



# P.E.R.C. QUARTERLY NEWS

## SPRING 2015

Palisades Emergency Residence Corp.

(PERC) is a Hudson County 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that offers emergency shelter to individuals and families, a soup kitchen and pantry, permanent housing for chronically homeless individuals and other community services.

PERC is a subsidiary corporation of Garden State Episcopal CDC.



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### Community Contributions



### Volunteerism



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### Food Bank Program



## WITH HELP THERE IS HOPE....

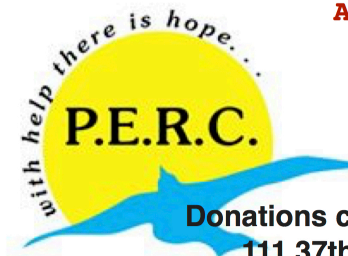
### CALL TO ACTION

#### PERC SHELTER IMMEDIATE NEEDS

100 of each:

Blankets, Towels, Flat Sheets, Toothbrushes,  
Small Bar Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant,  
Shampoo, Gently Used Socks & New Underwear

- AND . . . .**
- Coffee
  - Plastic /Styrofoam Plates
  - Plastic Utensils
  - Sugar
  - Creamer

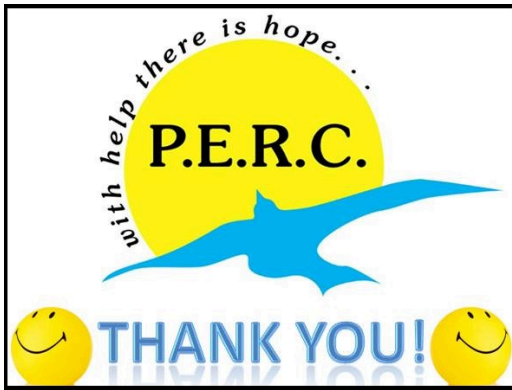


Donations can be dropped off at  
111 37th Street entrance  
between the hours of 12 and 5pm  
Monday through Friday.

**THANK YOU!**

Major support from the Hudson County Administration enabled PERC Shelter to expand its services to the second floor of our facility to provide emergency shelter to an additional 50 plus homeless adults. We are also implementing an earlier shower program.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO AARON AND LIZ MORRILL** for donating sleeping mats to help with the over flow. You too can help by donating blankets, sheets and towels to make our residents feel welcome!



## VOLUNTEER LIFE at PERC

Last month PERC provided 203 boxes of groceries to the community of Hudson County through our FoodBank program. PERC would like to take the opportunity to thank our hard working and dedicated volunteers, as none of this work would be accomplished without their support. They're nothing short of extraordinary. Thank you all, especially to our veteran volunteers Sylvia Marquez, Antonieta Gomez, Juan Balleza, Diana Caban and Jerry Roth.

## RESIDENT TURNED VOLUNTEER

Former PERC resident Luis turned daily volunteer at our soup kitchen explains, "We need to feed our own. We go to war for other countries and yet I grew up seeing people starve in the streets." Luis was inspired to come back week after week. He believes, "I need to give back to my people and it's the right thing to do with my time."

Contributions of volunteers like Luis enable PERC to provide 10,281 meals to the community through our soup kitchen program. PERC would also like to thank our wonderful volunteer groups such as Our Lady of Fatima, Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Peter's Prep.

## PERC IN THE NEWS

With more than 14% of the US population living in poverty, Executive Director Carol Mori discussed PERC's mission to end poverty on March 20th with Meet the Leader's Jeff Henig on Cablevision.

For over thirty years PERC has been providing emergency shelter to the homeless in the Hudson area. In 2013 Garden State Episcopal CDC took over the management of the shelter as part of a continual care approach to working with the homeless of Hudson County.

Mori detailed everyday life at PERC with 200 meals provided each day plus each client receives a breakfast, lunch and a snack bag to go. Mori added, "Amazingly the food pantry survives almost completely on donations with support of hundreds of volunteers and food from NJ Community Food Bank."

With this winter being one of the coldest New Jersey has seen, Mori explained that PERC implemented an overflow shelter program in the cafeteria to accommodate 50 plus individuals nightly. She also thanked Hudson County leaders for taking a proactive approach in providing more shelter services for the homeless during harsher weather conditions.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We couldn't give thanks without including the Union City Alternative Design Academy. They have been a tremendous help. The school engages students in service projects both in school and in the community. For the last three months, they have been active in helping PERC make grocery bags for our Community Food Pantry.

Eric Williams, the school social worker, tells PERC that the purpose of the program is to give the students the opportunity to make contributions to the community and to realize we all have something to offer. Williams noted, "The students return to school eager to share their experience with others."

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

On March 12th PERC Shelter hosted a *Gimme Shelter Stitch In* with artist and employee Michelle Vitale. The purpose of a "Stitch In" is to bring community awareness to the issues that face the homeless. Many local artists, PERC employees and several volunteers created blankets for the homeless to use and a great time was had by all.

**PERC counts on the financial and material support of generous people as well as volunteerism. We truly appreciate your support. Learn how you can contribute to PERC through our website: [www.percshelter.org/donate.php](http://www.percshelter.org/donate.php)**