

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

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Serving the
homeless and needy

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Loss

These last few months have been a little sad for me. Mikey who I have known for almost 20 years was an alcoholic and had cancer. He was such a character. Whether I saw him at the Broad Street Market or at the soup kitchen, “kath-a-leen” he would say in a loud voice, to which I responded “Mikeeeeeee.” He went to a rehab and died warm, sober and safe.

Two months later I received a call, a veteran, Charles had passed away. In 2009 he was homeless sleeping outside St. Stephens Episcopal when he was saying his feet really hurt and needed socks. When I gave him socks and looked at his feet, I immediately took him to the ER. After surgery, a stay at Bethesda Mission as I was working with the veterans people to get his discharge papers so he could be admitted to the Veterans Home in Altoona. He was there for many years.

Two things to be remembered, please have an emergency contact and keep it updated. Most important have a personal relationship with Jesus. We never know when we will be taken from this world.

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

Always Opportunities

I would like to share about Maria from Guatemala who came to helping us with her “US” family. I asked her to write a little something before she left. “I worked at helping hands for 5 weeks, I enjoy every minute of it. I was visiting some friends and got the opportunity to volunteering in helping hands. I going back to Guatemala because we had a lost in my family and it is time to be with the family.” She was a great person to come and be with us. We pray all is well with her and her family.

Volunteers are always welcomed any Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 4-6pm. From one day a week, to three days a week, or just once a month your “helping hands” are always appreciated. We need your helping hands 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.; floor needs swept. Oh and bathrooms cleaned. Don’t worry I generally clean the bathrooms.

You Can Make a Difference

Helping Hands Ministries is truly a **service ministry**. We lay down our lives and give of our time to **SERVE** those who are homeless and/or hungry or both. The guys are appreciative that we take time away from our families to do this. I tell them this is what God has called me to do and I love doing it; I wouldn’t want to be doing anything else right now. I am thankful for the volunteers who feel the same way giving of themselves for the Lord. Matthew 25:40.

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 paper soup bowls.**

What are you doing **Thursdays and/or Fridays between 4 and 6pm?** Servers needed. Come be a blessing and receive a blessing.

Contact Us

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 Web:
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 Camp Hill, PA 17011
 Location:
 St. Michael Lutheran Church
 118 State St.
 Harrisburg, PA 17101
 Thursday, Friday and Sunday: 4:00pm—6:00 pm.

Thankful

Left-overs are always welcomed. Down-home pudding has a stand at two events at the farm show building and we benefit from their unsold delicious home-made rice pudding. What a delicious treat.

There was a wedding at Tree of Life and they made extras which was enough for a meal. St Johns Lutheran children's program has weekly leftovers as well.

Homemade crocheted hats and scarves were donated by Operation Warm Hearts, thank you, what a blessing.

Thank you **Blue Moon Cruisers** for supplying holiday hams and turkeys for our meals—Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

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.

Heritage Christian Student Government



Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

Ephesians 5:1

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, Patrick, 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 I pick up a couple guys from Daystar, a Christian recovery house, to help pick up donations from the Broad Street Market. There are times where I am unable to go soup kitchen and need someone "in charge" - Bob; and someone to heat up the food that has been prepared by Hilton, casseroles provided by a small group from St. Johns Lutheran—my husband; and someone to make a meal—Jill. When my husband cannot be here to load the vehicles and take the second vehicle downtown either my stepson Terry or my neighbors Nancy and Troy step in to help. 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 .



Christmas Dinner