



## ***Our Lady of the Chesapeake Winter Relief Efforts***

### ***What is the House of Hope?***

The Arundel House of Hope, Inc. is a non-profit 501 C(3) ecumenical organization dedicated to providing support services for the homeless of our community. Founded in 1992 by James Fouse, Arundel House of Hope began as a community movement, supported by local churches and volunteers, to address the issue of homelessness. Over the past twenty-two years, Arundel House of Hope has grown to encompass program offerings in several areas, addressing the needs of men, women and families experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County. It strives to counsel, guide and assist these people to become independent, improving the quality of life for them and the community. Currently, the Arundel House of Hope is supported by about sixty local churches and organizations and over 2,000 volunteers.

Through the inception of the Winter Relief Program, a rotating weekly shelter runs from November to April, with the host organizations working with the homeless, by providing temporary shelter, meals, clothing and other support services. It annually serves many men and women who are experiencing homelessness.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake has been a host site since 2006, and for a week in January, shelters 35-40 people each night.

### ***OLC's Winter Relief Program***

To help us absorb the expenditures for this Christ like venture, Winter Relief Program, we are planning our annual Dinner/Auction on November 5, 2016. We are in need of items for the silent and live auctions. We hope that you or someone you know can help; your donations are tax deductible.

Past donations have included a wide range of items and services, reflecting the creativity and generosity of businesses, members, and friends. Auction items from previous years included:

- Trips to parks, historic sites, and recreational areas
- Artwork, framed posters, and signed sports memorabilia items
- Camping gear
- Gift baskets or theme bags
- Gift certificates for products, dinners, or services
- Handmade crafts such as quilts, jewelry, wood craft, and stained glass items
- Vacation Timeshares

Thank you so much for your generosity and support.