



Help's on the Way

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you: the donors and prayer partners who have supported the ministry of Help's on the Way over the years we have been serving the local community.

For calendar year 2008, we have assisted over twenty-five hundred families with needs related to food and clothing. Those families include nearly five thousand adults and over four thousand children. Many of the families we assist are households with at least one person who is disabled, a military veteran, or a senior citizen.

Our Annual School Supplies Program allowed us to distribute four hundred backpacks and fifty pre-school backpacks which were filled with items students need to succeed. All backpacks had a Gospel tract and many had a small Bible as well.

Our Annual Coat and Blanket Program in partnership with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, of Northville, Michigan and Oak Pointe Church of Novi, Michigan was a resounding success. To date, we have collected and distributed over seven hundred coats and two hundred blankets.

Our Annual Food and Personal Hygiene Donation Program resulted in the collection of over fifteen thousand pounds of food and a great many personal hygiene items. Curves for Women of Canton, Plymouth and Dearborn, Michigan led this generous effort.

Your ministry continues to operate with no paid staff, and is supported by the generosity of individuals, institutions and churches who are answering the great need present in our community.

Partnering with Gleaners Community Food Bank allows us to purchase food at an average cost of twenty cents per pound. A donation of just five dollars will purchase twenty-five pounds of food for distribution to a needy family.

Please note that Help's on the Way is an IRS 501 C 3 nonprofit, incorporated in the State of Michigan and donors are allowed deductions on their Federal income tax for donations to your ministry. Additionally, many opportunities to support your ministry can be found at our web site: www.helpsontheway.org and we encourage you to visit that site for additional ministry information.

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