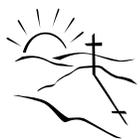


Psalm 46:1 "God Is Our Refuge And Strength, An Ever Present Help In Trouble."



Help's On The Way

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From our President and CEO, Mike Howard

I am occasionally asked how Help's On The Way came into existence. As with many things in life, the path that led to the development of the organization was not a straight line process.

In a great sense, the people of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Single Point Ministries formed the organization, just as they formed and developed the three men with the idea of a community mission.

Jim Kelly, Jack Schmitt and I met at Ward, and grew together as Christian friends. Through our short-term mission experiences we began to think that a mission close to home was needed just as much as it is in far away lands.

Printed on the Sunday AM bulletin of Single Point Ministries are the words, "Reaching up to God, and out to others," the three of us had been putting this idea into practice locally. Jim Kelly was providing meals to the needy people of a Detroit, Michigan neighborhood, Jack Schmitt and I were helping with the reconstruction and remodeling of a church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the three of us were volunteering at the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Onward by faith, we decided to purchase a building and to begin the process of organizing a Christian-based, non-profit community assistance agency. We credit, Jim Kelly with the name of our organization, and the slogan with have on our delivery truck, "Showing God's love in a practical way."

Our growth continues, growing as Christians, and growing the organization that has become a lifeline to people in the community who are in need. Throughout the development of our organization, the Bible has been a source of wisdom and guidance to all of us: we are one body, love your neighbor as yourself, we are God's servants, we are known by the fruit we bear, and all things are done by the grace of our Lord.

In Him, Mike Howard

Curves For Women

Once again, Curves For Women has greatly assisted, Help's On The Way. During their Spring 2004 outreach to charity, Curves for Women collected over five thousand pounds of food for distribution to our clients.

Our costs for food are often over five hundred dollars per week, and the amount of food donated by the client's of, Curves For Women allow us to continue our outreach the to those in the community who are in need of assistance.

Dave and Kim Scartelli, are owners of two Curves For Women locations, one at 44717 Five Mile Road in Plymouth and one at 44248 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Michigan, have a heart for helping their neighbors, and we are deeply grateful for their hard work and logistical planning that makes this effort so successful.

It goes without saying that the clients of, Curves For Women, are indeed, both thoughtful and generous in their desire to help. To all of you, a very sincere thank you.

Help's On The Way, Client Prayer Cards

May 13, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

7 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, May 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

Court May 25
Father passed away
settle estate fairly

June 10, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

2 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, June 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

Daughter to start
new life alone.

June 10, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

3 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, June 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

My Cancer Stays
in Remission

May 13, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

4 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, May 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

Moving into
New home
Looking for job
parttime.

Help's On The Way is concerned about the families in our community. Some of our neighbors are hungry, or in need of clothing. Beds and bedding are always high on the list of items our clients need. Along with needs for furniture and appliances are the needs expressed to those of us who interact with clients, one human being to another. Many of those needs are shown on this page. Lisa Cashero, a member of our, Community Advisory Committee, developed the idea of Prayer Cards for our clients. The cards serve two purposes; a method to track the distribution of food, and to also record requests for prayer. On Thursday evenings, after the agency has closed for the night, each volunteer takes his or her share of prayer cards. We use these cards to remind ourselves of the needs clients have when we lift them up in prayer. As you read the prayer

May 13, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

6 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, May 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

Learning to ask for
help. Car to
get around.
Continued prayer
for daughter.

March 18, 2004
Help's On The Way

Name: [Redacted]

To best serve all the families we welcome to Help's on Thursday evenings, please respect our grocery limits.

3 bags of groceries are available to you this week. You may visit us again on Thursday, April 1, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Do you have a prayer request to share? One of us will be praying for you this week:

Better finances -
better paying job.
Health + strength
for children.

cards on this page, consider lifting our clients up in prayer. As you can readily see, our clients have many needs. We have many clients with chronic health problems. Clients with needs for transportation and automobile repairs. Employment and long-term housing are serious and difficult problems are clients are struggling with. Some of our clients are struggling with issues related to their children, or to aging parents. Some of our clients have recently become Christians, and they ask that we pray for their continuing spiritual growth. As you read these pray cards, consider your neighbors needs in sincere prayer. Also pray for our Board of Directors, and the volunteers who give so much of themselves in support of our community ministry. Thank you.



Help's On The Way partners with the Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Help's On The way has begun a participative relationship with the Gleaners Community Food Bank. Beginning in June of 2004, Help's On The Way began stocking its shelves with foodstuffs from Gleaners Community Food Bank. This partnership will greatly help us stretch our food dollar, and allow our organization to reach more neighbors in the community who are in need of food.

Gleaners started with a dream and an idea. The dream was that no one should go hungry while food was going to waste. The idea was to create a distribution network that would provide local non-profit agencies with a low cost, reliable source of food for hungry people.

In 1977, Gleaners Community Food Bank was one of just three food banks in the nation. It has since worked to ease the problem of hunger in southeastern Michigan and across America.

Gleaners takes its name from the Bible Book of Ruth, where the gleaners give to those in need by gathering grain left behind in fields after the harvest. Food for Gleaners comes by way of safe and marketable food donated by farmers, grocery stores, supermarkets, food distributors and food manufacturers.

The food is made available to food banks like Gleaners for many reasons. A small labeling error may keep it from reaching retail markets, or it needs to be immediately distributed if it is close to its sales date.

As Help's On The Way continues their relationship with Gleaners, we plan to keep the readers of our newsletter informed and up-to-date about the impact both organizations are having on the community.

For a complete and thorough understanding of the Gleaners Community Food Bank, readers are encouraged to log on the organization's web site. Gleaners on line can be found at (<http://www.gcfb.org>).

Watch us Grow

The demand for client services continues to grow, and that growth has made it necessary to expand our Client Services Center. Help's On The Way has entered into an agreement to rent, with the option to purchase, the building directly north of our current location on, Beech Daly Road in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The addition of this second building will help us with food distribution, and the management of our clothes closet. In addition to much needed building space, this agreement will greatly expand parking space for clients and volunteers. This expansion was undertaken after much prayer and thought, and is supported unanimously by our board of directors. A capital improvement program to support this expansion is underway, and news of this program will soon be made available to potential donors.

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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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.