

# Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the  
homeless and needy

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## Blessings

Isn't God amazing! The Lord provides—Jehovah-jireh.

We are truly thankful for St. Michael Lutheran Church for extending their hospitality to Helping Hands Ministries for 5 years now. It is so nice to be cool in the summer, warm in the winter, to have a place for “the guys” to sit, eat, and relax, and to have use of the bathrooms. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in the community. Thank you hosts from St. Mikes: Mike E., Anne., John and Susan., Hope and Barry; and Rod is there to open the door for us on Saturdays.

Thank you Dave and Sharon, a husband and wife team, who had been coming to eat for a few weeks but asked if they could help out. That was months ago and they are such a blessing. They fill-in when unloading and if needed to help serve; but they wash tables and mop the floor. Truly an act of serving and giving. What a blessing they are to come and help. Now don't get me wrong there are days they need a day off and then we are short handed. There are guys who will step up when asked.

We have had the pleasure of three college students who are now college graduates who served at HHM: Adrian, Elliott and Sarah. Adrian has moved to Pittsburgh, Elliot is pursuing his masters in California, and Sarah is continuing her work in ministry. First, congrats on graduating and second, we thank you for being a blessing and will miss you.



## Always Opportunities

Serving: First and third Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church. 118 State Street between Front and 2nd. Even if you come late—we will put you to work because dishes need to be dried, leftovers dealt with, (no they don't get thrown out; they are used to bless other organizations like Daystar); floor needs swept. Oh and bathrooms cleaned. Don't worry I generally clean the bathroom. I read and have heard that if you want to be a pastor or someone in ministry you need to humble yourselves and sometimes that means cleaning bathrooms.

I also need help on Saturdays at Broad Street Market.

Truly a blessing to have your help and your willing heart.

Want to serve? Want to be a blessing? Want to receive a blessing? If you can come just once a month—every hand is welcomed.

## You Can Make a Difference

Many of the guys suffer from “addiction” and their addiction is literally killing them. There is alcohol, synthetic marijuana, heroin, and of course crack cocaine. People are dying because of their to bondage to drugs and alcohol.

Come and serve and be an encouragement to the people. They need to know that people care. Please come if you have a story to share of where you once were and how God has brought you out of your Egypt, how you were delivered. (Egypt is a representation of sin, bondage in the Bible.)

Please pray! Prayer works! Your prayers make a difference to 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, iced tea mix, creamer, forks, napkins and SUGAR. WE have gone **GREEN** so we **do NOT Need Styrofoam plates**, bowls or cups. **BUT we DO Need 8oz. Paper cups, and 10inch paper plates and soup bowls.**

What are you doing **Fridays between 4 and 6pm?** Servers needed. Come be a blessing and receive a blessing. Also the **1st Sunday** of the month we could use 4 or 5 extra "helping" hands.

Social Network: **FaceBook**

## Contact Us

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Thursday, Friday and Sunday:  
4:00pm—6:00 pm.

## Doing Well

Success story.

"J" was in the Right place at the Right time doing the wrong thing. It was winter and 12 degrees and he was freezing cold. He had enough of sleeping outside in it. He decided to rob a lady with a knife although he never intended to harm her, just scare her. She said, "son you don't want to do this..." Police were called and he got a few years of "3 hots and a cot." Since his release you wouldn't recognize him. Prison not only saved him physically but spiritually as well. He is doing very well: working, has a roof over his head, on the right path. Please pray he continues to walk in this path.

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

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, Red Lobster on Trindle Road and KFC Lemoyne.

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



Be ye therefore  
followers of God,  
as dear children;

## 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!**

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.

Also please check with the company you work for and see if they do matching contributions. Every little bit helps.

When you purchase on Amazon use:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1777667>

## Appreciation

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. Our Thursday ladies call themselves "the A-team" :) I know it isn't always be easy to put up with me but I am thankful they do.

We love CHUM youth and Focus Group from Glenvale COG who come to help serve. And the Calvary Chapel of Harrisburg West Shore youth will be serving once a month as well. We love youth groups. These young people get to experience first hand meeting of the needs of others. This is not because of me but what the Lord has allowed me to do for the past 23+ years. By allowing young people to come to see the "other side" they in turn will grow into caring adults.

As always thankful for Charlton UMC and their "spaghetti Friday" meal, casseroles provide by St. Johns Lutheran in Shiremanstown, "leftover from St. Johns daycare and Gary who transports them to me. The Hilton in Harrisburg has been providing a meal as well for us. Truly a blessing to have many hands involved in Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg.

Thank you Marty Gerfin and her women's group Ruth's Circle, for the donation of paper products, sugar and creamer. Thank you R&S Supplies. They had a freezer go out and we received their ice cream. What a treat for the guys.