## Star of Hope Baptist Church of Tacony

The purpose of Star of Hope is to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We shall prayerfully seek to attain this through the public worship of Jesus Christ, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living by our members, personal evangelism, missionary outreach, and Christian education.

SOHBC has been blessed to receive grants for the Senior Center and Mentoring Program. Partnerships were formed with Philabundance and the Philadelphia Food Share and Program APRIS, providing services for senior citizens through the Medicare Program. Outreach into the community has involved members being trained to work with at risk youth through the Philadelphia OIC Inc. KIO Program; all leaders and offices have been trained in the PA Mandated Reporting Program and SOHBC Safe Church Procedure; and worship services Honoring Veterans and Worship Service Honoring Law Enforcement Officers.

The church has been an active participant in the Tacony Civic Association, the Tacony Town Watch and the Tacony Ministerium which combines its efforts for various religious programs – including a tribute service to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Good Friday Services. The church is recognized by the Foreign Mission Board as a faithful and generous benefactor, and an annual financial contributor to the Lott Carey Mission. Rev. Alfonso Whitmore was honored by the Philadelphia Aging Commission for his participation with senior programs throughout the City of Philadelphia and surrounding communities.

For 25 years, SHBC prepared and served food for 200 men and women at Our Brother's Place, a Homeless Shelter located in Center City. Since 2009, SHBC provided a food cupboard to nourish the hungry and those in need of food.

