

Today begins the PCCT tradition of Advent Giving Trees! This mission is launching early to accommodate program changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PCCT will offer virtual “tag” selection via Sign-Up Genius as well as in-person tag selection from the Christmas trees in the church lobby- gifts can be mailed directly to PCCT or dropped off in the lobby. There will be over 200 opportunities to support local organizations that serve homeless families, refugees, and children and adults impacted by domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental illness.

Following are the organizations supported by the PCCT Giving Trees:

November 5th-November 22nd Online giving via Sign-Up Genius:

Jersey Battered Women’s Services is dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence. JBWS provides protection and empowerment of the victim and rehabilitation of family members. JBWS advocates for social reform and public education about partner violence and its consequences.

November 22nd-December 20th Choose a tag from Christmas tree in PCCT lobby OR online giving via Sign-up Genius:

Freedom House provides long term residential treatment and outpatient services for men with substance abuse illness- treatment is based on the values of faith, hope, trust, and freedom. **The Family Afterward** provides transitional housing for mothers and their children with an innovative focus on recovery and family reunification.

RAMP is a coalition of faith-based organizations dedicated to helping families from Middle-Eastern refugee camps transition to safe, independent, and productive lives in the Morris County area. RAMP assists refugee families with finding housing, employment, and other resources- education, English language instruction, transportation, and medical care.

Family Promise believes that families should not be separated during the stressful period of homelessness. Their mission is to help homeless families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response providing shelter, mentoring, and education..

The **Homeless Solutions** philosophy is “A Hand Up, Not A Handout.” Homeless Solutions offers shelter, social services, and supportive housing to the homeless and working poor in Morris County.

The Mental Health Association of Morris and Essex is dedicated to removing the stigma associated with emotional and mental health disorders. MHA provides direct mental health services to those in need, advocates for individuals with severe emotional disorders, and offers education about mental health and wellness.