

# **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

(IHN)

We did it again! With God's help and many volunteers from the church and wider community we completed another host week with IHN. Joyfully, we provided meals and shelter for two families. Recently, we hosted a single mother with a one-year old son, and a single mother with two and six year old boys. I believe I speak for everyone when I say it was a blessing to serve these families.

Also, we hosted a MIHN-wide going away party for Troy and Kelly and their son, Katory, who moved into their own home May 1<sup>st</sup>! The meals were excellent and all the volunteers are such a blessing! We welcomed pizza again from Deb & Jim Bauchman of Framingham Street Ministry. Also, a number of first time volunteers prepared meals thanks to the hard work of Lois Tougas. First time volunteers for meals this week included Vauntina Franklin and her mother Delores Wright, Melanie Conner, Judy Leavey, and Stephanie Greenblatt. Also, faithful volunteers continue to prepare delicious hot meals at the Federated Church as well as our support congregation, Sha'arei Shalom.

Many repeating overnight volunteers continued to sign-up and we are blessed by you. First time overnight volunteers included John Ellsworth, Naomi George, and Dave Wenzell. So many of you continue to help set-up, break down, launder, and mingle. Thank you!!!

If you have not yet signed up to help, please consider becoming a volunteer. It is rewarding, and training sessions are offered every month by one of the host or support congregations. And, remember if you wish to stay overnight or have direct contact with the guests alone, the Federated Church requires you fill out a CORI request form (criminal background check), and participate in a training session (about one hour).

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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