

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

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homeless and needy

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A TEEN WHOSE HEART IS STEADFAST

"I, (Allison), am a junior attending Cedar Cliff High School and a member of Camp Hill United Methodist Church." This young lady received the Young Woman of Merit Scholarship. "Six years ago, I began serving at a Harrisburg soup kitchen, called Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg...I started serving there with my church, unbeknownst to how this small organization would alter my life in a big way. I grew up with the ministry; working with Helping Hands has built my confidence and sparked compassion in my heart. Through many years with this ministry, I found purpose and great satisfaction through serving others. Through Helping Hands, I have the privilege to work with people of various races, economic statuses, and countless walks of life. Through simply feeding these individuals, I was repaid countless times over in spiritual food and nourishment. Have learned many of their personal stories and struggles. These individuals have taught me the importance of optimism, hope, and faith. (Then she gives her view of Kathleen's heart "serving and unconditionally loving the needy of Harrisburg and perfectly embodies a servant's heart.") "Her organization is what has truly inspired and encouraged to me to use my time and talents to serve others." We are so proud of her, her accomplishments and most of all her heart for others. She received this award for her part in Helping Hands and other service learning opportunities. May the Lord continue to bless her and her future as she grows in the Lord and continues her education.

You Can Make It

I would like to share a story of a young couple whom I have known for many years.

They both lived on the street. They both had drug addictions. They both knew that their life in the addiction was no life at all. They knew a life without Jesus had no hope. G and B met at a soup kitchen and soon became a couple on the street. (Oct 2012) but within a few short months (Dec. 2012) they got a place together. G got clean first, B took a little longer but got clean this past February. They married in June. The story sounds short but the struggles they went through took months and years. Let's pray for them as they start their new life together clean and walking with the Lord. May He put a hedge of protection around them because just because you get out of the drug scene doesn't mean the drug scene doesn't try to draw you back in and the dealers can still make your life a living...but with God all things are possible. I am so proud of these two young people and love them so much.

You Can Make a Difference

When you donate to Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, inc., you are helping a Vet. It is very sad there are so many homeless and close to homelessness veterans. **Thank you veterans** for serving our country, It is a **privilege and honor to serve you.**

Many hands make light work. Without hands to serve, hearts that care, and monetary gifts HHM would not be able to impact a homeless or needy person's life in a positive way.

Ephesians 3:7 By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving Him by spreading the Good News. Come and **share** what the **Lord has done** in your life.

Needs

We need coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, creamer, forks, and napkins. We have gone **GREEN** so we **do not need** Styrofoam plates, bowls or cups.

Interested in serving HHM ?3 -4 servers are needed every Thursday.

We also could use 4-6 people on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** at St. Michael Lutheran Church 118 State Street, Harrisburg. Text or call Kathleen at 7179194383.

Contact

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Thurs., Fri., and Sun.
4:00pm—6:00 pm.

Christmas

We will be serving **Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We are in need of blankets, white socks, and white t-shirts. We would like to have hoodies,(L, XL) and long johns (large and XL) to hand out as gifts on Christmas. We would also like to know if there is a youth group / girls scouts / any group that would like to make "goodie bags" for the guys: packet of hot cocoa mix, candy bar, hard candy, pair of socks, maybe a tube of chapstick.**

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

We are **100% totally volunteer and rely solely on Your financial contributions.** Please consider partnering with us every month, no donation is too small. We are seeing more people coming to the soup kitchen. Also, please consider donating if the company you work for matches donations. Every penny blesses many. 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.

Also if you have Bibles you would like to donate that would be great. Although please not the tiny print ones—most can't see the tiny print, Thanks.

Knowing that
whatsoever
good thing any
man doeth,
the same shall
he receive of
the Lord,
whether he be
bond or free.
Ephesians 6:8

Faithful Partners

We welcome Red Lobster, Camp Hill, to our list of partners. We have many faithful servants: St. Michael Lutheran Church opens their doors to us Sundays, Thursdays and, Fridays; Charlton UMC prepares spaghetti and meatballs once a month; St. John's Lutheran provides casseroles monthly; and we receive weekly donations from The Healthy Grocer, Bonefish Grill, Karns, Starbucks Trindle Road, Wegmans, Bob Evans, and The Broad Street Market.

The faithful "helping hands" include Lindsay, Bob, Mike, Bob G., Sara, Alice, Rose, Barry, Linda, Marge, Hope, Bill and Emily, Patrick, Jim, Roman, and my husband Terry.

The Churches that faithfully come to help serve are: Camp Hill UMC (adults and youth group), Redland Valley BIC, Daybreak, Marysville Church of God, Charlton UMC, Tree of Life, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Agape Fellowship in Christ, Simeon Lutheran Church, and the Focus Group from Glenvale Church of God.

We have also had socks, t-shirts, health and beauty aids donated by Calvary Evangelical Lutheran (Mechanicsburg), Christ Evangelical Lutheran (Linglestown) and Tree of Life.