

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the
homeless and
needy for over
25 years

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Changes and Challenges

God is in control and is with us all through this Covid 19 pandemic. **We serve an amazing God.** This is Gods ministry and I am just a vessel. We are **feeding the hungry** and trying to meet their needs; we are about **relationships**: a safe distance hug, an encouraging word, prayer, acceptance, love. I say “we serve in rain, snow, sleet, hail, tornado and hurricane winds, but we love the sunshine” and now we add **covid.** God is so good.

This is been a challenge for all people and trials for us. We have been serving outside since the twenty-second of March; and have picked up two extra serving days. We are **now serving Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.** We have provided masks, blankets and a hot meal to those ho are hungry and in need.

I am so **thankful for the volunteers** who faithfully come to serve, they are on the frontline giving to those in need.

Prayerfully things will get back to normal soon Be Safe.

1 Corinthians 10:31
Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.



Always Opportunities

We are “helping hands” not just one set of hands. Your “helping hands” are always appreciated. We are serving outside behind the courthouse, behind the bank. Truly a blessing to have your help and your willing heart. Although we are not inside there are things to do — thank God either Marty or Donna are washing my pots and pans.

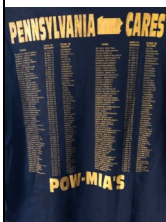
We have had a few people wrapping forks in napkins which makes handing them out easier. Some have made masks for HHHM. Thank you. And a huge THANK YOU to **Camp Hill UMC** for donating 2500 paper plates.

Thank you **Jill (Redland BIC)** and **Mark (Charleton UMC)** for preparing extra meals when I had surgery. Truly a blessing.

You Make a Difference

White socks are always needed, as well as blankets. We handed out lots of blankets, hoodies, mats made from plastic bags in March.

Operation Warm Hearts have made lots of hats, scarves & blankets. Thank you.



Also the **Harrisburg Police** donated a couple miscellaneous food items boxes to hand out for the guys.

Thankyou **Al for the special T-shirts** everyone was able to get at least shirts and with the message for the PA POW/MIA never to be forgotten.

Please **pray!** Prayer works! Your prayers make a difference for **all the people** involved in HHM. Everyone is struggling especially now: finances, addictions, physical, psychological issues or a mixture of these.

Needs

We need **hot sauce**, forks, napkins, **SUGAR and creamer PACKETS**. WE are **GREEN** so we do **NOT Need Styrofoam** plates, bowls or cups. BUT we **DO Need 8oz. PAPER plates and hot/cold cups**. The restaurant store carries these items under **Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg**.

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Serving Location:

OUTSIDE behind the court-house

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday
430p-530p

Just to know

We have had several losses in the past months. One was a guy who I had known for many, many years, I had helped him off the street (he wasn't off the streets long) as many of you know that when the addiction gets a hold of you it is really hard to break unless you really want to stop and even then it's a battle. In some cases we have seen God heal one immediately when they call out to him. Not in this case sadly this man was a devote atheist. Hopefully before he passed he called on the Lord.

It's always great to support the vendors that support Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. They are kind enough to donate so to show your appreciation please tell them thank you by patronizing their establishments. You can always tell the manager too. Some of the vendors: **The Healthy Grocer, The Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Carabbas, Red Lobster, Starbucks on Trindle Road, KFC and Karns in Lemoyne, and CHIK-Fil-A on the Carlisle Pike**. Although food donations have been down God provides.

Deer meat has been donated, thank you hunters and butchers: Cos Meat, Blue Mountain Deer Processing. WE are thankful for the ground venison.

Hebrews 13:2
Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.



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 501C3.

We are a **totally volunteer operated organization!**

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*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.*

Behind the Scenes

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg consists of many hands . First and foremost this is Gods ministry and 2nd my husband is the backbone. He deals with all the food that is picked-up, stored and taken to soup kitchen. Third the people who help do some the pick-ups and , those that come to serve; we are truly blessed by volunteers.

Charlton UMC provides "**Spaghetti Friday**" once a month (a real blessing), even through the corona problem they have faithfully prepared a spaghetti and meatball meal .

Elmwood Academy had a sub fundraiser (it was planned in February before covid) we served the R&K subs in March the first week we were outside the church, since then we have moved behind courthouse where there is an overhang if it rains. We were hoping to only have been outside for two weeks to flatten the curve but everything is still closed, hoping to reopen soon.

Last Sunday and again this Sunday **Little Caesar's Pizza** on the Carlisle Pike donated a total of 40 pizzas 20 cheese and 20 pepperoni Yum the guys really liked having them. Thanks for the special blessing.