

Help's on the Way

Help's on the Way—Issue 12, Fall 2007

From the Executive Director

As the Executive Director of Help's on the Way I am occasionally asked to give a brief synopsis of *your* ministry. In the spirit of simplicity, I try to respond with the three tenants that I feel accurately describe our mission by referring to the words of , Jesus Christ.

Evangelism: during his last days on earth Jesus commanded his disciples the following: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen". – Matthew 28:19,20

Social Justice: Jesus taught that on the day of judgment God will ask what each person did to help the poor and needy: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

A Faithful Servant: "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been Faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.' Matthew 25:23

That sums up *your* ministry; we are Evangelical, we are concerned with matters of social justice, and we will continue to be good stewards of the few and many things that find their way to the ministry of Help's on the Way.

Bill Swift

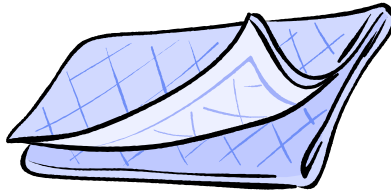
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Help's on the Way Annual Coat & Blanket Drive



October 1ST through November 30TH 2007

Help's on the Way will be accepting and distributing new and 'gently used' winter coats and blankets of all types and sizes beginning October 1st and running through November 30th 2007. Coats and blankets may be dropped off at our Client Service Center which is located at, **5358 Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan**. Collection days and times are as follows:

Tuesdays between 6:00 and 8:00 PM or Thursdays between 5:00 and 8:30 PM.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, Michigan has also graciously agreed to receive donated items for this program. Coats and blankets may be dropped off on Sunday mornings between 9:00 AM and noon at the collection table in the grand mall of the church.

For your convenience, please feel free to order a coat or blanket from the retailer of your choice and have the item shipped directly to our corporate headquarters.

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For additional information

Call 734-776-3184 or

Contact us on the web at www.helpsontheway.org

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Focus on Diabetes

There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease.

Uncontrolled diabetes can cause blindness, kidney disease, heart problems, strokes, and amputations. There is no cure for diabetes, but there are things you can do to help control it. By learning to balance your food, activity and medication, you can take control of your diabetes and your life.

Diabetes Risk Factors

- **Overweight/obesity**
- **Lack of physical activity**
- **Member of an ethnic minority**
- **Women who have had gestational diabetes**
- **Women who have had babies weighing over nine pounds**
- **Women who have polycystic ovarian syndrome**
- **Family members with diabetes**

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

Major Types of Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes

Results from the body's failure to produce insulin, the hormone that "unlocks" the cells of the body, allowing glucose to enter and fuel them. It is estimated that 5-10% of Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 1 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes

Results from insulin resistance (a condition in which the body fails to properly use insulin), combined with relative insulin deficiency. Most Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 2 diabetes.

Gestational diabetes

Gestational diabetes affects about 4% of all pregnant women - about 135,000 cases in the United States each year.

Pre-diabetes

Pre-diabetes is a condition that occurs when a person's blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes. There are 54 million Americans who have pre-diabetes, in addition to the 20.8 million with diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading 501(C)3 nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy. The mission of the Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Contact the American Diabetes Association at: **1-800-DIABETES** or at www.diabetes.org

The next issue of Help's on the Way will discuss some of the myths of diabetes.

All of us at Help's on the Way recognize that it is important to express our gratitude to the many individuals, organizations, and corporations that have made it possible for Help's on the Way to help so many of our neighbors. As a generous volunteer, donor, or ministry consultant you have all contributed greatly to our mission of providing food and clothing to over thirty thousand families. Help's on the Way provides these much needed services in an environment of Christian love and acceptance. With your continuing support, we will demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and feed and clothe our hungry neighbors. From all of us at Help's on the Way, **Thank**

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Single Point Ministries
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Northville, Michigan

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Supporting the ministry of Help's on the Way

Many opportunities are available to support the ministry of Help's On The Way. Our clients would be greatly assisted by donations of:

- Bibles
- Christian books for adults and children
- Diapers
- Personal hygiene items for adults, children and infants
- Toys and board games for children.
- Non-perishable food items,
- Clean, serviceable clothing for adults, children and infants
- Seasonal items, such as jackets and coats for adults and children.

Donors of the above items may drop off donated items on Tuesday afternoons between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 PM at our Client Service Center which is located at: 5358 South Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The Client Service Center is located one and one-half miles South of Michigan Avenue. Please call 734.776.3184 if you have specific questions about donating items.

A number of methods are available to donors who wish to support the ministry of Help's On The Way with a *tax-deductable financial* donation.

By check: Please send checks, payable to **Help's On The Way** to:

Help's On The Way

6784 Edwards Belleville, Michigan 48111

Meijer customers are also able to support the ministry of Help's On The Way by joining the Meijer Community Rewards Program. Please log on to our web site at **helpsontheway.org** and click on the DONATE page. One of the donation options is the Meijer Community Rewards Program. Our agency code for this program is **392614**

An additional option listed on the DONATE page affords donors the opportunity to support the ministry by using the secure payment system available with PayPal. Donors are able to set up a monthly twenty dollar subscription payment by using the PayPal SUBSCRIBE button, or donors may make a one-time donation of any amount by using the PayPal DONATE button. **NOTE: Donors will need to setup a Paypal account, please see the instructions in this issue, or simply follow the instructions on the Paypal home page (<https://www.paypal.com/>) page by clicking on New to PayPal? Sign up link.**

Please note that all donations to Help's On The Way are tax deductible based on our, IRS tax-exempt, 501 C 3, non-profit status.

Thank you for helping feed hungry people.

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PayPal Account Set Up

Setting up a PayPal account is a step-by-step process that usually takes **two to three business days to complete**. You may elect to set up PayPal to debit either your checking account or by credit card. The process begins by logging in to PalPal.com and following the online instructions. Information to have on hand:

Your e-mail address

Name of your bank

Bank routing number

Checking account number

Credit card information. PayPal is able to process transactions using Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit cards.

Step One—Determine what type of PayPal account you need. There are three main types of accounts: a personal account for use with online shopping, a premier account for use with periodically selling online (such as on eBay) in addition to shopping, and a business account for business owners who do a majority of their commerce online.

Step Two—Have a valid [email](#) address to use as your PayPal ID. All PayPal-related correspondence and financial transactions will be tied to this address. You may add up to five email addresses to your account, but you will need to designate one as a primary address.

Step Three—Decide whether you want to have your PayPal account tied to a **credit card** or a **bank account** and have the account information at hand. Every PayPal account must be attached to some sort of already-established financial information.

Step Four—Visit PayPal's website and click the [Sign Up](#) link which is to the right of "New to PayPal?" Select your country, language and the type of account you have decided to open.

Step Five—Fill in all the fields on the online informational form, making sure to choose a password which is both secure and easy to remember. Your password will need to be a string of at least eight characters and is case sensitive.

Step Six—Read the user agreement in full before accepting it. Knowing the terms and conditions for sending and receiving funds will prevent misunderstandings in the future. Once you have read the agreement, check the box acknowledging that you accept it and submit your application form.

Step Seven—Watch your email for a confirmation message from PayPal. When you receive it, click on the provided confirmation link which should bring you to the PayPal homepage. Enter your password on this page and click the "Confirm" button.

That's it, you have opened a PayPal account. You can now pay for online purchases, and make donations, or set up subscription payments to **Help's on the Way**.

Gifts of Appreciated Property Help's on the Way

Consider giving appreciated property to charity as one way to reduce your federal income tax. In many cases, you are permitted to take a deduction for the fair market value of the property given to charity, provided you have written proof of the value. This will allow you to avoid potential capital gain tax associated with selling the shares directly. (See IRS Code section 170.)

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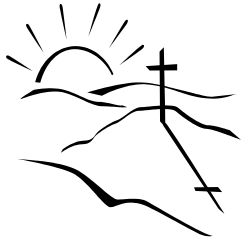
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As an example: You bought some stock for \$1,000 several years ago. Today it is worth \$5,000. Instead of selling your stock for \$5,000, paying the capital gains tax on the proceeds, you could donate the stock directly to Help's on the Way. By doing this, you would get a tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock of \$5,000, not what you paid for the stock. You would not pay any income tax and you would get a \$5,000 income tax deduction. Therefore, if you were in a 25% tax bracket, you would net \$1,250.00

NOTE: This explanation was provided the Hantz Group and is intended for explanation purposes only. Actual tax savings may vary depending on income level and tax bracket. Always consult you tax advisor.



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Mission Statement

"Help's On The Way," is a, non-profit 501 (C) (3) incorporated organization, that works to provide food and clothing 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.

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.

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