



THANK YOU WOODSIDE CHURCH

We received a generous donation of cucumbers and macaroni salad from Woodside Church, who prepared a meal to benefit families experiencing food insecurity in their area. One of our volunteers grabbed forks, napkins, and a case of water from our pantry, refrigerated enough macaroni salad for Monday night's dinner, and quickly distributed the rest to hungry and thirsty neighbors across the Milford area.

We're deeply grateful for the community support we receive from churches and organizations throughout Delaware. Your compassion helps us continue to serve our housed and unhoused neighbors with dignity and care. We look forward to more collaborations with Woodside Church as we continue this mission together.



INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

This Fourth of July, we were reminded that freedom is about more than fireworks; it's about community. Thanks to the **Mt. Enon team**, we saw that in action tonight. Suzie and her crew served more than a meal; they served love, dignity, and hope to both housed and unhoused neighbors.

Twenty people didn't go to bed hungry tonight. That's what freedom looks like to us. If you or someone you know needs a warm meal or a bit of hope, Suzie's team is here with prayer, with love, and a seat saved just for you. **You belong here.**

August 2025

In Delaware, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$1,674. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$5,578** monthly or **\$66,941** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$32.18
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT DELAWARE:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$15.00
Average Renter Wage	\$22.11
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$32.18
Number of Renter Households	106,869
Percent Renters	28%

86
Work Hours Per Week At Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rented Home (at FMR)

70
Work Hours Per Week At Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rented Home (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	\$34.85
Dover MSA	\$28.89
Sussex County HMA	\$26.88

2.1
Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rented Home (at FMR)

1.8
Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rented Home (at FMR)



HOUSING IN DELAWARE

Housing in Delaware is out of reach for thousands of people and families. Rental costs in Delaware are the 17th highest in the nation, with a household needing to earn \$32/hour to afford a modest 2-bedroom apartment.



TOGETHER WE SERVE: JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Last month's Together We Serve meeting was full of powerful updates and community wins!

Highlights included:

- ◆ MAH's new resource page for housing and food support
- ◆ Plans for 22 new affordable homes in Georgetown
- ◆ Food Bank of DE's food distribution & job training programs
- ◆ Harvest Outreach's ongoing Pack and Pray produce deliveries
- ◆ Upcoming events like Helping Hands and a memorial for suicide victims

Don't miss the next meeting this Friday, join us and be part of the impact!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLINTEERS:

Team Lead & 2 Volunteers- Blessing Box Team to help for 2 hours a week

We are building a team.



Milford Advocacy for the Homeless (MAH) understands that food insecurity can affect anyone, whether housed or unhoused, and that immediate access to food can make a real difference during a difficult season. That's why we created our Blessing Boxes, a short-term solution designed to help individuals get through an emergency situation. Each Blessing Box contains a week's worth of non-perishable food items and is prepared in our pantry with care. Boxes are then delivered to a pick-up location for the individual, or directly to their home if transportation is not available. This service is available to neighbors facing hardship, whether they are in stable housing or experiencing homelessness. The Blessing Boxes are not a long-term solution but are intended to provide up to four weeks of support while individuals work toward stability. For some, it's a bridge to their next paycheck. For others, it's a first step toward a long-term success plan.

To request a Blessing Box or learn more, visit:

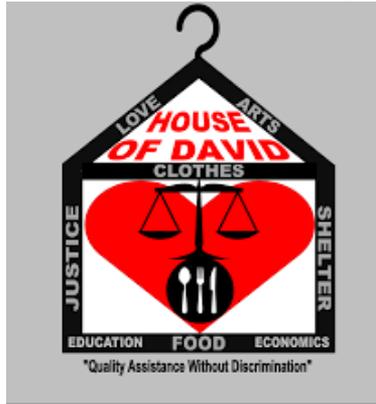
https://milfordadvocacyforthehomeless.org/?page_id=6597

If you are in need of an emergency box, please call us at (302) 217-3106 and press Option #4

A WARM MEAL, A WARMER WELCOME

Imagine going through the day unsure of where your next meal will come from. For many of our neighbors, especially a working neighbor, who misses the hours of the local drop-in center, this is the reality. That's why we're calling for a soup kitchen in Milford on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall of a local church.

A simple meal served with kindness can be a lifeline. It's more than food, it's hope, connection, and dignity. Together, we can make this happen. If you can help with time, food, or resources, please reach out. Let's ensure no one in Milford goes hungry.



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS DRIVE

MAH is excited to once again partner with House of David. School supplies can be donated in person and dropped off at House of David @106 S Walnut St, Milford, DE 19963

OR ordered online through our Amazon list:

<https://a.co/7udnQpp>

Every contribution helps a child start the school year strong! Thank you for your support!



Our Mission

MAH's mission is to enhance the daily lives of the homeless, ending food and housing insecurity and overcoming hardship by providing an advocacy of community resources and support.



Our Vision

A future where everyone has the peace of mind knowing that they have a place to sleep, enough food to fill their hunger, and heat to warm their body.



Our Values

Passion: Fueled with desire to make a difference.
Service: Sharing resources and support.
Humanity: Treating everyone with dignity & respect.
Impact: Empowering people to overcome hardship.

Please consider supporting us with a one-time or recurring donation by visiting:

<https://milfordadvocacyforthehomeless.aweb.page/home>

EVENTS

8/1

Virtual Night of Knowledge

Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about Milford Advocacy for the Homeless (MAH) and the impact we have on our communities as we serve our neighbors in Delaware.

Discover how you can make a difference by getting involved, sharing your talents, and supporting our mission.

8/16

Back To School Community Dinner

You're invited to join Milford Advocacy for the Homeless and House of David on Saturday, August 16th from Noon–2 PM for a warm, welcoming community meal filled with support, connection, and care. As the school year approaches, we're here to uplift families and individuals in need—because no one should face life's challenges alone. ♥

9/10

Memorial Service for World Suicide Prevention Day

Join us on September 10th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Milford, DE for a heartfelt Memorial Service to honor and remember those we've lost to suicide. This event is open to all who wish to remember, reflect, and seek support. We welcome photos of our loved ones as we remember them.

10/4

Fall Helping Hands Community Event

This is our quarterly FREE event, to help those in our community that are struggling to pay their bills and/or are experiencing homelessness. You decide if you are in need. No judgement. Come if you find yourself needing a helping hand.

PARTNER EVENTS

9/11

Food Bank: The Farmer & The Chef

Featuring farm-sourced fare from Southern Delaware's top chefs, this open-air event in the Food Bank of Delaware's 3.5-acre garden in Milford combines farm-fresh ingredients with Delaware's top culinary talent. Guests will enjoy tasting samples from each farm and chef duo, live music, beverage pairings, Food Bank Garden tours, a silent auction, and more.

9/19

Food Bank: Tidewater Utilities Golf Event

Join Food Bank of Delaware supporters and Tidewater Utilities, Inc., for a day of sunshine, swings, and spirited competition on the lakeside course! Whether you're here to golf, sponsor, or simply enjoy the atmosphere, this annual charity golf outing promises good vibes, great company, and an even better cause.

Please consider supporting us with a one-time or recurring donation by visiting:

<https://milfordadvocacyforthehomeless.aweb.page/home>