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Helping Hand Rescue Mission

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Our Donation Hours

Monday - 10AM-2PM
Tues-10AM-11/ 1-6PM
Wed-Fri 10-11 AM
and 1-4PM
Saturday 10AM-1PM

Food Pantry & Community Closet

Tuesday-Friday 11-1pm

Monthly Baby Blessings Outreach

January 25, 2021 at Huntington Assembly

January #HHRMchallenge-

New socks/ underwear/undershirts

February Challenge-Hygiene Products

Beginning 2022 with Joy & Lots of Hope



What's happening at HHRM in January?

- **Replaced non-functioning 30 year old heating system in dining room building with a new efficient gas boiler. This was a very unexpected situation this winter. Thank you Gerken Plumbing and Heating for your quick, excellent service & consideration. We will be warm for winter in our kitchen/dining room building. No frozen pipes and additional issues. Thankfully!**
- **Island Christian Church** is paying for our downstairs storage area to be renovated! It is 30 years old and needs some paint, construction work & love!
May God bless you all for this generous donation!
- **We Need Continued Prayer support through the challenging winter months. Please pray for the health and safety of those who serve with us and for our community to be well.**
- **Prayer for continued provision of the needed things to efficiently serve our community. It's great to serve when we have or are able to buy the things that we need to serve (ie. pantry & baby blessings bags, containers for food, hygiene supplies etc.)**
- **Links for volunteering are available at www.hhrm.org - Thank you for keeping our mission in mind this year!**



Old Boiler-New Boiler

Our Volunteers Feel Our Mission's Heartbeat

Hi my name is Graciela Lopez, I'm from Honduras. I came to the HHRM for a BBQ Family Fun Day in 2015, as a K-LOVE Volunteer. I loved the work the Mission did helping people. It was joyful and rewarding to be serving lots of kids and their families. In 2016, I felt in my heart that I needed to do something to give back to God as He has done much in my life.

So I started looking for a place to volunteer, I prayed and God reminded me about HHRM.

As I came inside and started asking Kim if she needed a new volunteer, she answered me: "Yes! You're an answer to my prayers." She had been asking God for a "special Grace" after her mom passed away suddenly. which was very difficult. My name is "Grace". That was it! She was the answer to my prayers too!

Since that day I've volunteered at many different events like the fundraising boutique, baby blessings, backpacks, Thanksgiving, Christmas party, etc....

I always wanted to do more but being a single mom, it was kind of difficult.

Until the Pandemic came and changed everything.

God opened up a door for me at HHRM and I started to help 4 days a week with the food distribution. It didn't matter all the restrictions and fear that was taking place at that moment. It mattered the heart, the need and what God put in me. I felt God speak to my heart, "This is the time you will proclaim my word and I will be with you and protect you".

As I started with a devotional every morning and prayers, the people were feeling hope and courage to keep going.

In the middle of the chaos and fear that we were living because of Covid, God was showing up every morning. I know He was doing something different. I saw the tears, people listening and lifting their hands. They were receiving the love of God through the message, the prayers and the service that we were offering them because we never closed.

We were open no matter the circumstances and we were serving and helping in many ways. HHRM was and is a huge blessing to the community and their example to be followed. I'm so glad and blessed to be part of this organization. I pray that God continue opening doors so we can continue the work of love and spreading the good news of salvation.

Restock & Restore After A Busy Season!

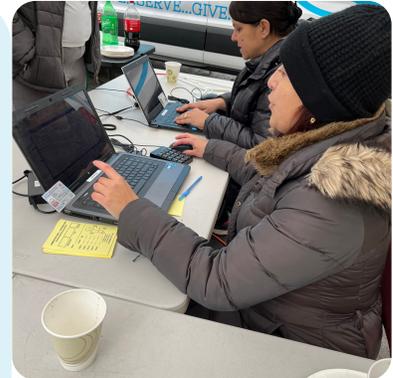
Food comes and goes so quickly around here! Seriously...

When we get a food order delivered it looks like so much and we smile, look at the full shelves, take a deep breath and say, "Thank you God...they're full again!" and that means that we can keep those pantry bags full for the families that come to us in need BUT after we pack the first 100 bags for the week...the supply doesn't look as full, things begin to dwindle and we start planning for the next week's order, always looking for a bargain and availability.

Food drives help to keep us stocked. Donations help us to order more food. It doesn't stop when the holidays are over. Food insecurity on Long Island is real. We see those who struggle every time we're open. They are so happy for the help and thank YOU!

Winter is a time when the needs seem greater than ever while many people are out of seasonal work. Senior citizens also struggle to make ends meet and young families have a lot going on just trying to put food on the table and keeping kids in diapers can be overwhelming to them. We are so happy to be here help! We are very grateful for the generous food pantry donations that we have received that will allow us to purchase additional fresh foods and other items to include in our pantry parcels which will make them more nutritious.

Thank you for your heart to help us to meet these needs.



Graciela Lopes



January 25th

Monthly Mission Partners

We had a very successful year of service in 2021, despite its many challenges. Thousands of families were provided for.

We anticipate an even better 2022 as we continue to serve families in need and ask God to show us more ways that we can reach out to help them.

Knowing that your support is coming helps us to plan ahead and keeps our doors open and services planned and scheduled.

We couldn't ask for more kind, encouraging, caring supporters and donors. Some of you have given for many years others are new to HHRM. We thank you all!

In addition to our food pantry we are restocking our kitchen pantry and plan, God willing, to reopen our community kitchen, serving hot, nutritious meals 2 days a week at the end of January! Happy Day Kids will also kick off in February meeting in the dining room building!

We thank God for those who help us to serve others here in Huntington Station and beyond!

DEAR FAMILY, FRIENDS & MMP'S:)

It's a NEW YEAR and WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE IT BEGIN TO UNFOLD!

2021 was a challenging but exciting year as we sought out the best and most needed ways to serve families in need in our community. It was a time of continuing to move forward in service with God's help, when some days we felt like we were just advancing a little bit but you helped us to keep moving! Some months we were like, "WOW THAT WAS AWESOME!" as we cranked through an amazing number of clients served, literally tons of food, Baby Blessings diaper bags and clothes, held Family Fun events, our first Community Share Day and distributed so many supplies! We learned to quickly move on from the frustration that happens when food and supply orders are placed and cancelled by the stores at the last minute with a genuine, "We're so sorry. That's just not available right now....supply chain issues. We'll do our best and contact you when it comes in or is available." This past year we were reminded that God always has a way of provision even when things seem impossible. There was one time when our non-perishable order was stuck on a truck in a NJ parking lot because no one was available to drive the truck! I was so upset because it literally had a few thousand dollars of much needed pantry items and we only had enough to pack about 10 more bags but then out of nowhere another company called and said that they had an extra order, almost just what we had ordered and dropped it right off at our door at no charge!

There were days when some of you showed up with proceeds from a generous office or school food drive or even a small bag of food just when we needed it and we were so happy to have it to share with our community. Maybe you felt impressed to write a check and support our work. When you did and we received it, it was an answer to our prayers so that we could keep going and do more. Thank you! Wow! We sure did a lot of working together and praying this past year. Every single day was so worth it as we served and we saw so many wonderful things come together. We were able to have more volunteers in the past year than prior years. Volunteers witness our "mission miracles" firsthand and they are always so amazed at how things work out. It's great! Together we were able to accomplish so much. Thank you for helping us to do more than ever before and to do it well. It is our privilege and joy to continue to love, serve and give in Huntington Station and beyond. We are grateful to have such wonderful support from many of you in so many ways.

The winter months are a bit harder because we're still serving outdoors and it's so cold some days but we dress warmly, roll out the clothing racks-weather permitting and serve those who come from our hearts and with love. If you'd like to volunteer you can find a link under the volunteer tab on our website. If you'd like to make your donation online please also see the website, www.hhrm.org. We couldn't do what we do without your help. Thank you for your support in prayer, finances and in-kind donations.

Serving Together,



"Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord
and He will repay the lender."
Proverbs 19:17



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We LOVE Serving Together

LOVE. SERVE. GIVE. REPEAT.

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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!



Thank you for helping us to meet the Christmas needs of over 1200 children, distribute over 3000 coats and provide food for thousands of families last year!

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2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

HELPING HAND
RESCUE MISSION



- 3 Simple Things That You Can Do To Help Others
1. See the needs of others as real, viable needs.
 2. Know that there's something you can do to help.
 3. Do what you can to help whenever you can.
- Remember: Everything we do makes a difference!

COATS! GLOVES! BOOTS & BLANKETS! OH MY!

We are still collecting coats and articles of warmth throughout the winter months and will give them out during our distributions. We are good with the baby sizes up to 5T now, Thank you! We can still use size 6T and Up. Men's and women's M/L/ XL & XXL Thank you for sharing the warmth with our community! We appreciate you!