

# Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the  
homeless and needy

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## God Provides

Isn't God amazing! We have been serving up to twenty additional people a night for the past several months. Why that is I am not sure. But I do know God provides—he provides workers and enough food for all to eat.

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here soon. And YES **we will be serving Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years** and one of the guys said— "and Ground Hog Day". When I hand out socks, that same man, Mark, also says things like, "do you have a left and a right sock? I can't wear two left socks."

We will be needing turkeys for the holidays.

Also with the fall weather is **hunting season** — please fill those tags—any extra deer we will use. There is nothing healthier than venison—true organic, free range meat. I have a butcher that will butcher it too. Please contact me.

We have had our appliance difficulties these past couple months. It's hard to imagine that I run five freezers, and six fridges. Sometimes I don't count them all—I forget. Anyway, we usually have older appliances donated and have only bought a couple new in the 22 years of serving. Well, two of the freezers weren't running very well — on their last leg, as well as two of the fridges. Praise God we got a new freezer donated., got a new freezer at a discounted rate, and bought two used fridges from Mummas—they delivered them. Thank you all who contributed to this need!

## My Loss

This past June I experienced the worst day of my life. I got the phone call that every parent (mom) never wants to receive. "Josh is dead." I can't even write the words without crying my eyes out. He was a young man, 34, and left a wife and 2 children, 10 and 4. My world and yes my family's world has forever been changed. He died a Thursday, one of my serving nights. Of course I had cooked for the meal, and went down—one lady who had come to serve had lost her son over a year ago. She was there and she truly knows the ache in my heart. I share this two-fold. 1. It has taken awhile to get this newsletter out and that is why. But more importantly, God is still in control. He is still on the throne. And though we don't know why and don't understand— How many times I said I would have gladly died in Josh's place. Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. The Lord has the perfect plan for our lives. He knows and sees the whole picture not just today but tomorrow and forever. I know I will be with my son again in heaven. I thank God Josh knew the Lord as His personal Savior. Remember God loves you and sent His son to die for your sin.

## You Can Make a Difference

When you donate to Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, inc., you are helping a Vet. **Thank you veterans** for serving our country, It is a privilege and honor to serve you.

You can make a difference in one persons life by supporting HHM. We help children, men and women by providing food, emotional and spiritual support.

Prayer works! Your prayers make a difference in all the people involved in HHM Everyone is struggling—with something. Finances, addictions, physical, or psychological issues or a mixture of these. Please Pray!

## Needs

We need coffee, HOT CHOCOLATE mix, creamer, forks, and napkins. WE have gone GREEN so we **do not need** Styrofoam plates, bowls or cups. BUT we do need to go **8oz. Paper cups**. Some of the guys like to take their drinks outside and we would like to give them ones to go rather than see our “real” cups go.

Also, white socks, soap and deodorant are always welcomed items.

## Contact Us

Social Network: Facebook  
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 Camp Hill, PA 17011  
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 118 State St.  
 Harrisburg, PA 17101  
 4:00pm—6:00 pm.

## Doing Well

Success stories. 1. A couple who have been together for many years got married. Congratulations and many blessings. 2. D. had come to eat for quite awhile. Just not making ends meat” (meet). He has been working, has a roof over his head, putting food on his table, and doing well and doesn't need to come. To eat—but of course he is welcome to come.

We are here for those who are in need. In need of a hot meal, in need of prayer or a listening ear, or just to know someone cares about them.

Verily I say unto you,  
 Inasmuch as ye have done  
 it unto one of the least of  
 these my brethren, ye  
 have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

## Donations

Thank you to all who are financially donating to HHM. Please consider partnering with us on a monthly basis as we continue to do God's work in the Harrisburg area. Your donations are tax deductible.

We are a totally volunteer operated organization!

Also please check with the company

you work for and see if they do match-  
 ing contributions. Every little bit helps.

When you purchase on Amazon use:

[https://smile.amazon.com/  
 ch/25-1777667](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1777667)

It's always great to support the vendors that support Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. They are kind enough to donate so to show our appreciation please tell them thank you by purchasing their product. You can always tell the manager too. Some of the vendors are The Healthy Grocer, Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Bob Evans New Cumberland, and Red Lobster and KFC Lemoyne.

Be ye therefore  
 followers of God,  
 as dear children;

Ephesians 5:1  
 KJV

## Appreciate Them

Have I told you how much I appreciate ALL my volunteers? I appreciate all their hard work, dedication and willingness to come and serve. We laugh, we cry, we share, we have a special relationship. I know it isn't always be easy to put up with me but I am thankful they do.

I love the fact that CHUM youth and Focus Group from Glenvale COG (youth) come to help serve. These young people get to experience first hand meeting of the needs of others. Some have expressed interest in missions, in becoming youth leaders, working with people with addictions and other social work. This is not because of me but what the Lord has allowed me to do for the past 22 years. By allowing young people to come to see the “other side” - get out of their own selfish little world— they in turn will grow into caring adults.

## Potpie Fundraiser

Friday, September 23, at Charlton UMC, 5920 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg, Pa 17112, across from Karns food market, is a potpie fundraiser dinner. 5p-7p. Cost: \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.