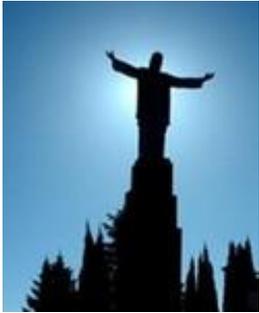


Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the homeless and needy

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**“For
whosoever
shall call upon
the name of the
Lord shall be
saved.”**

Romans 10:13



About HHM

Helping Hands Ministries is a wonderful program that gives the homeless and the needy a few hours to forget about their troubles to enjoy a nice meal and talk to others. Usually Kathleen Schulkins creates the newsletters for HHM, but I volunteered to create this one, so let me introduce myself. My name is Sierra Michael and I am a 15 year old volunteer at HHM on Friday nights.

Volunteers usually arrive around 4:00 pm at the church to help prepare for the dinner that is served at 4:30 pm. We cut desserts, prepare salads, butter bread, fill pitchers of water, and make coffee and tea. Once it hits 4:00pm, all the guests are welcomed inside to get a drink, sit down, and relax. Around 4:15pm, Kathleen arrives with the meal that she prepared herself and a smile, greeting all the diners with a heart filled with love. As it gets closer to 4:30pm, all the food is eventually put out on the serving table and Kathleen says grace before we start to serve.

Serving at HHM is truly an amazing experience. You get to give those who are in need of love, caring, or even just acknowledgement by talking to them about their day, or simply asking how they're doing. Some people may think that some of the diners aren't grateful for what they are given, but Acts 25:30 reads, "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" This verse tells us that even though some may not say "thank you", we are not supposed to expect to be given that satisfaction of someone appreciating our service to them. We as volunteers should just be serving The Lord out of the goodness of our hearts, not for praise from others. Volunteering as a server at HHM also has brought me closer to God as a Christian. I feel that God has blessed HHM with the gift of bringing the volunteers as well as the diners closer to Him by giving us the ability of talking to others about Him and spreading His Word. The two hours that I volunteer at HHM is not very much, but the impact from serving others is the most fulfilling thing I have ever done and I thank The Lord for Him giving me the opportunity and ability to serve others at HHM.

Prayer

Meet Daryl. Quite a few years ago, Daryl came to the soup kitchen. Rarely was he sober. He would talk about who he was staying with, how they were mean to him (he has some disability). He was working mostly not, but needing money. He was always looking, though he never asked me for money. He always spoke of getting help for his "drinking". He went to a Pentecostal church and always praised God. He never blamed God for his problems. I made phone calls for him, prayed with him, and loved on him by listening to him. I encouraged him to go get the help he needed, but he was the one who had to take the steps.

One day, he stopped coming. He called one day saying he was doing well. He was in a personal care home and hadn't been drinking. He had a heart attack. Time passed where I hadn't heard from him. Then one day Daryl came to HHM. It was really good to see him. He is doing well, still sober, still in his "home" and going to church. Please pray he stays on this "healthy" course.

A lady named "A" was homeless and without a job. She wasn't happy in her circumstances. She thanks God we were there when she needed us- a hot meal, friendly faces, someone to talk to and encourage her. She now has a place and is gainfully employed.

I am thankful we are there for the poor, downtrodden, lonely, and hungry. God is good all the time and all the time, God is good. Continue to pray for all those who come to HHM: to serve, to eat, to find fellowship, and to find Jesus.

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Faithful Servants

A huge thanks to my volunteers! It takes many hands to make HHM. St. Michael Lutheran has been a blessing by hosting the meals. Lindsay coordinates the helpings from St. Michael's. Sara B. from CHUM is such a great planner, coordinator, "getter done" person. She has coordinated our FIRST fundraiser. Flyer snippets in another section.

We welcome new servers from Agape Fellowship, Zion Lutheran in Gratz and Greater Harrisburg Church of Christ.

Thank you Lindsay, CHUM, Highspire Fire Department, Charleton UMC, Marysville COG and St. John's Lutheran for providing meals.

HHM Spaghetti Dinner

HHM is hosting our very first fundraiser, thanks to the coordination with Sara B from CHUM. This dinner includes all you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, and an ice cream bar. The dinner is on **Saturday, September 20, 2014** at **Camp Hill United Methodist Church** (417 S. 22nd St. Camp Hill, PA 17011). We will start serving at **4:00 pm** and close at **7:30 pm**. Tickets are **\$4.00 for a child** and **\$8.00 for an adult. Two and under are free**. For tickets, see Kathleen or any HHM volunteer. Take-out will be available.

Needs

What can you do to help?

During the summer, donations of white t-shirts and deodorant are always appreciated.

Also, we need coffee, iced tea mix, forks, napkins, and finances.

What else can you do to help?

You can help by joining us and help serve. Doors open at 4:00pm and we are finished by 6:00pm.

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“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17