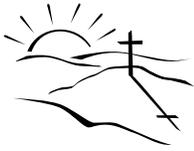


Psalm 46:1 "God Is Our Refuge And Strength, An Ever-Present Help In Trouble."



Help's On The Way

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Mathew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."

Our food collection and distribution network continues to grow at, Help's On The Way. During the first half of 2002, Help's On The way provided food to the following organizations: Saint Peter's A.M.E. Church, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Restoration Hall facility for seniors in Detroit, Michigan, Meals on Wheels, Forgotten Harvest, The Detroit Rescue Mission and the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. These donations represent our desire as an organization to network with sources of support in the community who provide food, and or, meals to individuals or organizations that are in need.

Mathew 25:35 "I needed clothes and you clothed me..."

Help's On the Way is developing a reputation in the community as a place to donate clothing, and that is a good reputation to have. Just recently, the IFSEA (International Food Service Executives Association) has decided to make, Help's On The Way, their, "charity of choice." Two member organizations of IFSEA: U. S. Foodservice, and Sysco Food Services Of Detroit, are developing a plan for their employees to collect donated clothing. Our thanks and appreciation go out to the members of, IFSEA for their spirit of giving. Help's On The Way is a regular donor of clothing to the Detroit Rescue Mission, Saint Vincent DePaul Society, and the Salvation Army. Additionally, our plan continues to develop for the distribution of clothing from our facility at 5358 South Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.



Special thanks to all who helped in preparing for the open house. Pictured: **Nancy Fiske, Pat Hatala, Vicki Vensel, Bonnie Gozdick, Jack Schmitt, Mike Howard, Lisa Mulligan and Paul Denkhous.** Not pictured, **Biz Bennett** who helped assemble this crew of angels. Our new building looked great, and as you can see, it took a great deal of work to give our new home a feeling of ... home.



Hello,

My name is, Elizabeth Bennett, 'Biz' to my friends. I am the newest board member of Help's On The Way. What an honor to serve God through this organization. Since I am the newest member on the board, I was asked to write this article, all board members will have an opportunity to contribute, and I get the first turn.

All of the members of the board became friends through Single Point Ministries at Ward Church in Northville, Michigan. Single Point Ministries gave us the opportunity to grow personally through the Divorce Recovery Workshop, to participate for many years in leadership, share many mission trips and by the teachings of Paul Clough and Dick Bont.

We learned the truth about who we are to be in Christ and what His plans are for our life. I guess you'd say we have been in training for today. The most recent project of Help's On The Way is the distribution of clothing and accessories to women in need. We know that there are people all over the world that live in poverty and need help in every way...in fact, we have been missionaries to some of those people.

The greatest lesson I've learned from my mission trips was that it wasn't a "trip" but a mission, every place, every day. There are women, too, that need our help: in our workplace, neighborhoods, and even in our own church.

Divorce, death of a loved one, single parenting, health issues, loss of employment and financial devastation can happen to anyone. We feel that there is a need that God wants us to fill....which is why He gave us this vision.

It was the monthly get together of my accountability group and dear friends, Bonnie, Diane, Nance, Lisa, Pat, Sandy and Vicki. I call them "Angels". For several years now we have been sisters in Christ so it was no surprise to me what came out of this one visit.

We were sitting at the dinner table having a conversation that seems to occur annually: cleaning our closets! It was a lesson of how God uses ordinary people and ordinary situations like cleaning closets and uses them for His good.

All of us had agreed that we were blessed with too much "stuff". Our closets were full of clothes (some of us several sizes) and it was time to clean house. One of us said, "between the eight of us, we could clothe a lot of women" and instantly the vision grew.

We could collect clothing and accessories from all our friends at Single Point (that's a lot of clothes), find a building to display the clothing, the building decor would be inviting, women in need would be referred to us by Single Point, other churches, organizations and shelters...and God would bless the ministry as we shared His love with other women.

Whew! Okay, so who do you ask when you need a building for mission work? Of course, Mike Howard, Jack Schmitt and Jim Kelly - Help's On The Way! With great enthusiasm, we shared our vision with them and the idea was contagious.

Within a year, Help's On The Way had purchased the Beech Daly Road property in Dearborn Heights, Michigan to be the home base for this new project and many other future projects.

We were fortunate that the building was in good shape with just a little cleaning to be done. I have been told that if you want a clean house.....plan a party! So the Open House was planned and thanks to the "Angels" we were ready for the celebration. We know that this is only the beginning and that God has great plans for us as we willing serve Him. To our many friends....we appreciate you for your encouraging words, your financial support, for cleaning "your" closets, and especially for your continued prayers.

Biz Bennett

Open House a Great Success

Some were grilling... Some wanted to drive, "Old Yeller"...

And some were simply happy to join in the celebration.



Guests enjoyed delicious food, and toured the, "New and Improved," facility.



Pictured at right are the, "Angels" on Open House Day. These wonderful Christian women worked very hard at making our open house a great success.



Mission Statement

"Help Is 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 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," again, for those in need.
- The collection of donated household items, and the distribution and delivery of household items

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The board of directors wishes to announce that the, Beech Daly Road facility in, Dearborn Heights, Michigan will initially be open for client intake on Thursday afternoons. Hours are four to eight-thirty pm. In addition to these hours of operation, a phone message may be left by way of voice mail. Our plan is to access the voice mail twice weekly, and to respond accordingly.

Please call **734.776.3184** to speak to a volunteer on Thursday afternoon, or to leave a message at other times.