice Again

By Annette Espinoza

When the move from Chicago, IL to New Jersey brought unexpected hardships, hindering her musical talents and expression, HomeFront New Jersey in Lawrenceville helped Jamie rewrite the lyrics and find her voice again. Three years ago, Jamie made the move to New Jersey but unforeseen circumstances put her in a challenging and unstable situation. Six months ago, these trying times brought Jamie to HomeFront, where she learned how to channel her frustration into inspiring works of art. There, she found a strong support system that motivated her to pursue her goals. “It is not always an easy road, especially when you are alone. But HomeFront never made me feel hopeless,” said Jamie.

Jamie credits HomeFront and its incredible staff for opening her eyes to what she is truly capable of achieving. With an extensive background in music including experience co-writing songs, participating in church choirs with Shirley Caesar, and singing back-up for R. Kelly, HomeFront gave Jamie access to singing lessons and similar training opportunities to get her back on the stage. “They made me feel like a superstar,” said Jamie.

Despite Jamie’s extensive musical background, regaining her voice did not come easily. Jamie recalls feeling restless, uneased, voiceless, before her artistic-breakthrough. To assuage these emotions, she became involved with the ArtSpace art therapy program at HomeFront’s Family Campus in Ewing. “I began painting music. The first piece I painted and sold was a set of piano keys,” Jamie explained.

But even after this, Jamie continued to struggle. She was frustrated with her “rusty” vocal cords and an inability to sing songs the way she once had. Once again, in a dark and desolate place, Jamie reached out to HomeFront where Director Ruthann Traylor provided her reassurance and motivated her to preserver in the face of such temporary adversities. Jamie credits Ms. Traylor for much of her success today. As she began battling PTSD, depression, anxiety and BPD, Ms. Traylor went beyond her role at HomeFront, driving Jamie to therapy sessions. Several months removed from all this, Jamie has recently moved into her own apartment. She is grateful to HomeFront for the skills she learned there and the invaluable support system that continues to guide her through the obstacles in her life.

With the support of organizations like HomeFront and individuals like Ms. Traylor on her side, Jamie is set on reaching red carpet goals: independence and financial stability, a healthy and sustainable relationship with her mental health, and an impact on the stage. As she moves forward, Jamie hopes to give back to those who gave so much to her. “My life experiences are not for me. They are for others who are going through and need to move past similar experiences,” Jamie said. 🏠

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“Listeners”

By Ethel Mack

Poetry

It is hard enough being homeless and having nowhere to go, or anyone to turn to.

It is embarrassing for me to ask for help, when everybody is trying to label and judge you.

It is just something that happens to me and many others.

Oh darn, just when I thought things could not get any worse,

I look across the room of the Rescue Mission and I see my brother.

I’m not the only one who ended up in the Rescue Mission for food and shelter.

We are not the only ones who are down and out. There are people from all different races.

There are young people, middle class people, and a pretty good share of elders.

Curious and concerned, I took it upon myself to ask someone what had happen, and how did they ended up at the Rescue Mission.

Their answer was: It was as if a switch was turned off, and I was left in the dark. It was then that I began to lose my will.

Because one day the government decided to cut my check, and I could not pay my bills.

They went on to say that homelessness does not have a face. It will somehow leave you hungry and without a place.

It does not have a special time, and if you are not careful it will play with your mind.

Scott: Open Space and New Playground Enrich Children’s Lives

By Essence B. Scott

Children should be encouraged to explore nature and their surroundings: the sunny sky above their heads and the green grass underneath their feet as they go on adventures that exist tirely in their imaginations. When a child is experiencing homelessness, the only thing out there is a parking lot. Oftentimes, there are no other children to play with. Their interactions that they have with children their own age are limited and brief—maybe at a rest stop where families stop on their way to a vacation destination.

In 1999, the Trails End Motel in East Windsor, where I grew up, had a large grassy area to play in and a tree to climb. My siblings and I were usually the only children there and so we played with each other. We wanted other children to play with, though. In school, we were finally given this opportunity, but it was short-lived. Here, we spent recess playing tag and swinging alongside our classmates. A short half-an-hour later, we returned to the classroom and later that night, to the empty motel yard.

Today, HomeFront’s Family Campus paints a different reality—one that I am happy to see. The Campus built a playground for its resident children to enjoy. It is unsafe for children to play on pavement and parking lots where they can be easily injured. They need to feel the wind on their face, the dirt between their fingers, and the static of the slides as they go down. They also need to connect with other children to build important social and emotional skills. Programs like HomeFront’s *Joy, Hopes, and Dreams* and *Camp Mercer* bring children together and provide them with this opportunity.

When I was a part of HomeFront’s community, I took part in the different recreational activities that



they offered. I was a teenager, so I was not interested in the slides and jungle gyms, but the swings were my favorite. It got me out of the house and allowed me to build relationships with people besides my brother and sister. It also fostered a love for the outdoors and encouraged me to live a healthier life. I was always out and about, constantly walking and running around. Gym classes are another good way to encourage activity and play, especially in elementary school where it is much less competitive. When I was younger, I did not like structured play in gym class; but as

I got older, I enjoyed signing up for different extracurricular activities that were offered through the physical education department like the weight room, ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball. Sometimes, the older kids would get together to play football. I remember being reluctant to play with them—being tackled and breaking my glasses? No, thank you. When I finally had the courage to play, I had a great time. I was no longer homeless at that point, but the fact still holds. Children and teenagers experiencing homelessness are often stressed and recreation can allow

them to let off some steam and build supportive relationships with others. Playing outside or on a sports team and the face-to-face interactions here give children a place to channel their energy. Conversations on the playground are much more helpful then those had over platforms like Skype or FaceTime (though those can help, too).

The opportunity to interact with others is also important for adults. My mom did not have anyone to talk to but my siblings and I when we were homeless. There were no other adults to regularly mingle or chat with. The offices in the motels we lived in had adults who were too busy with their jobs to socialize with a lonely teen, an energetic child, or a quiet adult.

Backyards, public parks, and school playgrounds are all great places to socialize with others. Children who are homeless are consistently deprived of the opportunity to meet new people, especially if they are living in places that do not cater to this need, like motels and shelters. I am grateful for HomeFront’s Family Campus playground where children can be children everyday. They should not have to grow up so fast. Maybe there is a small playground that a family has built in their backyard where the neighborhood children stop by to play; or a safe park where children can meet—we can and should afford children these important opportunities to enjoy themselves and grow. 🏠

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“Wisdom and Knowledge”

By Derrick Branch

Poetry

Knowledge is to wisdom
like water is to a cup.
The more of one you have,
the quicker the other one is filled up.

Wisdom is like knowledge,
but knowledge must come first.
The better quality of knowledge,
the more your wisdom is worth.

Some think they have wisdom much before their time,
but wisdom only comes with the maturity of the mind.
Some say that I am wise, and that I know a lot,
but I know only of my experiences and most of what I was taught.

In order to get wisdom of a solid, useful kind,
you must live long enough and do good with that time.
Wisdom is to knowledge like a father is to a son.
You must first have the latter, before the other one can come.



“Colorful Poppies”
By Terri Farkas

Organizations Deliver Food to Local Homebound Residents

By Shradha Suresh

In addition to families, single parents and children, many of the elderly in our communities are faced with food insecurity. According to Feeding America, about 8% of households (2.9 million seniors who are above the age of 65) experienced food insecurity in 2015. The Mercer Street Friends Food Bank’s website states that oftentimes the elderly have to chose between food and medicine. Food insecurity has a dangerous impact at any age, but it can be particularly problematic for the health of the elderly.

There are a number of problems that contribute to the rising number of elderly faced with food insecurity and the gravity of the issue. The website of Food Insecurity and Aging Adults states that “the elderly feel that food stamps are reserved for the young and would be judged if they used them. They also lack transportation and are unable to prepare food.”

The Mercer County Nutrition Project for the Elderly is combating the

problem on two fronts, providing access to satiating, nutritional meals and an opportunity for these individuals to engage with their communities.

“This program is quite different from other programs because they stress on the importance of socialization; it is a program that is catered for the elderly to get a warm meal,” says Jenifer Williams, the program’s Executive Director.

The program is also unique in that it provides these same services to those who are homebound and immobile, as well. The program, which is both locally and federally funded, runs from Monday to Friday. The only requirement is that the client or his/her spouse must be over the age of 60.

Kamille Munger, a client of the program, said that she started visiting the program with her husband years ago. Today, the same location is where she seeks closure for her husbands and daughter’s deaths through an extensive network of friends that she first met there. In this way, the organization has helped her work

through a challenging period of grief and depression.

Another organization that delivers similar resources and support to individuals who are homebound is Meals on Wheels of Mercer County. With the help of a large base of committed volunteers, the organization delivers meals to these individuals.

Patrons may receive one hot meal and one cold meal per day on Mondays through Fridays. There are also a small number of weekend meals available to weekday meal recipients. In addition to these services, the program offers nutrition education, shelf-stable groceries once a month, ‘Blizzard Bags’ during inclement weather, and pet food for those who need them.

And although the program only requires that patrons be over the age of 21, Sasa Montano, the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Mercer County, said that the program finds that it is serving an increasing number of elderly residents who are immobile.

The program allows patrons to can choose the day, meals and length of

the services that they need. A nutritionist determines all the ingredients and meals provided on a daily basis. Additionally, the program uses federal poverty guidelines to determine if patrons require a subsidy.

According to Joyce Stilwells, the Director of the Lawrence Township Meals on Wheels Program, “the delivery system is like a check with the elderly where they still have their independence and dignity but through which they can connect to people.”

Moreover, they provide these individuals with the independence and nutrition that they need. These two programs serve as an important resource to an often-overlooked population in the community. 🍎

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New Law Provides Free Access to Birth Certificates

By Tasneem Amer & Jackie Rogan

A bill signed into law in January grants individuals experiencing homelessness in New Jersey access to a free copy of their birth certificate. After requests are made, IDs are processed by a social worker and can be used to access other forms of legal identification.

“The enactment of this law can be a first step toward healthcare, government assistance, and a path to self-sufficiency and a roof over their heads,” said Assemblyman Raj Mukherji, according to *The Jersey Journal*. Reliable forms of identification are needed to access many services and resources across the state such as disability benefits, food stamps, and health coverage.

In order to purchase a birth certificate, prices can vary from as much as twenty to almost fifty dollars in certain states. As for New Jersey, an online process and consultation costs approximately \$25.

For many, this meant access to proof of citizenship which is particularly important for employment. “Many homeless citizens have no hope of getting off the streets and accessing social services and government benefits without proof of identity,” said Mukherji. Access to a free birth certificate can open doorways out of homelessness and home insecurity.

State Senator Shirley Turner expressed her views on this issue in a interview with *The Wall*: “Birth certificates are the most reliable form of identification which can serve as proof of identity when applying for public services or other forms identity, for example; photo ID cards, driver licenses, etc,” addng that “a birth certificate can also be used for the purpose of replacing or updating any other lost

or incorrect vital records, such as social security cards, or marriage certificates.”

According to Turner, before this legislation was passed, it cost \$25 for one to receive a birth certificate copy and an additional \$2 for each subsequent copy, a cost that was prohibitive for many individuals experiencing homelessness, Turner stated.

“Homelessness is a complex social problem,” Turner explained, adding that “in order to decrease the homeless population, communities need to address a variety of underlying factors, which affect an individual’s ability to maintain gainful employment and access to housing.” 🍎

Free IDs for Residents Experiencing Homelessness

By Jason Kantor & Rob Nason

For the past several years, of voter identification has been a major issue on both sides of the political spectrum. Many feel that photo identification should be required to vote. Similarly, a valid photo ID is crucial to anyone who is trying to get a job, or receive many supportive services. With that being said, there are many people who do not have a driver’s license, and cannot afford the necessary fee to obtain a government issued photo ID.

While voters are not required to show a photo ID to vote in New Jersey (something that residents of several other states do not have to do), there are still many everyday situa-

tions in which they do need to present a photo ID. If one cannot get a photo ID, it becomes increasingly difficult to perform basic tasks or to receive many of the services that all Americans are entitled to.

A recent NJ law works to corect this. The law, which starts in August, will interrupt the cyclical nature of poverty that occurs when a photo ID is required but inaccessible. The law removes the \$24 fee that makes it hard for individuals experiencing homelessness or insecurity to obtain these ID cards.

Assemblyman Raj Mukherji notes that the fee was very worrying for these individuals: “The administration fee is the only thing preventing many homeless people from acquiring identification, when shelters and social services organizations are willing to help these citizens.”

Assemblyman Reed Gusciora also spoke of the importance of the new law in a statement posted in January on the website of the New Jersey Assembly Democrats: “Waiving this fee will make it easier for a homeless person to get the identification they need to get a new start. It is a simple but effective idea,” Gusciora said.

The process for obtaining these IDs remains the same. Not including the fee, the steps to obtain one includes providing proof of identity and address, filling out an application either in person or by mail, and having a photo taken. Recipients must visit their local Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) agency to get the identification card printed. Individuals fourteen years of age and older can apply for a non-driver identification card.

The MVC has Mercer County locations at Bakers Basin at 3200 Brunswick Pike/Route 1 in Lawrenceville and in Downtown Trenton at 120 South Stockton Street. 🍎



“Cana Flower”
By Sharon A.

TDI: Connecting the Capital

By Odalys Quito

“Trenton makes the world takes” can be seen by anyone who passes the Lower Trenton Bridge. The powerful slogan represents the historical significance of a city that was once a landmark for business and opportunity. Today, while the city is still alive with the same vivacious spirit, it is also home to high rates of homelessness, unemployment, and poverty.

For many of the individuals who experience these adversities, access to the internet, technology, and a basic understanding of how a computer works underlies many of these problems. Fortunately, programs in the capital such as the Trenton Digital Initiative are working tirelessly to provide these same individuals with an opportunity to overcome such modern challenges.

TDI receives donations that are then renovated into functional computers and laptops. Their mission is to get a computer into every home in Trenton, where over 17,000 families lack access to the Internet. As of today, TDI has provided over 580 computers and laptops to families in the community

And although TDI does not provide families with direct Internet access, they have partnered with Comcast to implement the Internet Essentials Program (IEP). Families who have a child enrolled in the federal lunch program are eligible for IEP, which provides internet access for the price of \$10 per month.

According to the City of Trenton, 62 percent of K-12 public school students in the city are enrolled in the federal lunch program and a large majority of these students now have access to the inter-

net through IEP. Families receiving housing assistance are also eligible for the program.

Dave Zboray, the program’s co-founder spoke of the importance of Internet access to many of these families and children: “Imagine for a day, let alone a year, that you don’t have access to your laptop. What does that mean? You don’t have access to education.” For children in particular, the lack of access to this important resource can hinder academic success and achievement. Zboray also discussed the lack of public technologic resources in the city, citing the city’s few libraries as a limited source of access.

“Imagine for a day, let alone a year, that you don’t have access to your laptop. What does that mean? You don’t have access to education.”

Zboray’s work continues to make a positive impact on the residents of Trenton. He cheerfully recounts the experiences of the residents that he has worked alongside. For example, an unemployed single father of two received a computer from TDI. The same day that he received the laptop, he started to apply for jobs on the internet.

Zboray elaborates on this experience by stating that “the father calls me and says ‘I got an interview at The Cheesecake Factory. A week later, he tells me that he got the job.’”

With technology and the internet become more and more of a necessity, programs like TDI are moving the lives of many forward and working to close the gap one computer at a time. 🏠

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