

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



# Help's on The Way

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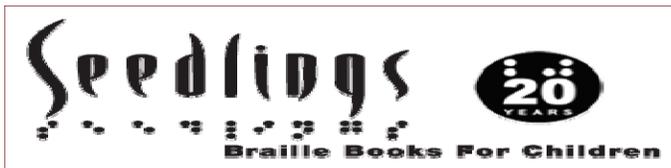
## Good News!

### Philippians 4:8

**"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there be any excellence and if anything worth of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."**

**In the world in which we presently live we are bombarded by news that does not meet the exhortations of Philippians 4:8, there is, however, good news available if we would only turn our thoughts to discovering the people in our community who are working toward the goal of helping others.**

**The following are two of the many organizations in our community that are of "good repute," and I invite the reader to investigate these organizations and the work they do in the community.**



Debra Bonde founded Seedlings in 1984, when Braille materials, especially for children, were scarce and expensive. Her goals were to increase the availability and lower the cost of Braille books for children in order to promote their literacy and love of reading. During that first year of production, Debra worked in her basement office to transcribe and bind 221 books. By 1990, Seedlings had increased production to 5,000 books per year. This success precipitated the need to move out of Debra's basement and into first, the Bentley Center in Livonia, Michigan, then to their present location on Farmington Road in Livonia. By 2006, with their small staff and a loyal group of volunteers, Seedlings was able to produce nearly 22,000 Braille books and articles, with a grand total of 232,008 books, or over 11 million pages of Braille, since 1984! Visit Seedlings on the web <http://www.seedlings.org/>



### Migrant Health Promotion

Since its inception in 1983, Migrant Health Promotion has been committed to working with farm workers and their rural communities to improve their overall health and to increase their access to quality health care. MHP has developed and implemented innovative health care promotions with collaboration and resource sharing within the migrant labor camps and their communities.

Visit Migrant Health Promotion on the web <http://migranthealth.org/>



### Community Outreach

On February 7, 2007, a fire spread through the Northville Township, Innsbrook Apartment complex and took the homes of nine families. In response, Help's On The Way and Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located in Northville, Michigan, set up a joint venture to adopt two of the dislocated families. They were Adam and Quanna Hureskia and their fourteen month-old son Adam, and Donald Snipes and Eureka Greer and their two-year old daughter Autumn. Both families had been relocated to other apartments, but they lost all of their personal belongings. During the days and weeks that followed, the two groups accepted donations of furniture, appliances, household furnishings, food and clothing and money and delivered them to these families. The money was used by the families to purchase replacement items that had been lost in the fire.



### New Facilities for Help's On The Way

Our original building, pictured at left, was capable of serving the needs of our clients in the early stages of the ministry. As the number of clients grew, we began having discussions about expanding the facilities, and, coincidentally, the property next door at 5346 Beech Daly Road became available to rent. The board of directors entered into an agreement with the owner to rent the building with an option to buy. The purchase was indeed finalized in January of 2007 and included the property between the two buildings shown in the picture at right. We are now in the early planning stages to physically join these two buildings into one facility, which will make our ministry more client-friendly and efficient with its improved space and traffic flow. This plan will meet the needs of the volunteers as they perform client intake, receive and distribute food and clothing and offer spiritual support to clients in a one-on-one environment.



### Keeping Volunteers Informed



The board of directors has been discussing the way that we can keep our dedicated volunteers informed about the ministry. From time to time, we make policy decisions which affect volunteers and this information needs to be communicated in a timely manner. The Board often finds itself planning particular activities to support clients and/or volunteers. We would like to hear from volunteers, and we encourage all of you who work so diligently for the ministry to visit the web site, [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org), and contact us via email or with a phone message. Additionally, the board is thinking about sending the board meeting minutes via email to volunteers for whom we have

email addresses. Please take the time to let us know how you would prefer to keep current with information related to the ministry by logging on to our web site and sending an email related to this issue.



## Help's On The Way School Supplies Project



Help's On The Way will be collecting donated pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, backpacks, and calculators beginning July 1, 2007, and will continue to accept donations through the month of August 2007. We also plan to provide each child with a **New Testament Bible**. These items will be distributed to the children of the Clients of Help's on the Way at the beginning of the school year.

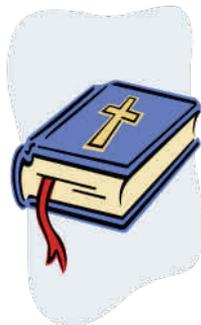


Please consider helping these children get off to a good start at school. Donations may be dropped off at the Help's On The Way Client Service Center, which is located at 5346 South Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. We are accepting donations on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

If you would prefer to send a financial donation for this project, please send checks to:

Help's On The Way  
6784 Edwards  
Belleville, Michigan 48111

In the check memo line write: School Supplies Project



**Tax Law Changes That May Affect Donors** As a result of the new **Pension Protection Act**, there have been some notable 2006/2007 Tax Law Changes that may affect persons who donate to 501 C 3 organizations on or after August 17, 2006. The IRS now requires that donors create a worksheet that indicates the description, quality (good or better condition) and number of items that have been donated to the charity, and that the donor attach the worksheet to the receipt that is provided by the charitable organization. Donor's are not required to send in the itemized list of donated items with their return, but simply to keep the information with the donors personal tax records and put the total contribution amount on the appropriate line of your tax return. Donors are encouraged to read IRS publication 561, Revised April 2007 (**Determining The Value of Donated Property**) which can be found on the Internet at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p561.pdf>. And if the total of all your contributed property comes to more than \$500, you do have to file **IRS Form 8283** which can be found on the Internet at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8283.pdf> (Please consult with your tax preparer or the IRS for clarification of these issues.)

**Receipts and Determining the Value of Donated Items** It has always been the practice of Help's On The Way to provide a receipt to donors and to inform donors that they have the responsibility to determine the value of donated items. We have found that the Salvation Army has an excellent guide for determining the value of donated items. Please visit the Salvation Army web site at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>, and type in **valuation guide** in the search panel.

**Financial Summary Fiscal Year 2006** Shown below is an overview of our 2006 financial summary. All interested parties who desire to receive a complete copy of the financial summary may do so by contacting William Swift, Executive Director of Help's On The Way via email at [bill.swift@helpsontheway.org](mailto:bill.swift@helpsontheway.org)

Help's On the Way  
Revenue & Expenses  
January through December 2006

**Income**

Contributed Support	
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church	14,210.00
Non-Cash	32,274.00
Corporate/Business Grants	5,251.00
FEMA	2,000.00
Total of Board of Directors	24,020.81
Individual/Business Contributions	14,833.03
<b>Total Contributed Support/Income</b>	<b>92,588.84</b>

**Expenses**

Business Expense	899.00
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	5,340.00
Grant & Contract Expense (Food & Clothing)	50,784.43
Internet Hosting Expense	240.46
Miscellaneous Expense	11,156.09
Non-Personal Expense	631.59
Occupancy Expense	14,535.67
Professional Fees / Other Personal Expense	250.00

**Total Expense** **83,837.24**

**Net Income (Budget Surplus)** **8,751.60**

Dear Friends:

As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for ways to help fund our operations without putting a large burden on the people who support our ministry and without increasing our administrative costs. To this end, we have recently enrolled in the Meijer Community Rewards program, which offers a percentage of each enrollee's total purchases to a designated charity.

We're now enrolled in **Meijer Community Rewards**.

Meijer Community Rewards allows us to raise funds to meet our organization's goals quickly and easily. Here's how you can participate. We need you, our supporter, to join Meijer Community Rewards. It's free and can be done online at [Meijer.com/rewards](http://Meijer.com/rewards), or in store by applying for a Meijer Credit Card.

Please see the enclosed coupon included in this mailing and use the Help's On The Way six digit code **392614** when you apply for your Meijer One card.

The Meijer 1 Card is a non-financial card that should be used with cash or a PIN-based debit card to link your purchases to your Meijer Community Rewards account. If you already have a Meijer Credit Card, just call 1-800-962-7011 to add Meijer Community Rewards to your Meijer Credit Card account.

Then simply use your **Meijer Credit Card** or pay with **cash** or your **PIN-based debit card** with your swiped Meijer 1 Card whenever you shop at Meijer. Use it for Meijer gas, food, clothing, toys, housewares, jewelry, hardware, garden and more! We'll automatically receive a percentage of your purchase totals, with double the rewards when you use your linked Meijer Credit Card!

This program can make a wonderful difference in enabling us to serve you! Meijer Community Rewards gives rewards on over 150,000 items! Best of all, the program automatically earns money whenever you shop, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The sooner you join, the sooner we'll begin receiving rewards! Please apply today!

If you have any questions, please visit the Meijer website at [Meijer.com/rewards](http://Meijer.com/rewards). Thank you for helping feed hungry people.

Sincerely,

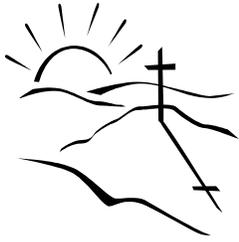
**William Swift**

**Executive Director**

**Help's On The Way**

**Meijer Community Rewards, Help's on the Way six digit code # 392614**





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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 and operation 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," for those who are in need.
- The redistribution of donated household items, furniture and appliances.

Our Client Services Center is located at 5358 South Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, one and one-half miles south of Michigan Avenue. We are open for client intake each Thursday, with hours of operation being six to eight-thirty PM. **Clients must be in line no later than 7:30 PM.** For a complete listing services, times of service, and types of donations we presently accept, please call 734.776.3184, or visit our web site.

**helpsontheway.org**