



# IHOC Monthly News

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A new school year is starting and IHOC has lots of news to share. **First**, we have just concluded our Pack-A-Sack for back-to-school drive during which we collected backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children. So far, we have distributed over 600, but backpacks are still being dropped off.

**Second**, on August 21, we held a picnic for the volunteers and men who participated in one of our programs on the beautiful grounds of Oaklyn Baptist Church. Everyone who attended enjoyed delicious fried chicken from ShopRite as well as wonderful potato salad, rice and beans, and vegetables, courtesy of Miguel Rodrigues, and cookies and brownies, courtesy of Paula Williams and Sonya Jacobs.

**Third**, we have scheduled our annual dinner for October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Catholic Church of St. Mary.

However, **the biggest and most exciting news** is that we have finally found and signed an agreement of sale for a beautiful house that will provide transitional housing for the “graduates” of our Hospitality Network and men in need of housing. Plan to come to the Annual Dinner to find out all about it. I promise you will be as excited as I am once you do.



## Pack-a-Sack 2023

Once again we couldn't have done it without you! Over 600 back packs filled with school supplies and lots and lots of extra supplies were collected and distributed to shelters and children in need.



### Thank You for Your Donations

- Catholic Church of St. Mary ~ Cherry Hill
- Chews United Methodist ~ Glendora
- Fellowship Community Church ~ Collingswood
- Grace Episcopal ~ Haddonfield
- Haddonfield Presbyterian
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- St. Mary's Episcopal ~ Haddon Heights
- St. Michael's Lutheran ~ Cherry Hill
- St. Paul's Presbyterian ~ Laurel Springs

### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

Amen

Pastor Daniel Flucke

*Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council  
Annual Dinner*

*“A Taste of Hope”*



**MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE  
TOGETHER**

*Saturday, October 21, 2023  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

*The Catholic Church of St. Mary*

*2001 Springdale Road ~ Cherry Hill, NJ*

*Appetizers ~ Dinner ~ Desserts ~ Entertainment  
Door Prizes ~ 50/50 ~*

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*Cost is \$35 per person*

*For tickets email [ihocprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ihocprogram@gmail.com), see your congregational representative  
or contact Ruth at 856.261.3464 or Sonya at 609.238.8885*