

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the
homeless and needy

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OUR PEOPLE

Recently we have lost two of our guys. One violently and one died from natural causes. The only thing I can say about the kid who died a violent death is that it so sad and it hurts in a way that words cannot express. The guy who died from natural causes lived a life the way he wanted on his own terms. It's sometimes difficult to talk about those who have died especially when only God knows the heart.

Prayer works. Pray for "j" she's a heroin addict she was in the methadone program and was doing well but started using again because of not taking her other meds. Addicts need lots of prayers. I have seen some and just some who have gone clean and stayed clean but that is few and far between—why because fighting an addiction takes lots of hard work and when life gets tough they fall back into what they know and what makes them feel comfortable and safe. When they found the girl under Mulberry Street bridge who died from overdose I prayed it wasn't her. Then she showed up at soup kitchen and told me she was going to rehab. She entered rehab because of the death of the girl. She said, "it was a wake up call. I need to stay clean." Pray for all the people who come to HHM.

Verily I say unto you
about these my brethren,
ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

Always Opportunities

We are "helping hands" not just one set of hands. Your "helping hands" are always appreciated. We are serving 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, and the YMCA., tables washed and floor needs swept. Truly a blessing to have your help and your willing heart.

Please support ALL local firefighters fundraisers in particular Highspire FD. I post when they have the meal on the helping hands ministries Facebook page. It is the 2nd Sunday of the winter months. When they have leftovers they donate them to us. We are thankful for such a delicious roast beef meal.

You Make a Difference

Ingrid found HHM on the internet and has been coming down to serve the delicious homemade cookies she makes; the guys just love them.

Pam who had worked at Broad Street market had a group of her friends make fleece scarves. Thanks Pam

Operation Warm Hearts made hats and blankets. Really appreciate—thanks..

A group from Emmanuel Baptist Church who come to serve the 3rd & 4th Thursdays have been crocheting mats made from plastic bags. Their hard work in making them is greatly appreciated.

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 hot chocolate mix, and when the weather warms we will need instant ice tea, creamer, forks, napkins and SUGAR. WE are GREEN so we **do NOT Need Styrofoam** plates, bowls or cups. BUT we **DO Need 8oz. PAPER hot/cold cups, and paper soup bowls, 6" paper dessert plates.**

Contact Us

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

Just to know

We need your "helping hands" and willing hearts to help serve the 1st and 2nd Thursdays, and Fridays. Our community service people have finished their time and now we are short handed. Please come at 4p and we are finished by 6p. Youth, school students who need community service are always welcome.

As some of you know I had ankle fusion done in December. I was in a wheelchair for 10 weeks and just started to walk with a cane. Unfortunately, it did not heal right and needs to be re-fused; and I will have to be in wheelchair again but this time for 12 no weight-bearing. Having people to service will help a lot because I will not be to stand.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.

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 are The Healthy Grocer, Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Carabbas, Red Lobster, Starbucks on Trindle Road and KFC Lemoyn.

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!**

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>

*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

To run this ministry there are many people that help make it work that are "behind the scenes."

Helping Hands Ministries consists of many hands to help many people. First and foremost this is Gods ministry and 2nd my husband is the backbone. He deals with all the food that is picked-up, needs stored and taken to soup kitchen. Third the people who help do some the pick-ups Paul, Roman, Jim, and Gary. At St. Michael Lutheran Church where we serve, we have hosts to open the door and make sure we have a great place to serve indoors. On Saturdays D, R and A who come to eat during the week help pick up donations from the Broad Street Market—they get to enjoy the fruits of their labor :)—thanks for your help. Charlton UMC provides "Spaghetti Friday" once a month (a real blessing), casseroles are provided by a small group from St. Johns Lutheran and Ingrid has been baking cookies for the guys to enjoy on Friday evening such a tasty treat thanks. Camp Hill UMC Preschool did a wonderful canned food, dry goods drive for us at Thanksgiving. Thank you so much for the enormous blessing. Why be a part of HHM? To be a blessing to someone? To do something that makes u feel good? To remind yourself how much u have to be thankful for? God opened the door? or?

Of course, many thanks to all those who support us financially. Without your finances we would not be able to continue. Many thanks to all those who work so hard, to give of their time to serve the homeless and hungry of Harrisburg .