# Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

## Serving the homeless and needy

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### **Many Hands**

Where did the time go? Seems like only last week we were freezing and now we are in the middle of a heat wave.

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, Starbucks, Wegmans, Karns, and Bob Evans.

The faithful "helping hands" include Lindsay, Bob, Sara, Ron, Alice, Barry, Patrick, Mike, Owen, Linda, Rose, Al, Shannon, my daughter Sarah, my husband Terry. God has blessed HHM with many great volunteers.

We have also had socks, t-shirts, health and beauty aids donated by Calvary Evangelical Lutheran (Mechanicsburg), Christ Evangelical (Linglestown) and Tree of Life; and meat lots of meat processed by Co's Meats.

When Highspire Fire Department has fund raising meals, we receive left-overs like roast beef, green beans and corn, or pork and sauerkraut. Such a blessing!

Bishop McDevitt had an international luncheon; the students in the foreign language classes make a dish to share from another country.



Blue Moon Cruisers donated hams for our Easter meal—thank you!

During this past school year, we had students from Harrisburg University come to serve Friday nights. Most of them will not be returning to HU. We are thankful to them for sharing their desire to help those less fortunate.



#### Movin' On

A guy and a gal were each on the street before knowing each other. They met, fell in love, got a place together. They got married and have a baby girl. God bless this new family.

There is a guy, who lived on the

streets and has medical and psychological conditions. Thankfully, he is getting the care he needs and is living in a room.

There are quite a few people living on the street with no family and without medical care.

And sadly we had to say goodbye to one who came to eat. He had struggled with alcohol for most of his life, he called it the "demon within." Although the physical demon took him, his heart belonged to the Lord.

#### **Prayer**

What a privilege to pray for people. There is power in prayer. I have had numerous occasions to pray with "the guys, and gals." Some of our volunteers have had the opportunity to pray with them as well. Although we may not see the answer to those prayers, we know God hears them and answers according to His will ...and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James

#### **Needs**

5:16 KJV

What can you do to help? During the summer one way you could help is by donating white t-shirts and deodorant.

What else can you do? Come and help serve. Doors open at 4:00pm and we are finished by 6:00 pm.

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

#### **Contact Us**

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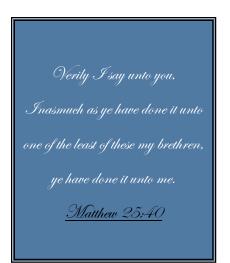
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#### Christmas 2012

Christmas at Helping Hands Ministries was a blessing to all who came: to have fellowship, to eat, and to serve.

Thanks to all who made our Christmas meal possible. We had presents for all and special gifts for the children of families that would not have had anything under their tree. We were able to bless a family of 6 with a tree, decorations, stockings and gifts. Many tears were exchanged along with hugs. We were blessed by being a blessing.

Before we served our Christ-

mas meal we had a time of Bible reading—Luke 2, and singing. It was a blessed time. 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

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