



**The MIHN at Work in
Holliston
Hosting Feb. 27 – March 6, 2010**

We are a community of Holliston congregations who have joined the Metrowest Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) in service to local families with children who are temporarily without a home. We rotate hosting on a weekly basis with 15 other Metrowest congregations, hosting at Christ the King Lutheran Church 4 times/year.

We provide our Guest Families with shelter, food, and compassionate support from 5:20 PM - 6:30 AM Monday – Friday, 5:20 PM - 8:30 AM on Saturdays and 5:20 PM - 7:30 AM on Sundays.

Our Guests receive comprehensive support services at the MIHN Day Center (First Baptist Church, Natick) to help them attain permanent housing and regain their independence. The Day Center is staffed by Director Beth Cooper, Assistant Director Marcia Praver, Van drivers, and many Volunteers.

Our Guest Families hunger for more than just food and shelter. With every smile, every word, and every gesture of kindness and respect, we allow the Spirit of Christ to flow through us to feed their souls.

**Thank You for
Your Prayers and Participation!**

Volunteer Opportunities

On-line sign-up: www.docs.google.com

For e-mail enter: ihn.holliston password: [helping111](#)

- During hosting week, one of our IHN planning Coordinators is available by phone 24/7 for questions and emergencies.
- Children are welcome to Volunteer with their parent(s).
- New Volunteers will be paired with experienced Volunteers.

Overnight Hosts: 2 adults – one must be female

8:00 P.M.- 6:00 A.M. Bring your own bed linens/pillow – airbeds will be supplied. **Volunteer for Breakfast too!**

Dinner Preparers & Evening Hosts: 2 adults

5:15 – 8:00 P.M. Bring your prepared meal, eat in fellowship with our Guests, and help them clean up afterwards. Stay until our overnight hosts arrive. One additional on call person to assist when needed.

Activity Volunteers: 1 Adult

6:15 – 8:00 P.M. Our Activity Coordinator will help you decide what activities to provide based on the ages of our Guest Children. The parish hall will already be arranged with play space, toys and games.

Mon – Fri. Breakfast Volunteers: 2 Adults

6:00 – 7:30 A.M. The food is already at the church. Put on the coffee and set out a cold buffet of cereal, breads, waffles fruit, etc. and complete the morning clean up.

Saturday Breakfast Volunteers: 2 Adults

6:00 – 9 A.M. You supply and prepare a hot breakfast at church and complete the morning clean up. This is the only hot breakfast our Guests receive all week.

Sunday Breakfast Volunteers: 2 Adults

6:00 - 8:00 A.M. The food is already at the church, but you may bring something special like sliced fruit or muffins etc. Put on the coffee, set out a cold buffet and complete the morning clean up.

***“You can do no great things, just small things
with great love.” Mother Theresa***

Sunday Set-up/Take-down: 4 Adults

Set-up at 12 noon. 1-4 Guest rooms (one room for each Family), Overnight Host room and parish hall

Take-down/Reset (following Sunday): 4 Adults

7:30 AM. Reset classrooms and parish hall prior to Sunday School.

Laundry Volunteers: up to 14 people

Sunday morning: After our Families leave, take home a re-useable container holding the linens for one person. Wash all the linens, put back into the container, and store in your home until needed for our next hosting week.

Prepare to become an IHN Volunteer

Please refer to our Guests as our “Guest Families who are temporarily without homes” and avoid the label “homeless”.

- **Attend a training class.** Our Guests are going through very difficult times and may feel beaten and broken. In order to provide a caring and supportive environment, it is important that we understand their needs. Attend a 2 hour training class and learn how to become an effective Volunteer. The training will be offered prior to each week of hosting, but you will only need to attend it one time – and only if you will be interacting with our Guests.

The next Volunteer training at Christ the King: Tuesday February 1st, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

(Additional trainings are offered at other Metrowest congregations on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month.)

- **Complete a CORI check.** In accordance with the “Safe Church Policy” at CTK, if you will be interacting with our guests, we ask that you complete paperwork for a criminal background check called a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check. The paperwork is easy and will be submitted along with a copy of your driver’s license by our church office without cost to you or CTK. CORI checks will be done during Volunteer training or upon request.



“Homelessness is more than houselessness...to be homeless is often to experience the profound loss of family and friends, and the support system that connects most of us to a stable life.”

(How to Develop an Interfaith Hospitality Network)

**If you are passionate about helping our neighbors in crisis,
please join our IHN Planning Team.**

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www.mihn.pbwiki.com – click on “items needed” to find out what’s needed by our Guest Families and the Day Center.

www.metrowestihn.org – to sign up for the MIHN Newsletter or to make a contribution.

MIHN Day Center Volunteer Opportunities:
Contact Beth Cooper, MIHN Director 508-318-4820.