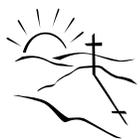


Psalm 46:1 "God Is Our Refuge And Strength, An Ever Present Help In Trouble."



# Help's On The Way

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## Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

In January of 2004, Help's On The Way became an officially supported outreach mission of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located at 40000 West Six Mile Road in Northville, Michigan. In addition to the generous financial support of Ward Church Missions, this development will provide our organization with opportunities to expand our involvement with Ward Church, and the community of believers Ward Church serves.

The development of this relationship occurred over many months of discussion between, Help's On The Way corporate officers and the governing body of Ward Church.

Our task of presenting a picture to Ward Church of the impact we have had in the community consisted of two major themes; one theme we hoped to convey was the spiritual impact, God is allowing us to have in the lives of our clients, and secondarily, the development of demographics that demonstrated to the governing body of Ward Church that we were addressing the concrete needs of brothers and sisters in the community that are in need of assistance.

Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church has decided to trust our organization to continue the work we have started by supporting us financially and spiritually. Our intention is to continue the work we have started, and with thoughtful consideration, expand our community outreach.

Who shall we thank? All believers know that blessings come about as a result of God's grace, and that God works his will through His servants. Thank you God for the body of believers and servants that is Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

As an organization, we shall endeavor to conduct ourselves in such a way that warrants the trust placed in us by Ward Church as we continue the development of our mission.

## Board of Directors Expansion

The board of directors of, Help's On the Way has voted to increase the number of members on the board of directors. After much discussion, the board of directors concluded that our continuing growth warranted the expansion of board positions. Previously, our board consisted of eight members, and that number has been increased to eleven.

Two candidates were approved at our January 2004 board meeting. Please join us in welcoming Helen Davis, and Mark Crowther to the board. Both Helen and Mark are trusted servants of Jesus Christ, and both bring a caring heart and a strong desire to serve the community.

## Teams at Help's On The Way

Busy, busy, busy. Our Clients Services Center on Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights has been a busy place on Thursday evenings. Typically we had a number of clients being evaluated for the type and extent of assistance needed. At the same time we were sorting clothes, unloading furniture and stocking food shelves. In short, we felt we weren't allowing ourselves, or our clients, enough time to build the most effective relationship possible.

We recognized that it would be helpful to clients if we could designate another day of the week for sorting and stocking items that have been donated to our organization. We now have a Tuesday evening sorting team that has helped immensely with that issue.

Sandy and Darlene Johnston, along with their team, head up this activity on Tuesday evenings. In addition to sorting and stocking shelves, Sandy and Darlene's team are using that time for facility repairs, housecleaning, and in general, keeping our Service Center clean and well organized.

Thank you, Sandy and Darlene, and please thank all of your team members. Your efforts are helping our clients receive the care and attention we feel they deserve. As our organization grows, we plan to use the model of Sandy and Darlene's team to facilitate other ministries of Help's On The Way.

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner

In 2003, Help's On The Way provided a Thanksgiving dinner for thirty families who live in the greater Dearborn Heights community. It took planning and coordination to make this effort a success, and you, our financial supporters provided the means to feed so many people.

Our plan was to provide enough foodstuffs to feed a family of six a Thanksgiving dinner. Along with a grocery bag of food, we provided a fifteen dollar Kroger gift card for the purchase of a fresh turkey.

As they say, "Nothing succeeds like success." With God's blessing in this endeavor, we felt that we could repeat this process for the Christmas holiday. Again, thirty clients signed up to receive a food bag with enough to feed a family of six. In lieu of the Kroger gift card, each family was provided a frozen ham.



These holiday meals were made possible with the support of the community of donors who consistently help our organization meet the needs of the clients we serve. From our clients and all of us at Help's On The Way, thank you.

At the request of Help's On The Way, Pastor Dick Bont, Single Point Ministries, graciously provided a prayer to be included in the grocery bags of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord."**

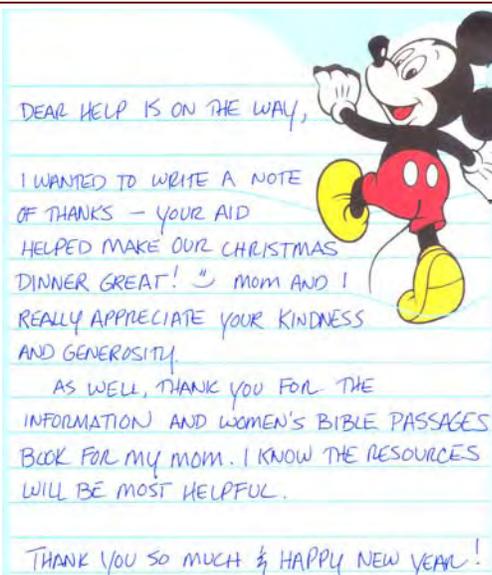
Heavenly Father,

Sometimes life gets overwhelming and very unsure. Sometimes I become fearful and lose sight of who you are and what you have given me. My life may not be where I want it to be, or where I thought it would be, but I want to take a few moments to thank you. I thank you that you love me and that you show that love to me through family, friends and people I don't even know. I thank you for your promise that you will "never leave me or forsake me," so that I will always know that you are with me, watching over me, caring for me, loving me, and guarding my life. I thank you that you supply my needs through people and organizations that care for me. I thank you for every person who has ever put their arms around me and said, "I understand and I'm here to help." I thank you for the times when you made yourself known to me in a special way, when I needed you the most. I thank you for the hope that you give, for eternal life in you, through the gift of your Son in His death on Calvary. For that is the greatest blessing of all. Father, please continue to be with me, help me each day to be aware of your love and your presence, and your hope.

**In Jesus Name.... Amen**



Thanksgiving dinner



More Thanksgiving food.



Christmas dinner.

**Mission Statement**

"Help's 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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Helen Davis—A. W. W.

Mark Crowther—The Gingerbread Trim Company

**Community Advisory Committee:**

Lisa Cashero—Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Molly Malpass-Wayne Westland Schools, Social Services / Parent Involvement Coordinator

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 on Thursday afternoons. Hours are six to nine pm. Additionally, phone messages may be left by way of voice mail at any time. Please call **734.776.3184** to speak to a volunteer on Thursday afternoons, or to leave a message at other times.