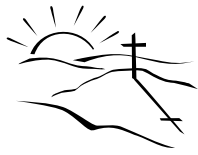


Psalm 46:1 "God Is Our Refuge And Strength, An Ever Present Help In Trouble."



Help's On The Way

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During the months of November and December 2002, Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Northville, Michigan collected winter coats and clothing for distribution to mission sites in Detroit, Michigan. On Saturday, January 5, 2003 Help's On The Way distributed **two hundred-thirty winter coats** to three mission sites in Detroit, Michigan. Along with the coats, we also delivered **eight boxes of hats, gloves and socks**. Pictured at right is our delivery truck loaded with the donated items.



Our first delivery stop was the New Life Rescue Mission pictured at right. This mission has served the homeless of Detroit for over forty years. Pictured below and to the left is the Open Door Rescue Mission, and to the right is the Detroit Rescue Mission. Many thanks to Dave Daniels and the Single Point Ministries Community Outreach Program for all of their hard work in collecting and sorting the donated items.



IFSEA Detroit Branch Donates \$5,000.00 to Help's On The Way

On December 7, 2002 The International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) Detroit Branch, presented, Help's On The Way, President Mike Howard a check for five thousand dollars. As you may recall from an earlier issue of our newsletter, IFSEA had made a determination to make Help's On The Way their **Charity of Choice**. To put that donation in perspective, we could purchase enough food to fill twenty extra large shopping carts with food for distribution to clients at our service center in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. We are gratified that IFSEA has seen fit to honor our organization with such a large contribution, and we plan to use every dollar to help our brothers and sisters in the community who are in need of assistance.

Help's On the Way has become aware that some of our clients are having difficulty keeping up with utility payments. In attempt to help clients help themselves keep the utilities on we did a little research about what help might be available. All of the information below is from the DTE web site <http://utilities.dteenergy.com/myAccount/paymentAssistance.html>

Case Management helps low-income customers by providing a personal payment plan, agency referrals, and follow-up. Call 1.800.477.4747 for details and eligibility.

Winter Protection Plan (WPP) This program protects seniors and low-income customers from shut off between December 1 and March 31. Call 1.800.477.4747 for details and eligibility.

The Heat And Warmth (THAW) Fund provides assistance for customers who may be in danger of utility shut- off. Call 1.800.866.THAW

State Emergency Relief Program (SER) Eligible low-income households may receive help paying bills year-round. **Contact the Family Independence Agency (FIA) for assistance.**

Medical Emergencies If an account is subject to shut off for non-payment, a shut off may be postponed for up to 21 days due to a medical emergency. Written proof from a doctor must be provided.

This is not intended to be a complete list of assistance that may be available to those who may be having difficulty with utility payments. We encourage you to contact DTE customer service at **1.800.477.4747**

Energy Conservation and Avoiding Shutoffs

It is apparent to all of us that the cost of energy in all of its forms has increased a great deal over the last several years. Please remind yourself and family members about turning off lights, dialing down the thermostat and shutting off openings that let heat out of your home.

Along with the idea of conserving energy, please be aware that energy providers want to work with you to keep the heat and lights on. Don't wait for a shutoff notice before calling your energy provider for assistance with budgeting or assistance that may be available to you.

Help's on the way for those who are grieving after the death of a loved one. *New Hope Center for Grief Support* is a Christian based bereavement outreach center which provides grief support services to anyone who is in need. *New Hope Center for Grief Support* was established in January, 2000 as a 501c3 non-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing compassionate care and support to bereaved men, women and children. Most of us don't think about grief until it personally affects us, or someone we know and care about. *New Hope* gets calls regularly from people who have no idea where to turn after losing a loved one. They just know that they need to talk to someone and try to gain some understanding of the feelings and emotions that are often overwhelming after a death. Everyone who calls *New Hope* is given compassionate, individual attention and care. The services *New Hope* provides to grieving individuals include availability, understanding and a large offering of grief support groups that can help them as they try to make some sense out of their loss. There is no charge for any of *New Hope's* grief support services.

Some of the groups offered by *New Hope* include:

- Eight week grief support workshops offered several times throughout the year in various locations in southeastern Michigan
- Groups for widows and widowers divided according to age group
- Groups for children between the ages of 4 and 14 who are grieving after the death of a parent or other loved one
- Support for parents whose adult child has died
- A group for family members of those who died on 9/11/01

Other services provided by *New Hope Center for Grief Support* include:

- A lending library
- Drop-in support
- A referral list of counselors – many specializing in grief counseling

If you would like more information about our services or would like to know when our support groups meet, please call the *New Hope* office at 248-348-0115 or e-mail us at griefhelp@aol.com. You can also get more information by checking out our website at www.newhopecenter.net. Nobody should have to journey through grief alone.

Submitted by: Cathy Clough
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Mission Statement

"Help's On The Way," is a, non-profit 501 (C) (3) incorporated organization, that works to provide nutritional meals, clothing and household items to the community mission field. We define the community mission field, simply as, 'all of God's children.'

Mission Project

Our current mission project is the establishment of a facility that will meet the needs of the community as defined above. This building is located at 5358 South Beech Daly Road, in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Our Vision

With God's grace, Godly inspired leadership, and the assistance of volunteers, both near and far, we hope to accomplish the following:

- Feed and or provide food to those in need.
- Develop and administer a, "clothes closet," again, for those in need.
- The collection of donated household items, and the distribution and delivery of household items

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The board of directors wishes to announce that the, Beech Daly Road facility in, Dearborn Heights, Michigan will be open for client intake on Thursday afternoons. Hours are five to eight-thirty pm. In addition to these hours of operation, a phone message may be left by way of voice mail. Our plan is to access the voice mail twice weekly, and to respond accordingly.

Please call **734.776.3184** to speak to a volunteer on Thursday afternoon, or to leave a message at other times.