

Helping Hand Rescue Mission

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Our Donation Hours
Monday - 10AM-2PM
Tues-Fri 10AM-11AM and
1PM-4PM
Saturday 10AM-1PM

Fill a Box, Feed a Family
NOW until Nov 16th

Operation Sweet Tooth
Candy Drive ends 11/24

Kids' Christmas Party 12/19
New toys accepted thru 12/24
during donation hours

Monthly Baby Blessings
Nov 17th and Dec 15th



WILL YOU
Sponsor
Thanksgiving Dinner
for a Family in
Need?

Last year's distribution provided for approx 550 families.



This year, we will serve approx 800 families.

\$50 provides a
complete meal for a family!
(and a special breakfast and dessert!)

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WINTER 2020 IS COMING! LET'S LOVE, SERVE, AND GIVE!

Here at Helping Hand Rescue Mission, we're doubling down to love, serve and give as weather gets cold and the needs in our community increase. WINTER IS COMING! And we, by the grace of God and the love of our community, will be here to help families in need through it. We wish we could take you all back in time to visit the brisk Tuesday morning when the picture above was taken! Our parking lot was full of families receiving the coats you've donated through our Warm Up Huntington! Coat Drive, gathering food and hygiene supplies from our pantry distribution, and signing up for Thanksgiving Food Boxes and turkeys. They were greeted with gloves so they could look through the coats safely to find the sizes and styles they needed. Friendly, masked-up volunteers kept everything organized and efficient, and moved through our socially distanced line as quickly as possible.

We're noticing an increase in the number of families coming to our food pantry--in the 2-hour distribution window in which this picture was taken, we served 122 families. Many of them, we hadn't seen since the height of the pandemic. We want to be prepared for whatever is ahead. These days are at best unpredictable.

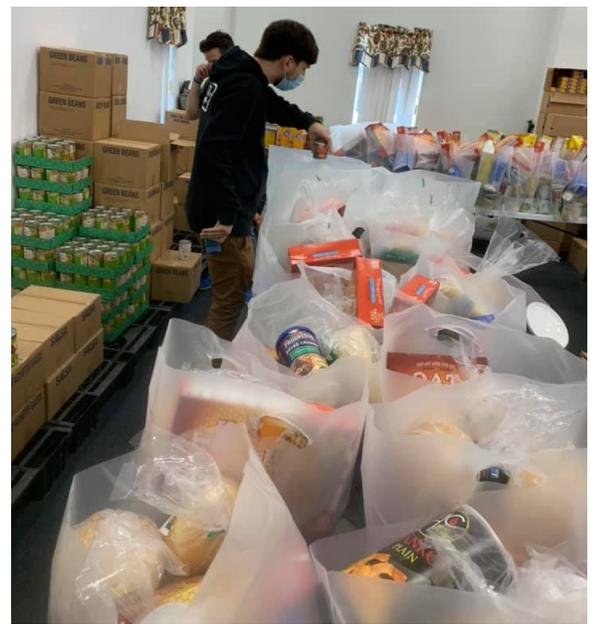
As the season for outdoor day-labor comes to a close, hardworking men are having a hard time finding employment for the winter. Usually, they would transition into the service industry for the colder months, but these jobs aren't hiring right now. While many of us have adjusted to somewhat of a "new normal", we are still watching the challenge of COVID-19 significantly affect the financial resources of families in need this year. While it's hard to watch our neighbors go through a prolonged period of difficulty, we're so grateful for the way we can come together as a community to support each other.

As of this article, we've had over 70 organizations, churches and ordinary people step up to participate in our "Fill a Box, Feed a Family" program, we've given out over 300 donated coats, and we're still serving everyone in Huntington who comes to us for food during our distributions Tuesday through Friday. You are helping us to feed, encourage and care for vulnerable families day by day. As we enter a season of increased pantry needs, the enormous amount of planning, resources and work that will go into providing for the holidays, and cold weather during a pandemic, we're not tired here at the mission. We're feeling determined, because we know that our community cares. This hard year has made us all the more committed to compassion, and all the more resilient.

Will you help us this holiday season? We're still looking for donating families and organizations for our "Fill a Box, Feed a Family" program. We may have 400 boxes being filled as of this writing, but the truth is we're going to need supplies for approximately 800 families, and many of the families are larger and will need extra supplies in addition to their box for Thanksgiving dinner. Today at the mission, we received 2 calls from families asking about when they can sign their children up for Christmas presents, and we're only writing at the end of October! We're determined to have safe and socially distant "Christmas Party" appointments for the children on our community to celebrate and receive Christmas gifts. You can participate in our Christmas Toy Drive and make Christmas possible for children in need right in our community. When we come together and pray and work hard because we care, anything is possible. We have watched God be faithful again and again through the hands of our community, and we don't think he has any intention of stopping now.

Current Services/Outreaches

- Food Pantry 11AM-1PM Tues-Fri
- *Baby Blessings DRIVE-THRU Outreach*
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Thanksgiving Registration Tues-Fri
- *Warm up Huntington! Coat Distribution*



2020
Thanksgiving Food Drive

stuffing mix
cranberry sauce
large and small canned yams
rice
turkey gravy
macaroni & cheese
instant mashed potatoes
canned corn
brownie/quick bread mix
cake mix & icing
canned fruit
frozen turkeys
pancake mix/syrup
family size juice
pumpkin pies

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Our goal this year is to provide
for 800 local families



Monthly Mission Partners

We are grateful to all who are making regular monthly donations to our mission. We appreciate everyone who gives to help us continue our work.

The coming months are always our busiest and we have an increased number of families to serve this year. Please place your donation made out to Helping Hand Rescue Mission in the envelope enclosed or go to our website www.hhrm.org to donate or set up a recurring gift. Thank you!



DEAR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND MISSION PARTNERS...

November 15th marks our 55th year of service to the local families of our community. We are grateful to God for being faithful through all of the seasons of change that we have experienced in over 5 decades of ministry. I love to reminisce the amazing stories of His faithful provision and times that we know "mission miracles" happened to keep us moving forward. Happy 55th Anniversary HHRM!

This challenging time of service during 2020 has been a season of hard work, answered prayers and blessings as many have come together to accomplish much. I've been so encouraged by the unity in our community when it comes to serving. Everyone has been working together to ensure that the needs of others are met.

I was honored and humbled to be selected as one of four of the Town of Huntington's Outstanding Women of 2020. Town Board member Joan Cergol nominated me for this award. There was a certificate presentation at the Town Hall. It was a very nice experience. My mom received this award about 20 years ago. I felt like it was a special thing that she and I share even though she's not here in body.

As you are reading this newsletter or visiting our website I know that you will be happy to see all that is happening to help others here. Our services have been modified as we "simplify and serve" but we are meeting more needs than ever in the most practical and safe ways possible.

I hope that you and your family have the most wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving this year. Thank you for helping us to meet so many needs. We appreciate your love, prayers and support greatly. Be well and remember with God all things are possible.

Serving Together,

Rev. Kimberly Gaines-Gambino



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Thank You For Caring!

We believe that commitment to our faith and our community really matters. We're so grateful you're supporting our mission, whether it's by praying, volunteering, donating, supporting our events, or even just reading our newsletter!



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