

Promoting Wellness Among Camden's Homeless



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Joseph's House of Camden:

Mission: To work collaboratively with others to aid our homeless brothers and sisters by offering a continuum of services including emergency shelter and access to supportive housing and comprehensive social services.

Vision: Joseph's House is committed to a Camden where no neighbor sleeps outside, even for one night; where those brought down by poverty, addiction or mental illness find in Joseph's House a place of friendship, motivated by Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, offering hope and practical help.



**555 Atlantic Avenue,
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PROJECT

- ❖ Assisted guests at Joseph's House with their medical care
- ❖ Made educational resources for COVID-19, addiction medicine, cardiovascular health, smoking cessation, and dental health.
- ❖ Referred the guests to the appropriate services to improve their health.
- ❖ Assisted at the shelter's service fairs and recruited more guests at the shelter.
- ❖ Encouraged COVID vaccination and ensured site safety with COVID rapid tests.

PROJECT RESULTS

How We Helped:

More than:

- ❖ 40 Guests Helped Access Healthcare
- ❖ 90 Medical, Dental, and Vision Appointments Made
- ❖ 35 Transportation Arrangements Made
- ❖ 85 Rapid COVID-19 Tests Administered

What We Learned:

- ❖ Navigating healthcare is difficult – even for those in the healthcare field
- ❖ Homelessness is debilitating and chronically impairs people from living a healthy life
- ❖ The struggles of addiction and its role in homelessness

REFLECTION

Soojin Kim – “The BTG experience made me realize how a system could fail to serve its people. People more than often fall through the cracks and never are given the chance to achieve their fullest potential. Such experience estranges patients from seeking the care they need in the future.”

Mona Moshet – “Through my experience working at Joseph's House of Camden, I observed how poverty, race, and other social determinants affect people's access to and experience with healthcare. The guests at Joseph's House display inspiring resilience as they navigate life's many challenges. I have learned a lot from them and will remember this experience throughout my career as a physician.”



These are some of the educational resources we prepared during the program.