

## SHIRLEY'S PLACE

Huntingtown UMC serves our homeless neighbors in DC by partnering with Shirley's Place. Shirley's Place provides homeless guests with a safe, healthy environment and opportunities to achieve self-reliance. It is the only daytime drop-in center in DC for families with children of all ages!

## **Shirley's Place** provides access to:

- Meals, showers, laundry, and restroom facilities
- Phone and computer services
- Case management, conversation, and counseling with experienced staff
- Life Skills building workshops, such as Money Management and Child Development.
- Employment "soft skills" training and job coaching

## How you can help:

- -Ride along and fellowship with the clients of Shirley's Place.
- -Prepare portions of a meal. Meal plans include a main course, salad and/or vegetable, bread and dessert. Typically, enough of one item that will serve 25-30 persons is requested.

Reimbursement is available upon request.

- -Organize a team of 3-4 persons to make and take a meal to Shirley's Place.
- -Donate gently used clothing for men, women and children.
- -Donate bags/handbags of all shapes and sizes.
- -Donate personal size toiletries (the kind you get from motels/hotels), nail files, combs, and nail clippers.
- -Donate items to help keep others warm such as hand warmers, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, or scarves.
- -Donate non-perishable food items.
- -Donate small household items such as kitchen appliances, lamps, dishes, cookware, glasses or linens to name a few. These items are distributed to those who have been housed but need assistance with furnishings.

All donations are put to good use.

In 2018, HUMC volunteers prepared and served 108 clients a hot, home cooked meal in just 6 visits. Additionally, boxes and boxes and boxes of clothing, food, and household and personal care items were delivered.

For more information on what and how to donate contact Marijo Cosmas 443-624-6164 or mj.limberlost@gmail.com.

"The truth about it is, whether we is rich or poor or somethin in between, this earth ain't no final restin place. So in a way, we is all homeless—just workin our way toward home."