

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



# Help's on The Way

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## Food Shelves *Curve* at Help's On The Way!

Curves for Women conducts a food drive each year in the month of March. Locally owned fitness centers donate the collected food to community charities. For calendar year 2009, **Help's on the Way**, was selected to receive the food donated by clients of the, Canton Curves for Women and the Dearborn Curves for Women. Help's On The Way received nearly 3,000 pound of food from the Canton Curves for Women and nearly 2,000 pounds from the Dearborn Curves for Women. Dave and Kim Scartelli, own and operate Curves for Women in South Lyon, Plymouth and Canton, Michigan. Gail and Kevin Bushbaker own the Curves for Women in Dearborn, Michigan. All of us at Help's On The Way were overwhelmed by the quantity of food donated by the clients of the Canton and Dearborn Curves for Women. Dave and Kim Scartelli own and operate the, Curves for Women in South Lyon, Michigan at 25820 Pontiac Trail, Plymouth, Michigan at 44717 Five Mile Road and the Curves for Women in Canton, Michigan at 44248 Cherry Hill Road. Gail and Kevin Bushbaker own and operate the Canton Curves for Women which is located at 16201 Ford Road in Dearborn, Michigan. If you happen to visit these fitness centers, please congratulate Dave, Kim, Gail and Kevin for having such generous clients and for the hard work and coordination which benefited so many people.

## Migration to Emailed Newsletter

The cost of postage and printing has become such that we want to reduce these costs and use more of our financial resources to directly support client needs. Previously, we have both emailed and mailed the newsletter. Beginning with the current issue of the Help's on the Way newsletter, we will begin emailing the newsletter to folks for whom we have an email address and mailing the print copy to those of you who are not on the email distribution list. If you would be willing to help us reduce the cost of distributing the newsletter, please consider logging on to our web site at [www.helpsontheway.org](http://www.helpsontheway.org) and sending us an email to put you on the email distribution list by using the **contact us link** on our home page. Please be assured that we will never share your email address with anyone under any circumstance.

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## HELP'S ON THE WAY

**INSPIRATION** - About two years ago, Kimberly, a young single parent with two children came to Helps on the Way for food and clothing. Her interviewer prayed with her that she would find funding to finish her Certified Nursing Assistant program. In March of 2009 she came in to thank us and inform us that the prayer worked. She obtained funding from a totally unexpected source and was now starting a job as a CNA. I have seen and experienced the powers of prayer work so many times that I know it is not just coincidence. Please pray for this ministry. We do not always hear back from clients who never return to us for help but I hope and believe that many of them have found work or resolved their personal problems. Most importantly many of them have found Christ and accepted him as their Lord and Savior. Helps On The Way volunteers and donors perform a great service to our clients by giving them hope for the future, inspiration and an example of the love of Jesus Christ.

**Your brother in Christ, Walt Hyvari**

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**Help's on the Way Work Project** - On Saturday, April 25, 2009 a team of volunteers gathered at our Client Service Center in Dearborn Heights, Michigan for the first of three work projects. Many of you are aware that Help's on the Way has assisted nearly forty thousand families since we began operating in October of 2001. However, while we have been assisting our neighbors our buildings and grounds at 5358 and 5346 Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan have been showing signs of wear-and-tear. With the hard work of twenty volunteers we were able to:

- Remove all dead tree branches in back of buildings
- Remove tree branches from back of buildings
- Paint storage shed
- General property clean-up
- Cut grass, weeds along fence line
- Rake areas between sidewalk and road
- Prune both trees in front of building
- Prune trees at rear of both buildings
- Repair cyclone fencing
- Sweep/power-wash parking lot
- Repair/fill parking lot cracks and holes
- Power-wash exterior of both buildings
- Install new exterior door on South building

In addition to the cleanup work, a team from Oak Pointe Church which is located in Novi, Michigan gave both buildings a coat of paint and the buildings look fantastic. In the near future, we hope to complete all repairs to the parking lot and reseal and stripe the parking lot. Plans are also in the works to reorganize both the North and South buildings to more efficiently use the space for client intake and food distribution.

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### **New Resources**

SafeLink Wireless is a government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers, log on to <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/>

Wayne County Weatherization Program - Providing free home weatherization to low income residents. To apply for this program, please call 734.727.7297

Wayne County Senior Prescription Savings Program  
<http://www.waynecountyhealthchoice.org/spsp.html>

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**Grant Writer Wanted**

Are you an experienced grant writer? Are you a novice grant writer? Are you somewhere in between? Help's on the Way is a growing ministry that continues to reach out to the community in the area of providing food and clothing for neighbors who find themselves in a state of need. We have several worthwhile projects that if completed, would be of great service to the community we serve. One project would entail building and addition between our two existing buildings, and to use the additional space for community / group meetings of interest to some our clients. We envision a place where Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and other self-help groups could meet. We would also like to present family budgeting and nutrition classes in the space this facility would provide. Additionally, we see the additional space being used by clients for access to the web for the purpose of education and employment. As most of our readers are aware, we have no paid staff, so this position would be a labor of love. We would be extremely careful to not overburden the person who might take on this responsibility, and at present, we do not see the need for developing more than one or two grants per calendar year. If this is an assignment that interest you, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Bill Swift at [bill.swift@helpsontheway.org](mailto:bill.swift@helpsontheway.org).

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**A Brief Look at our Sorting & Stocking Team**

One of the comments we most often hear from clients regarding our clothing ministry is, "It's like shopping at a regular retail store." Of course there is no charge for clothing, but the comment communicates to us that we are showing respect for the clients by having a clean, well organized facility where people can stretch their clothing budget.

Our Tuesday evening, Sorting and Stocking team makes this possible. At 6:00 PM on Tuesday evenings, ten or twelve volunteers meet at the Client Service Center and begin to the process of sorting and stacking the Gleaners Community Food Bank food delivery, while the clothing team begins the process of sorting donated clothing by size, gender and seasonal suitability.

Clothing is arranged for men, women and children by general sizes. The donated clothing typically falls into three categories; keepers, out-of-season clothing that is passed on to other agencies that have larger storage space and damaged-torn clothing that well sell by the pound to an individual who processes them into utility rags.

The clothing team is especially busy during our Coat and Blanket donation program. We literally have hundreds of coats and blankets that we organize and display for clients to choose from. When Winter weather is approaching, the efforts and generosity of our donors and the clothing team keep many people warm.

Of course no job is finished until the paperwork is done. Volunteers break down cardboard boxes and other containers for disposal, and packing crates and wooden pallets are stored for sale to a pallet processing company. We try not to waste anything that could be of assistance to our clients and the sorting and stocking team works tirelessly to achieve that goal.

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**More Than Food and Clothing**

Our staff of volunteers is constantly on the lookout for resources that may assist our clients. Please consider logging on to our website [www.helpsontheway.org](http://www.helpsontheway.org) and then linking to the Client Resources page.

## **HELPS ON THE WAY**

### **Library Announcement**

Helps On The Way "PUT & TAKE LIBRARY" is looking for donations of Christian books, both fiction and non-fiction, for use by our clients and volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of Reverend Dick Bont and many other donors we have an excellent start for our library. Won't you help by donating, and also recycling, books for the library and magazines for the waiting room? Books from the "Women of Faith" or "Left Behind" or "Chicken Soup" series, Christian Counseling, Alcohol and Drug Addiction, Single Parenting, Self Help, Inspirational Writings and Divorce are greatly needed. We can also use Bibles, Bible Study Guides, Children's Books and reference books such as dictionaries, Thesaurus's, Cook Books, Health & Nutrition, etc. Magazines such as (but not limited to) Guideposts, Readers Digest, Family Circle, Better Homes & Gardens, Lady's Home Journal, Popular Science and Popular Mechanics, will help our clients pass the time while waiting to be interviewed. Draw a squiggly line through, scratch or cut out your name & address on your books or magazines and we will also put a Helps On The Way "Put & Take Library" or recycled magazine label over it to ensure your anonymity. Think of the enjoyment and help you received from these books and magazines, the dust they are collecting and how much help and blessing to a needy person they could bring! We also welcome items such as Christian audio & video tapes or CD's. Remember Helps On The Way is a registered non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. Thank You and God bless this ministry.

**Your brother in Christ, Walt Hyvari**

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### **Ward Church - Samaritan's Purse Build Project "The Second Option"**

I have just returned from a Samaritan's Purse Build Project that was sponsored by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church which is located in Northville, Michigan. Our group of ten men traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana to work on homes that were severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina struck on August 29, 2005, the storm left many dead, and many homeless. The evidence of the destruction is on every block in the community where we worked and the extent of the damage must be seen to be fully comprehended.

To many people, the aftermath of the storm and the work that remains to be done seem overwhelming. Thousands of homes need extensive repairs before families can return to their neighborhood communities. Samaritan's Purse and Ward Church, in supporting this undertaking realize that we all have choices when faced with what appears to be an insurmountable task; do nothing, or try to do something. Ward Church and Samaritan's Purse are supporting the second option, for which the families of New Orleans are grateful beyond words.

This, of course, brings me to write about Help's on the Way and the impact we are trying to have on the community we serve. We are unable to feed every hungry adult and child in the State of Michigan. We are unable to clothe every adult and child in Michigan that is facing a cold Winter season. But just as Ward Church and Samaritan's Purse are embracing the second option of doing something, we at Help's on the Way are embracing that option as well.

Most of you will never meet our clients, many of whom are your neighbors. You may be assured however, that with your support of the ministry and the dedication of our many volunteers, the clients of Help's on the Way are grateful beyond words.

**Thank you for your support of Help's on the Way**

**Bill Swift, Executive Director**

**Help's on the Way**

**Donor Opportunities**

- Help's on the Way depends upon the generosity of hundreds of people to provide food, clothing and spiritual care to many families who are facing difficult times. Over the years, Help's on the Way has assisted nearly forty thousand men, women and children in a Christian environment. We are staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time, effort and energy to help the strangers who come to our ministry. We consider ourselves to be good stewards of what we receive from donors, and we are hopeful that you will consider supporting this ministry.
- Help's on the Way is a 501 C-3 nonprofit corporation, and donations are tax-deductable within the guidelines of the United States, Internal Revenue Service. Additionally, for Michigan residents, individuals, married couples and businesses may claim fifty percent of their cash donations to Help's on the Way on their **Michigan Income Tax Return** as a **tax credit** for contributions to homeless shelters and food banks. Individuals may claim fifty percent of gifts up to two hundred dollars, married couples filing jointly may claim fifty percent of gifts up to four hundred dollars, and businesses may claim fifty percent of gifts up to ten thousand dollars. A complete guide to Michigan tax credits can be found on our web at [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and by linking to the **Donor Opportunities** page.
- You can also find a complete listing of client needs, including reading materials, food, personal hygiene items, and household supplies on our web site at [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and by linking to the **Donor Opportunities** page.



Help's on the Way is partnered with Charity Motors and we ask that you please consider donating your car, truck, motorcycle or recreational vehicle to Charity Motors. Information and instructions for donating vehicles can be found at [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and by linking to the **Donor Opportunities** page, or by calling Charity Motors at (313)255-1000, please remember to designate Help's on the Way as the recipient of your donation.



Help's on the Way is partnered with the Meijer Community Rewards Program, and we encourage you to consider joining this program. Our agency code for the Meijer Community Rewards Program is **392614**. Information and instructions for becoming a partner in the Meijer Community Rewards Program can be found at [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and by then linking to the **Donor Opportunities** page.



A convenient method of financially supporting the ministry is available to donors by using PayPal. If you choose to donate by credit or debit card, you are not required to open a PayPal account. Simply log on to [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and link to the **Donor Opportunities** page. For donors who would prefer to set up a monthly twenty dollar subscription, a PayPal account must first be established. Please log on to our web site, [helpsontheway.org](http://helpsontheway.org) and link to the **Donor Opportunities** page for a full explanation and the step-by-step process for establishing a PayPal account.

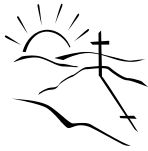
As always, donors may send a financial donation to our corporate office:

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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 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.
- Provide spiritual inspiration through prayer, distributions of Bibles, "Our Daily Bread" and other Christian periodicals.

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 734.417.9744, or visit our web site.

**[www.helpsontheway.org](http://www.helpsontheway.org)**