

Dear Friends,

**In recent years, homelessness in New York City has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression of the 1930s.**

**This season, help us help a few of the more than 50,000 New Yorkers who don't have a place to live.**

The Friends Shelter provides a safe and respectful place to eat and sleep for fourteen homeless men and women, each and every night of the year. All of our guests are referred to us by the Main Chance drop-in center near Grand Central Station. Some of our guests just need a place to eat and sleep for a night or two, others have made the shelter their night-time home while they work day jobs and try to find permanent housing. The shelter has been operating since 1983, continuing a tradition started by a small group of Quakers in the 1960s.

Serving food is an essential part of what we do. Many of our guests count on us for a solid meal, and with the help of Friends Seminary School we provide nutritious, appetizing food each night and morning. We are grateful for the donations of food we receive, but we also need money to cover the cost of groceries and miscellaneous items we must continually purchase.


**Our funding from New York State for meals has been eliminated, but with your help we can continue to provide food to our guests.**





The shelter is able to operate on a tiny budget—less than \$25,000 per year, or approximately \$2.50 per meal—because it is staffed entirely by a community of volunteers. **With no administrative costs, 100% of your gift goes directly to feeding our homeless guests.**

We are reaching out to our friends, families and community in hope that you can help with a contribution. Any size gift is welcome, and is tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

There are two ways to give:

#### ONLINE

 We accept donations through PayPal. Use [friendsshelter@gmail.com](mailto:friendsshelter@gmail.com).

#### BY MAIL

Checks can be sent to: Friends Shelter c/o 15th Street Meeting, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. Please make checks out to 15th Street Meeting, with SHELTER clearly written on the memo line.

**With your help, we can continue to make a difference in the lives New York's most vulnerable citizens.**

In friendship and with gratitude,

SHELTER COMMITTEE Katy Homans, clerk  
Jennifer Barton, Margery Cornwell, Jayne Holsinger, Phil Kovacevich, Carol Kuzmyak,  
Claire Litherland, Steven Monroe Smith