

Furniture Assist: How You Can Help With Our Mission

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Westfield and surrounding areas are incredibly generous donors to Furniture Assist, Inc. (FA). Consistently, 90-plus percent of our weekly donations come from Union County. Half to two-thirds of our clients (recipients) live in Essex County. This exemplifies our mission "from those who have to those who need."

Furniture Assist, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization. The annual budget of around \$90,000 comes from sources including:

- Individuals
- Government grants
- Private foundations
- Faith-based contributions
- Fundraising events
- Corporation donations

Our biggest expenses, almost two-thirds of our budget, are storage facility fees ("the sheds") and truck rental fees. Trucks are rented once a week to do pickups within Union County.

FA is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers, including board members, churches, community organizations, corporations, independent volunteers, high schools and those doing community service for

non-violent offenses. We recently attracted volunteers through Meetup.com.

More help is needed to continue our mission. Volunteers would be appreciated for greeting and logging in donations, sorting donations, organizing distributions, grant writing, publicity and donation pickup. Perhaps your employer would like to sponsor volunteers at FA or maybe your business could donate truck and driver time.

Another fun and easy way to help is to come to our fund-raising event on Sunday evening, March 25, at Patria Restaurant in Rahway. It will feature a raffle with lovely items, such as gift baskets, theater tickets, two nights in a bed and breakfast, as well as great food and conversation. To join us, mail a check for \$60 per person to Furniture Assist, Inc., 398 Chestnut Street, Union, N.J. 07083. If you have questions, call Jennifer Scott at (908) 578-9036.

To volunteer or help in another way, call (973) 868-6007 or visit our website, www.furnitureassist.com. If you wish to make a monetary donation, including a memorial or holiday remembrance in honor of a loved one, please send it to the address above.

The board of trustees of Furniture Assist thanks you for your continued generosity.

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