



## MERCY CENTER

### *A Profile in Mercy: Art Ferrante*



One day in 1998, after collecting food at St. Mark's in Sea Girt and dropping it off at Mercy Center, Art decided to stay for a while and help to distribute it. He wanted to learn more about the people we served. He has volunteered one day a week at Mercy Center's Food Pantry ever since. However, because he likes to be "associated with committed people," he added two more days a week by helping prepare meals for students in the Sisters Academy kitchen.

He maintains this three day schedule with Mercy Center because he gets to enjoy the social interaction with other "involved" volunteers while also supporting our work and our mission. He wants to improve the lives of those less fortunate, specifically students and families that need food and sustenance. This is heart-warming for him in more ways than one. Art claims this work "energizes me and keeps me young."

Art will be 86 in May. He keeps in good health by working out at the Atlantic Club. He enjoys his friendships from his church, his many years at the Holy Name Society and the Italian American Association of the Township of Ocean.

Art and his wife, Janet, are very proud of their three children and their spouses and always look forward to their Sea Girt visits with the grandchildren.

Art - thank you for making Mercy Center a special place. Our work is only possible because of the generosity of your time and of all our volunteers.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Mercy Center, please call (732) 774-9397 ext. 121.