



# SHIP'S LOG

## THIS SHIP WON'T SINK

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The devastation created by the wrath of Hurricane Irene turned out to be no match for the faith and charity of SHIP's captain, Tom O'Leary, and his unsinkable crew.

When the floodwaters rose to 10 feet in the rear of the Safe Harbor-Port of Refuge, turning Tic-Tock's Grove into a pond, with picnic tables floating like buoys, the water also invaded the building, destroying everything in the basement and nearly everything on the first floor. Trees fell out of their saturated foundation and landed on the building. Gone were two refrigerators, five freezers, a washer and dryer, hot water heaters, computers. Destroyed were all food supplies, including hundreds of baked zitis for the Mobile Food Truck, as well as thousands of toiletries, new clothing, and canned goods.

While the losses were extensive, so too was the number of extraordinary volunteers who immediately donated their time, talent, money, food, and supplies. Although the water was knee deep inside the building, SHIP's crew was able to serve lunch from the driveway the day after the flood! All damage to the building was repaired and all equipment was replaced within three weeks.

For the outpouring of love and concern from the entire Somerset County community, from big shots to little shots, Tom extends his sincere love, thanks and appreciation. SHIP didn't sink. The Admiral salutes you.



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If you have any comments, suggestions, or contributions to this newsletter, please call SHIP, 908-393-9545.

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Several months ago, SHIP was totally surrounded by water and flooded out by Hurricane Irene. We took on three feet of water and everything on two floors of the building was destroyed. I asked for God's protection and prayed that we would be able to recover from the devastation.

This is what resulted from my prayers: Food began to come in immediately. The next day we were handing out Brown Bag Lunches, juice and fruit from a table on the driveway. Volunteers showed up, and kept coming, to help clean up the mess. Commodity donations started pouring in. The financial donations coming in were as if the Heaven's Bank opened up, and receivables were increased tenfold and more.

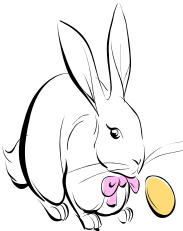
We were blessed to have God send so many angels to our rescue. Let there be no doubt that "God is good all the time."

Thank you all for helping out in our time of need. A special thanks to all the Faith Communities, organizations, businesses, schools and countless individuals for your good works and assistance.

Tom O'Leary, Executive Director for SHIP

REMINDER

SPRING IS IN THE AIR



Booking for volunteer positions to serve the less fortunate in our community fill up quickly. To show that you remember the forgotten, please sign up to serve Easter dinner at the United Reformed Church, or a picnic lunch at Tic-Tock's Grove. Call SHIP at 908-393-9545.



A heartfelt THANK YOU to SHIP's crew, volunteers, and donors—everyone that kept this boat afloat—Tom Salutes You!

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO.....

Richard Grieshaber with Immaculata High School Campus Ministry, for production of short videos for our updated website. These videos, featuring the soup kitchen, holiday meals and the medical clinic, capture in two minute vignettes the heart and soul of SHIP's mission. Please visit our website at SHIP908.com to view these beautiful, revealing videos.

## Senators Ray & Kip Bateman Medical Clinic For the Uninsured

SHIP's Medical Clinic, to date, has provided over 1,500 doctor visits. The eye clinic has provided over 200 eye exams and 80 pairs of glasses. Treatment at the clinic is entirely free to the individual. SHIP's Medical Clinic helps those in need of basic primary care and preventive medical care for conditions including serious infections, cardiovascular disease, metabolic, nutritional, vision, and other medical needs. Treatment at SHIP's Medical Clinic is available to people who do not have medical insurance, and have been denied medical care due to social, cultural, language, financial or other reasons. Many of our clients suffer from substance abuse dependency, HIV/AIDS, mental health issues, hunger or isolation.

Our thanks go out to Nan Daly, RN, Director of Nursing at the Medical Clinic, for organizing a fundraiser, Friends of SHIP, to raise much needed funds for the clinic. We would also like to thank Bonnie McPherson, Tony and Diane Coriglio, Brother John Brown Band, Soriano's, Central Liquors of Flemington, and over 70 local businesses who contributed to the event's success. It is through the generosity of the community that we are able to continue to offer medical services to our friends and neighbors in need.

### FROM THE QUARTERDECK

I know a woman who expounded on the virtues of dressing well when flying in an airplane so as to command better treatment than the passengers who looked like "the homeless." She felt that she should be treated with more respect purely based on the way she was dressed. Wow. When I challenged her on this, she said "Really, I don't mind homeless people."

I do. I mind homeless people a lot. I mind that there are people in our community who have to stand in line at a food truck or find their way to a soup kitchen to get something to eat. I mind that many of these people have children to feed. I mind that there are people in my town who are denied medical treatment due to their socioeconomic misfortune.

Take one moment and walk in the worn shoes of the less fortunate. Imagine what it would be like to have to stand in a line, with your children at your side, waiting for your turn at the food truck. When your children are hungry, try telling them they have to wait until tomorrow to eat. Try to imagine how it feels to be judged harshly, or to have your children treated inferiorly, simply because you cannot afford new clothes.

Please don't judge people because they are downtrodden, lonely, hungry, poorly dressed. In fact, the next time you see someone dressed like "the homeless" please treat them with respect and try not to judge the person by his clothes. You might be surprised to find that there is a heart of gold beneath those rags, just as you might be surprised to learn that the wardrobe of some people is just gold plating with worthless metal underneath.

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## SHIP'S WISH LIST

Please post a copy of our needs list in your organization's bulletin, as the overwhelming majority of our program's needs are provided through donations. For additional items and ways to donate, please visit our website at [SHIP908.com](http://SHIP908.com).

**PERSONAL ITEMS:**

Deodorant, shampoo, hand soap  
Shaving cream, razors  
Toothpaste, toothbrushes  
Combs, toilet tissue  
Sanitary Napkins

**GIFT CERTIFICATES:**

Supermarkets  
Payless Shoes, Target, Wal-Mart

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**LINENS:**

Blankets, towels

**PAPER GOODS/PLASTIC UTENSILS**

**FOOD ITEMS:** (pop-top cans & ready to use are best!)

Coffee and iced tea mix  
Instant cup of soup, saltine crackers, granola/fruit bars  
Peanut butter, jelly  
Tuna, canned spam, deviled ham, Vienna sausages  
Canned fruit  
Canned macaroni in pop top cans (ravioli, spaghetti-o's)  
Juice drinks, water  
Microwaveable meals  
Cheese and crackers

**CLEANING SUPPLIES:**

Pine Sol, liquid bleach, Lysol, liquid dish detergent, air fresheners, garbage bags, sandwich bags, paper towels, laundry detergent

*Please drop by or call 908-393-9545 to donate.*