



# SHIP'S LOG

*The Voyage Continues*



## SHIP Launches a NEW Mobile Soup Kitchen/Disaster Unit

- ORIGINAL VEHICLE COST \$2,000.00
- S.S. Paul W. Armstrong \$10,000.00
- S.S. Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh \$80,000.00
- S.S. Patrick "Joe" Mulrooney \$138,000.00

SHIP is pleased to announce the launching of the new Mobile Soup Kitchen/Disaster Unit, the S.S. Patrick "Joe" Mulrooney with the Blessing of Msgr. Seamus Brennan of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Somerville.

### Another dream Come True!



The MSK is part of our ongoing effort to enhance and expand the faith community and the general community's capacity to reduce hunger and homelessness. We provide tangible emergency relief, on an ongoing basis, to high-risk populations in the Somerset County region. Meals are served M - F evening at designated feeding sites. The vehicle was purchased through the efforts of the Montgomery/Rocky Hill Rotary Club. The project to raise the \$138,000.00 required was spearheaded by Art Martin and Tony Parziale, President of the Club. This effort was responsible for the smooth transition without any interruption of services. The old vehicle expired just as the new one arrived. Without their incredible effort to raise the funds SHIP would have not been able to continue feeding those in need at our feeding sites. Since 1998, SHIP's MSK has served over 450,000 meals.



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#### Our History

*During the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster of 9-11, SHIP responded to the call for help from the Emergency Service Units Command Center at Ground Zero. We provided over 10,000 gourmet meals to the uniformed service workers. The Mobile Soup Kitchen - Disaster Unit visited the red zone in Ground Zero every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from October 2001 to mid-January 2002. Police and Fire Departments from throughout Somerset County escorted the MSK and support vehicles, carrying volunteers to the site each time we served meals. SHIP raised \$75,000.00 and spent more to cover the cost of operations.*

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Dear SHIP-mates,

**Through the Grace of God and the help of people of good will, we have been able to keep SHIP under sail during these trying times.** There are more and more people arriving in their life boats and coming aboard SHIP looking for assistance. The increasing and unending request for emergency food rations has emptied our pantry, refrigerators and freezers. Hundreds more are coming to our Mobile Soup Kitchen looking for meals.

In the weeks and months ahead you may hear from a variety of groups asking for your support. These groups may be national or state wide in scope, funded heavily and primarily through federal, state and county dollars and are often required to financially support their parent organization in another part of the country. They usually have very polished and well-funded public relations programs that flood our mail boxes and messengers throughout the year. **This newsletter is as polished as SHIP will get!**

SHIP is glad to be known as the agency of last resort. It is not uncommon for many ministers, church secretaries, lawyers, agency directors and workers in this area to send people to SHIP if there is nowhere else to get help for the person. If SHIP has the resources available, SHIP helps anyone in need. **Please recognize that YOU ARE SHIP!** If you provide the resources we can help - but if we do not have resources, where will the homeless and hungry go?

Those of us at SHIP believe that the decision concerning which charitable organizations to support must be made by the individual faith community and personal donors in the community. However please remember that SHIP is a face to face, low overhead provider, operated by a formerly homeless person and is often the provider of last resort to the homeless and hungry in our region. In **God's name we pray that you please continue or start your support of our programs.**

Sincerely,

Tom O'Leary, Executive Director

**Please go to our web site [ship908.com](http://ship908.com). There is a box on the front page top right side that will let you donate through credit card or pay-pal.**

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## S.O.S. from the Admiral!



**Donations to SHIP are down for the first eight months of the year. SHIP services are primarily funded by donations received from area churches, groups, and individuals. Please look and see if there are any donations you or your church, organization, club or group were going to send but have not yet sent.**

SHIP does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, or handicapped status in employment or provision of services.

SHIP is a registered charitable agency in the State of New Jersey and operates as a tax-exempt corporation within the scope of the Internal Revenue Code 501-C-3.

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**SHIP's HOLIDAY MEALS, 2019**  
 United Reformed Church, 100 West Main St, Somerville  
 Serving time: 12:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
 Last seating time: 1:30 PM



Nov. 28 2018



Dec. 25, 2018

**Captains Call for Volunteers/Donations**

- We currently need volunteers in dish room (you will leave with clean hands, Amen) and to help with general chores on Thanksgiving Day. We also have some volunteer openings left for Christmas Day 2019 and Easter Sunday 2020.
- If you would like to volunteer or donate food please call SHIP at 908-393-9545. Monetary donation can be sent to SHIP, 87 East High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

**Note:** SHIP has partnered with *St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Shelter*. **We will distribute food & supplies to Needy Pet Owners on holidays!**

**Holiday Meals List: Donations Needed**

**Seasonal Holiday Foods**

- Turkey Gravy in jars
- Spiral Hams
- Stuffing mix - Stove Top
- Chicken Stock for stuffing
- Canned Yams
- Brown sugar
- Fresh Milk
- Butter
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Pickles
- Olives
- Mints
- Nuts
- Regular Coffee

- Cake
- Cookies
- Cup Cakes
- Potato Chips
- Pretzels
- Pies
- Fresh Fruit
- Soda large bottles

**Other items if available**

- Celery
- Salad Dressing
- Flowers, assorted
- Decorations
- Paper Products
- Paper plates 6" & 9"
- Napkins
- Table cloths
- Take-out containers 6" & 9" with no separators



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# Adopt- A- Family

**Help Feed A  
Needy Family  
This  
Thanksgiving  
Families  
throughout  
Somerset  
County  
are struggling to  
make ends meet**

## Samaritan Homeless Interim Program

87 East High Street, Somerville, NJ  
08876

**A \$40 DONATION\*  
will provide  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
for a FAMILY OF  
FOUR**

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*if \$40 is difficult for you, any  
amount will be gratefully  
accepted*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your check  
to SHIP and enclose this  
page with your e-mail  
address**

***Please postmark  
donations by Saturday,  
Nov. 17, 2019.  
Thank You for Your  
Generosity!***

***Sponsored by the Somerset  
County Board of Chosen  
Freeholders***

**SHIP's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Client Christmas Gift Distribution**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2018, 6 PM (for families only)**  
**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30 noon (for single adults)**  
**United Reformed Church, 100 West Main St, Somerville**

**Captains Call for Gift Donations & Volunteers**

- Please provide your gift donation by **12/13/18**.
- If you have questions or would like to volunteer please call SHIP at 908-393-9545 or email us at [ship908@optonline.net](mailto:ship908@optonline.net).
- **Note:** families with children will receive their gifts on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the party. Single people with no children will receive their gifts on December 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30 PM.



**Suggestions for Gifts**

Gifts should be new, unwrapped but you can include wrapping paper.

**Age 1 – 10:**

Underwear, socks, educational items, children's books, school supplies, art items, crayons, pads, winter clothing, and age appropriate gifts.

**Age 10 – 17:**

Age appropriate clothing (L, XL, and XXL), adventure books, make-up (female), toiletries/personal items (male & female)

**Adult Female:**

Beauty products, personal products, winter clothing S/M/L 1xl, 2xl, 3xl

**Adult male:**

Personal products, winter clothing, flannel shirts, colored T-shirts (L, XL, XXL), pants (size 32-52)

**Gift Certificates/Food Certificates:**

Walmart, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Payless Shoes or Target.

**Monetary Donations:**

Checks can be written out to SHIP, Inc. On the memo line, indicate how you would like the funds applied i.e., Holiday Meals, client housing, client utility, etc.

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## Captains Call for AmazonSmile donations

If you are shopping on Amazon this Christmas Season, don't forget to also Support SHIP the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program!



The holidays are approaching & everyone will be busy shopping for gifts, decorations & more. **Be mindful** that if you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), SHIP can increase its AmazonSmile donations. By shopping for everyone on your gift list at [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2971220](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2971220) Amazon donates to SHIP

**AmazonSmile is a program** through Amazon.com, which allows you to shop their site - at no cost- and a portion of the purchase price is donated to your chosen charity.

### It's easy to use:

- go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
- First time visitors to the site will be asked which organization they would like to support.
- Select SHIP Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (we are already on their list of charities).
- If you already have an Amazon.com account, that's fine too. You do not need to set up a new one, just visit the **AmazonSmile** page to select your organization.
- There are no additional costs and the cost of items is still the same.

Please consider this option as you plan to purchase your holiday gifts. It's a simple way that you can help the church and do your shopping too! Merry Christmas,

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AS POSTAGE COSTs ARE SO EXPENSIVE**  
**It's possible that we currently do not have an email address for you and we want to make sure we stay in touch.** So please share your email address with us. Also, please share this issue of SHIP's Log with your friends, family and colleagues. If you know of someone who would love to get their own copy of SHIP's Log electronically, tell them to write to us at [ship908@optonline.net](mailto:ship908@optonline.net). **Thank you!**

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- Service (1) pull-top cans of meats, meals, etc. (for drop-in clients) OR  
Collect cans of Beef-a-Roni, beans, etc. for the soup kitchen ((2) #10 size or 18 small per meal) OR Make a casserole with your troop. Nothing fancy - mac n' cheese, franks and beans, sliced ham is fine or whatever your specialty. SHIP requests that we supply (2) 1/2 tray sizes of the same meal as opposed to one full (turkey sized) aluminum tray size.
- Service (2): **Hygiene Kits:** Make up individual small hygiene bags (3-day supply) with a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, etc.
- Service (3): **Decorations for Special Events:** Make placemats, table decorations, and seasonal decorations: SHIP's Holiday Meals – Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Easter Sunday and client Christmas Gift Distributions to Families and single adults with no children.
- Service (4): **Clothing:** Collect winter gloves, new socks & underwear (adult men's sizes) OR run adult coat drive. (While SHIP does not have the facilities for large scale sorting of used clothing, some winter coats are needed at this time of year, especially adult men's sizes.)
- Service (5): **Participate in SHIP's Holiday Meal Programs:** Help serve meals & other duties (held on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- Service (6): **Run a Holiday Toy Drive** for our children, women and men in need.
- Service (7): **Assist with SHIP's Annual Night of Celebration:** set up; greet guests and honorees and other chores) Each year, date TBD.
- Service (8): **Help with Client's Christmas Gift Distributions in December** – will be a children only party with face painting, games, toys, treats (make cookies, cupcakes, other Christmas treats), etc. for approx. 200 children
- Service (9): **Help with SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen – Disaster Unit** (must be 16 ½ years old.) see website for additional information. SHIP908.com
- Service (10): **Help with summer picnics at our Tick Tock's Grove** during the months of June, July and August..
- Service (11): **SHIP's Brown Bag Lunches:** Make sandwiches (60) in brown bags, labeled appropriately: Ham & Cheese (HC), Bologna (B) Tuna (TF) Turkey (TF) American Cheese (C) Peanut Butter & Jelly (PJ). Also include: one piece of fruit, juice box, snack (chips, cookies etc.) and napkin per bag. NO MUSTARD, BUTTER or OTHER DRESSING.

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## Final Roll Call

### **ADD YOUR LOVED ONES TO OUR MEMERIAL PAGE WHICH WILL SOON APPEAR ON OUR WEB SITE SHIP908.COM**

We are in the process of establishing a Memorial Page on our website to honor those who have passed and have served the needy through SHIP. If you know of anyone who has served on any of our crews, please let us know the crew they served on and the date of their passing.

**Become a friend at Facebook at:**

**Samaritan Homeless Interim Program**

**A great way to keep informed about what we do to help the  
poor among us.**

**We're on the WEB:**

**ship908.com**

**For more information or questions about anything in this  
newsletter feel free to contact us at:**

- **Our website: ship908.com**
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- **Facebook: under Samaritan Homeless Interim  
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