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EMMAUS HOUSE FACTS

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PROVIDED 5,922 NIGHTS OF SHELTER:
3,748 FOR CHILDREN AND
2,174 FOR ADULTS

Family Composition

Fathers with Children	7%
Mothers with Children	68%
Couples with Children	25%

Emmaus House families came from...

New Castle County..... 66%
Wilmington..... 21%
Newark 2%
Out of State..... 11%

Challenges and Accomplishments

Homeward Bound, Inc. is entering its twenty-fourth year of addressing problems of homelessness in the community. Emmaus House continues to be a safe environment where families can take steps necessary to make positive changes in their lives. This past year Emmaus House was home to 42 families who received 5,922 nights of shelter. Thirteen families moved into permanent housing on departure from Emmaus House.

The Emergency Shelter continues to be a respite of orderliness in a lifetime of chaos for many families. The structure and support provided in the emergency shelter is a testament to the compassion and teamwork of the fine staff and volunteers of Emmaus House.

The Second Step Program and the Transitional Program are both housed in the Transitional Shelter. We are able to use this time and space to empower, guide, and cheer for each fear conquered, each challenge met, and each goal realized by the families in these programs. We celebrate these accomplishments and look forward to continuing successes for families who complete these programs.

The Board of Directors of Homeward Bound, Inc. has been actively involved in program development, financial accountability, and fund raising. We hired a part-time Director of Development in 2008. The accountability of Homeward Bound, Inc. benefits from the level of involvement by its Board of Directors.

We depend on volunteers even more now than in the past. We would not be able to achieve our high standard of service without the tireless efforts of volunteers who provide child care, kitchen help, yard work, fund raising events, bulk mailings and other projects.

We are not alone in facing hard times in this difficult economy. We are making efforts to expand our base of support. As always, we appreciate the many gifts which help us meet our financial obligations.

The work of Homeward Bound, Inc. continues to be effective because of the support and encouragement from people in our community. On behalf of the families who live at Emmaus House, thank you.

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FOR 130 INDIVIDUALS
IN 42 FAMILIES***

WE PROVIDE:

Residential Shelter

Case Management Services

Domestic Violence Support Group

Parenting Classes

Emergency Food Closet

Brown Bag Club

Referral Services

***13 FAMILIES OBTAINED
PERMANENT HOUSING***