Other Groups Serving Migrant Workers in South Jersey

For years, local groups have organized outreach to migrant workers and their families. Traditionally, church groups have been among the first to visit migrant camps. St. Monica's Catholic Church of Atlantic City (now closed) held regular services twice a week at one of the larger migrant camps, during the harvest. *Since St. Monica's closed, the Catholic Diocese has continued this outreach. There is a food bank at St. Joe's Catholic Church in Hammonton. New Hope Community Church of Marlton, and Calvary Chapel of Hammonton hold regular worship services at the camps. Verlandieu Marcellus of Pennsauken Gospel Hall teaches bible study at several different camps on successive evenings. The Presbyterian Church of Hammonton offers English as a Second Language classes at the church, year round, and they have a food bank and a clothing cupboard to help needy families. The Presbyterian Church also has a Spanish service. First United Methodist Church of Hammonton has a long-standing outreach to farm workers and their families, especially during the Christmas season. Temple Beth El of Hammonton and Jewish Community Center of Cherry Hill collect items for distribution to migrant families. Several Hammonton area churches, including Spanish Pentecostal Assembly of God, have Spanish worship services and Bible study.

Southern Jersey Family Medical Center sends outreach staff, including nurses and a medical van to the camps to provide medical screening, health education, assistance setting up doctor appointments, and transportation to appointments.

PathStone, with offices in Vineland & Hammonton, offers re-location support to migrant workers who wish to make New Jersey their permanent residence. This support includes job training and assistance finding housing and employment.

Migrant Education, which is operated by the Gloucester County Special Services District, covers nine counties in South Jersey. Programs are offered for pre-schoolers, for school-aged youth, and for young adults who meet certain criteria. Outreach workers from Migrant Education visit migrant camps to speak with parents and youth about the summer programs.

Hammonton Rotary Club has supported our English classes since 2012. Stockton University, Kramer Hall and MWO co-hosted the first Migrant Teen Conference in the summer of 2015. Hammonton Art Center and MWO co-hosted two Art Nights for Farm Workers. Hammonton Family Success Center has welcomed migrant teens for visits. Over the years, Hammonton High School students and staff have worked on several impressive projects to welcome migrant workers.

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Southern Jersey Family Medical Center Patient Transport



Verlandieu Marcelus Pennsauken Gospel Hall



Hammonton Art Center



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