



 Helping Hand Rescue Mission

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WE CANNOT ACCEPT CLOTHING
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Serving With Determination

So, what about the clothes and household items?

We will not be receiving clothing donations until our food numbers go down and we can manage sorting and distributing donations effectively and when it is safe to have clothing distributions given the social distancing rules still in effect.

Thank you for understanding. It's so hard for us not to be able to distribute clothing as we have for over 50 years but we don't want to get in over our heads at this time. We are sourcing out clothing for families we know that are in need and getting it to them. That's important to us!

“The best way I know how to describe this is like doing a Thanksgiving distribution every week.” Rev. Kim said to her Admin Assistant, Marianna, running through tasks for the morning. “And it’s been going on for fourteen weeks.” The way the mission works overtime during the holidays is a fairly accurate portrait of how we’re running now. The commercial freezers, including two new ones, are constantly being filled and emptied. Durable, recycled-plastic shopping bags full of food line the carpets and tables for distribution, volunteers move boxes of cereal and canned soup by the pallet. During the holidays, the mission distributes an enormous amount of food, giving an enormous push to support the community during the time we come together to focus on our relationships, families and faith. Although our high-volume distributions have been triggered by a pandemic instead of a holiday, the mentality behind serving Huntington Station isn’t that different. There has to be love and compassion, we have to come together and focus on our relationships, families, and faith, and we need to distribute an enormous amount of food to a larger number of families.

“What strikes me is the vulnerability of the people coming here for food,” Grace, our distribution translator said, sitting outside



Monthly Mission Partners Needed

Please consider making a monthly donation to our mission as a Monthly Mission Partner!

The work and ministry we do takes monthly finances to accomplish. We are grateful to everyone who gives to make this mission possible. We still have much work to do and appreciate all the help we receive from donors like you.

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behind a barricade of two tables for social distancing. “They come here and they tell me, I have worked for thirty years and now I don’t have a job, and they begin crying. It’s touching to actually be able to help those people the way the bible says we’re supposed to.”

It’s safe to say that none of us here in America were logistically prepared for the crisis COVID would present ahead of time. But at the Mission, the good work we’ve been able to be able to part of during good times prepared our outlook and approach. We knew we were going to stay the course. Insofar as it was allowed, helpful, and conducive to the health of the community, the mission had to stay open. We had seen God provide before through the generosity of those around us, and we fully expected him to do it again. And boy did God deliver. Every day presents new challenges—interruptions in supply chains, delays in deliveries, higher volumes of families in need—but the Mission has been given the funds and connections to kind local suppliers to be distributing approximately 5,700 pounds of food per day 4 days a week, bag by forty-pound bag. “There’s a lot, a lot of food. That’s what I notice, I’m the one carrying it,” one of our volunteers, Alex said with his arms full of cans, “Big organizations like Project HOPE donating milk and eggs, there’s so much of it.”

In the midst of COVID, we’re grateful. From heaven to earth, from God to man, everyone has pulled out all the stops to love and provide. We have found our rhythm, and it’s surprisingly familiar: in the midst of the crisis, God is in control, good people from all stripes of the community step up and run food drives and fundraisers, and together, we love those in need physically and tangibly. A time of unprecedented need has become synonymous with a time of unprecedented giving—and after 14 weeks, the generosity and unity is still running strong. “What really stands out to me is the amount of people who really care coming together to help people.” Jenn, a volunteer said, gloved up and bagging fresh vegetables in clear cellophane—celery, carrots, onions. “First there were three pop-up groups supporting us, and then at the height there were twenty one.” Noelia summed it up, moving bags out to the distribution table. “The people are hungry. They are happy when they come here because they have food,” she explained, half in Spanish and half in English. “When they are happy, it makes me happy too.”

Our Services During COVID:

- Minimal contact distribution 11AM-1PM Tues-Fri
- Drive-Up family “contact free” meals at Huntington Assembly of God Wed and Fri at 2pm (Over 12,000 have been served)
- HHRM is open for food, cleaning supplies, baby and hygiene item donations 10AM-11AM and 1PM-2PM Tues-Fri

A time like none other...

Dear Family, Friends & Mission Partners,

I finally write this letter having just completed our 14th week of service during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Here at HHRM it's been a time like no other time that we've faced in the last 54 years. We've served over 5000 families since 3/13/20.

We went from serving an average of 83 families per week to 500+ families per week almost overnight. The need has been so great. The lines of people have been long. Our core team of 7 volunteers have been phenomenal and God has been exceptionally faithful to meet EVERY NEED.

SIMPLIFY & SERVE has been our call to action since March 13th and NY's PAUSE. We have been putting all of our energy and efforts into supplying non-perishable and fresh food (fruits, veggies, meat) to our growing community in need. Over half of the 1,000+ new families that we have served had never needed a pantry before. For many the crisis has led to unemployment and people have seen some very tough times over the past 3 months. Some are back to work, some are waiting to be called to resume their employment. Others are looking for new jobs and using funds to pay for bills that they are behind in they're so grateful for the food and supplies and need our support. We've also provided deliveries to the homebound each week.

Our heart is to continue our service of food, diapers, wipes, formula, hygiene and cleaning supplies and when and if the numbers of families for food reduce and things become more manageable and permissible we will assess and rework additional operations and services while following NY State guidelines which are stringent.

We miss spending time with our Happy Day kids and mission families the way that we used to but so much love is exchanged in our lot from a distance. We are keeping in touch and helping with families' specific needs on a case by case basis. Families with new babies have been provided with cribs, layettes, diapers and food.

We are working out a Back to School Program for August and will be keeping you posted on our progress. Baby Blessings hasn't missed a month and functions "drive thru" style at Huntington Assembly where we have also partnered with Huntington Assembly and Friends of the HSLQ to provide over 12,000 meals drive thru style. Our entire community has pulled together and Huntington is blessed to have a wonderful pantry support network with hearts to serve.

We have been hard at work. You have helped us to be here and many have given generously, helping us to continue to meet the food and supply needs of our community. We appreciate your continued support as we serve. Thank you for the prayers, support, food drives, innovative fundraisers, financial donations and encouragement.

We couldn't do what we do without your support.

Serving together-



Galatians 6:2-9

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ... Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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