



Help's on the Way

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the donors and prayer partners who have supported the ministry of Help's on the Way over the ten years we have been serving the local community. Highlights of 2011 Ministry activities are listed below.

- Distribution of two thousand donated Bibles.
- Thirty-five hundred families assisted with food and or clothing, serving ten thousand individuals.
- Over six hundred children supplied with backpacks and school supplies.
- Nine hundred clients, both adults and children provided with winter coats.
- Distribution of hundreds of donated blankets, winter gloves and scarves.
- Distribution of nearly five hundred donated diapers.

Your ministry continues to operate with no paid staff, and is supported by the generosity of individuals, organizations and churches who are answering the great need present in our community. A donation of as little as five dollars allows us to purchase twenty-five pounds of food from the Gleaners Community Food Bank for distribution to the needy families we serve.

Please note that cash contributions made to Help's on the Way qualify for the Michigan Homeless Shelter / Food Bank income tax credit on the Michigan Individual Income Tax Return. Below are two examples of the potential savings to donors of Help's on the Way. Please consult your tax adviser related to your individual Federal and State of Michigan income tax return.

Individuals filing singly: Actual cost of a \$200 donation to Help's on the Way could be as little as \$50, assuming a Federal Income tax rate of 25%. The Federal tax deduction would be \$50 and savings from state taxes would be half the gift, \$100. Total tax savings would be \$150, leaving an actual cost of the donation of \$50.

Individuals filing jointly: Actual cost of a \$400 donation to Help's on the Way could be as little as \$100, assuming a Federal income tax rate of 25%. The Federal tax deduction would be \$100 and savings from state taxes would be half the gift, \$200. Total tax savings would be \$300, leaving an actual cost of the donation of \$100.

From all of us at Help's on the Way, and the neighbors we serve, we are praying for a happy and Joyous Christmas for each of you.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Bill Swift, Executive Director
Help's on the Way

Please send your donation to:

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Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."