



## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 14 – 25th:**

**Fall Family Clothing Drive!**

Donate freshly laundered organized items

Mon. 10-2pm.

Tues-Friday 10AM-11AM or 1PM-2PM & 10AM-1PM Saturdays

**Sept. 30 – Oct. 3:**

**Fall Family Clothing Distribution**

**September 30 REGISTRATION  
FOR THANKSGIVING  
BASKETS BEGINS**

Helping Hand Rescue Mission

@HelpingHandLI (631) 351-6996

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## Loving, Serving and Looking Ahead!

### Current Needs

- Pantry food
- Diapers/wipes
- Cleaning products
- Hygiene items
- Paper Products
- Water/Juice

In the midst of the challenges we're facing in our community and in the world, Helping Hand Rescue Mission has had an incredibly active season of service. We've been blessed with the help, support and grace to step in and meet needs during a time that has been particularly difficult for thousands of families. Since March 15, we've provided over 7000 bags of non-perishable food, over 4,800 parcels of bread and cake, over 5000 parcels of fresh produce, over 7500 dairy bags and over 1,200 bags of paper products, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. Tuesday through Friday we man our front tables under a small tent with smiles and determination underneath our masks to encourage and assist the families in our community safely.

Baby Blessings has been running drive-thru style at Huntington Assembly of God. Over 57,500 diapers have been distributed to young families in need in our community since March 15<sup>th</sup>, along with over 10,700 packages of baby wipes. We're grateful to be able to provide formula, snacks, and assorted baby items to families in need. Huntington Assembly is also the site of the delicious, nutritious and free drive-thru meals we've helped to provide—through partnership with many, many wonderful sponsors, donors and organizations, over 19,000 meals have been provided to the local community. This outreach is critical because not only does it provide nutrition and support to local restaurants—well-prepared food also brings encouragement and joy. We feel truly blessed to be able to love and give in this way.

## Our Current Outreaches and Services

- Food Pantry Tue-Fri 11-1pm
- Drive-thru meals at Huntington Assembly of God Wed and Fri 2pm.
- Baby Blessings drive-thru outreach 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of month
- Aug 24-28 “The Best First Day” backpack distribution
- September fall clothing drive/distribution.
- Prayer & encouragement

## 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 enclose your donation made out to Helping Hand Rescue Mission in the envelope enclosed or go to our website [www.hhrm.org](http://www.hhrm.org) to donate or set up a recurring gift.

Thank you!

“So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up. Right now, every time we get a chance let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.” Galatians 6:9, 10 The Message

As the summer months became hotter, we were made aware by local moms that their children were very much in need of summer play clothes—many children had outgrown their outfits from the previous year and didn’t have appropriate clothing for warm weather. Every kid deserves to be comfortable in their clothes while they’re playing. Through the help of many gracious donors and the organizational skills of an amazing local school teacher, Allison Von Vange, collections of correctly-sized summer clothes were delivered to over 450 children.

**We’re not just going through this season, we’re growing through it.** Every day, we understand our community more deeply and renew our commitment to it as we help to meet its needs. We love Huntington. The people here are worthy of commitment, and every hour of work that goes into coordinating support for those in need is an hour well spent. Every investment in the future of our community is a good investment that will pay dividends in strong families, happy, healthy children, and a bright future for our current generation and the next.

**So we’re not stopping. We’re preparing for the future,** because we believe by the grace of God, He will provide growth and joy even while our nation and our communities are in a period of uncertainty. We had a wonderful “Best First Day” our backpack and school supply distribution served over eleven hundred children in partnership with local organizations. What a wonderful time of coming together and serving our community’s children.

**We know the colder months will come with both joy and challenges in abundance.** We’re planning a Fall Family Clothing distribution at the end of the month to get warmer clothes to those in need.

**We’re also preparing to serve approximately 800 families for Thanksgiving as we anticipate increased needs.** We want to be here for our community no matter what the new fall season brings. If you would like to support us by hosting a food drive, we’d be deeply grateful for help! You can also support us in other ways through our website, [www.hhrm.org](http://www.hhrm.org). We appreciate your support and prayers!





# Seasons of change...

Hello there Family, Friends and Mission Partners!

As I sit and write this letter it's raining hard outside and I'm looking across the parking lot at our volunteers checking in families and handing out food parcels. They offer encouraging words, prayer when people need it and their lives are love in action. They've given above and beyond the call over the last 6 months and many of you have too. My heart is overwhelmed by all that has been done to help our community by so many and I'm overjoyed with the love of God that has been reflected in all that we do. Gratitude overwhelms my heart.

When COVID-19 became a pandemic last March HHRM literally had \$4800 to work with. It was mid-month so in a normal situation that was o.k. Our bills were current and we were prepared to meet our regular monthly needs. We were serving an average of 85 families each week plus Baby Blessings and meals and we were happy to do that. When the NY Pause started we knew that things were going to get busy. We didn't know exactly how busy or what we were going to do but we knew that our hearts were to help so we continued.

We made the decision to keep our doors open and trusted Him for our health, provision and a plan for each day. We asked God daily to help us through and to provide and give us direction. The verse that says, "exceedingly, abundantly above all that you can ask or think" comes to mind. That's how the mission was blessed. Kind of like the disciples with the loaves and fish, we just kept filling the bags and giving them out. At the peak we were serving over 500 families each week for several weeks. Our grocery and supply bills alone during that time were around \$10,000 a week. No one was turned away and though our food supply got really low a few times it always replenished just in time and in the most amazing ways. Cold Spring Harbor Lacrosse kids raised \$14,000 dollars with their lacrosse team and did an incredible food drive. One little boy raised \$600 on his mom's Instagram. Churches, organizations, and it seemed everyone pulled together to help meet the needs. People wrote notes and were kind to share their stimulus checks, savings and more. I wish I could share each story. They are each a wonderful testimony of the love and beauty of our community.

We're preparing our fall and holiday plans and will continue to keep our pantry open to meet the community's needs as God provides. There's a lot of uncertainty in the world about the coming season, a possible COVID resurgence and many things that we don't know about. We're at peace as we are trusting the One Who knows just how to see us through. Thank you for helping us in every way. Your continued support is vital to our work.

We're **servng together**. The words "thank you" simply don't seem adequate.

## HOST A FOOD DRIVE FOR HUNTINGTON!

Hosting a food drive with your friends at your church or community groups or at your workplace is a wonderful way to keep our community fed. Our current food bill is approximately \$3000.00 each week. The more food donations we receive the less our bill is. We are doing our best to fill 250- 350 pantry bags per week currently. We will be buying fresh produce to supplement the packages and give greater nutrition.

You can find the lists of our regular and Thanksgiving pantry needs on our website on our website ([www.hhrm.org](http://www.hhrm.org)) by clicking on the Food Pantry Needs tab!

Reach out to us at the Mission (631-351-6996) and we'll be happy to provide more information and support!

# HHRM Newsletter

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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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