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To Rescuing Leftover Cuisine,

Helene & BJ's Place homeless shelter has been an outreach of The Community Church of New York for over 30 years. But we have never had donated food brought to us with the care that Rescuing Leftover Cuisine demonstrates.

Helene & BJ's Place operates as part of the Emergency Shelter Network, and is open 7 nights per week, all-year round, and is completely volunteer-powered! Each night, volunteers act as hosts, welcoming ten men (our "guests") who are part of a respite bed program. Each of the ten men have been screened by the Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation drop-in center, where many are on their way to getting permanent housing. Our shelter is part of that program, one rung near the top of the ladder as the men climb up out of homelessness and back to independence.


What really makes such a huge difference is donations, and we've had several over the years: monetary donations, canned goods, paint & labor & bric-a-brac. And, of course, we have a team of hardy volunteers who show up at 7:30pm each night for an overnight gig, then rise at 5:00am to send the guys on their way.

The food donations that Rescuing Leftover Cuisine provides make all the difference to the men. We are so grateful for the donated food, and it that food makes such a difference in the mood of our guests: they are happier, more conversational, more relaxed and easy-going.

Your donations are very much appreciated by our guests, who are among the most vulnerable of the homeless population. On behalf of our volunteers and, especially, our ten guests, please accept our deepest gratitude for your generosity and delicious food.

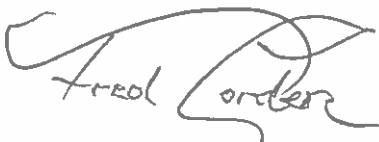
 
Sincerely, and on behalf of all our guests,


Helene & BJ's Place Homeless Shelter Committee


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