

FRIENDS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



When we were growing up, we had friends that cared about the same things that we did and happened to live near enough for it to matter. Sometimes they were smarter and more athletic, sometimes they weren't - but if they didn't play nice, they couldn't come over anymore. Some of those friends were lifelong relationships, and others were those that we stopped talking to after they moved out of the neighborhood and felt awkward seeing in the grocery store. New friends, old friends - it just mattered that we had friends...and it was our friends that made adventures possible and dreams come alive. Helping Hand House turned 26 this year - 26 years of growing up in east Pierce County. Life is a lot bigger and more complicated than it was in the early days. But we have amazing friends, so many of whom have been with us through thick and thin over the last decades of economic ups and downs in Pierce County.

We have friends like the Puyallup Valley Quilters (PVQ) - one of several quilting groups who provide a beautiful handmade quilt to every member of every family who

comes into one of our housing programs. Whether a person is 4 or 54, there's nothing like a warm quilt made with care and a little message attached to the corner: "This quilt was made with love just for you by the Puyallup Valley Quilters." It's one of the touches that help our families understand how much we honor them and want to see them succeed - and it wouldn't be possible without friends like the Puyallup Valley Quilters. "I think Helping Hand House does wonderful work in our community," says Patty deCamp, a longtime friend of HHH

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and PVQ member. "Our members enjoy gathering to make these quilts that they know will be on each family member's bed when they first move in after being homeless. Those of us who have attended

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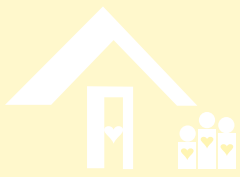
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MISSION

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Helping Hand House is committed to ending family homelessness in Pierce County by providing caring support through innovative programs, designed to empower families to achieve self-sufficiency. Helping Hand House develops and implements model programs in partnership with community resources to strengthen families with children, while contributing to a healthier community.

VALUES

Helping Hand House provides an environment based on compassion, honesty, respect, good stewardship, and professionalism through positive and caring relationships.



Summer is almost here. Soon the children will be out of school and many of us will be planning summer vacations, camping trips, summer camp for children, family BBQ's, and other fun-filled activities. My family loves every opportunity we find to play in the sun. This year we are making our summer plans much closer to home to help cut expenses. Our favorite way to get away inexpensively is camping. We really enjoy setting up our temporary home. Of course after about 5 days all of us are ready to get back home to hot showers, soft beds, and a kitchen stove.

What we are hearing from more families who come to us for assistance is how utterly overwhelming it is to live for any extended period of time in a campground, in their car or doubled up, or with friends or family not happy to have them there. Many of these families have lived precariously for several months, some adult household members still trying to work, kids still attending school while trying to keep themselves and their clothes clean, homework done, dinner made, and a getting a good night's sleep. The longer a family lives this way, the longer it seems to take them to become restored and self-sufficient. My plan this summer is to give a little more to Helping Hand House to help even one more family make a rapid move to independence. Will you please join me?

Happy Summer!

Nola Renz

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the breakfasts and open houses have been very touched by the stories of homelessness to hope and want to continue to help in additional ways." Then there's the South Hill Rotary, who purchased a duplex over 13 years ago to house homeless families with children. Their investment so many years ago has provided a home to nearly 115 families who would otherwise be living in a car or tent, their children cold at night and hungry on the way to school. They've heard the stories and seen the difference that they have made - so much so that they are in the midst of purchasing a second duplex, providing the means and opportunity to help even more families.

Then there are the countless groups of friends from businesses, churches, and community groups who do yard projects, provide extravagantly for families over the holidays, bake birthday cakes, paint homes, wrap gifts, host food and supply drives (and so much more...). It is the Milgard's of the world - employees giving selflessly with fantastic attitudes in project after project. They even 'adopted' all the kids who have birthdays in July.

Insert your name here - for the times you stepped up when the need was great and you had a hand to give. It is people like you that make hope and safety possible when every option looks bleak and it is raining again.

None of what we do could be done without our friends - the volunteers and partners that give themselves away day after day or a weekend a year. It's a labor of love to serve families in crisis, and a joy to do it together with you. From all your friends at Helping Hand House, thank you.

Homelessness to Fundraising Breakfast October 5th

HOPE



Mark your calendar for Helping Hand House's annual fundraising breakfast this fall!! Please plan to join us at the Puyallup Pioneer Park Pavilion on Tuesday, October 5th from 7:30am to 8:30am.

The theme this year is HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE. At Helping Hand House, we serve to build a foundation that will support vulnerable families as they regain their self-sufficiency and discover a future full of promise. We are able to fund our programs through the grants we receive and the generous contributions of our donors.

With your help we will continue to provide safe and well furnished housing to homeless families with the intensive case management, that provides a variety of support services enabling families to build independent living skills, complete their education, and obtain job readiness skills before graduating and moving into a home they can afford.

Our services encompass all the needs of the family to ensure that this is the last time they will be homeless. Please support the homeless families in our community by saving the date of the

HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE breakfast. For more information please contact Lisa or Jamie at (253) 848-6096.

House Warming TOURS

House Warming Tours- RESERVE
YOUR SEAT

We at Helping Hand House invite you to one of our upcoming "House Warming" tours
July 17th, August 21st, and
September 18th
9:30-10:30 am
Office of Helping Hand House
11701 101st Avenue East, Puyallup

Come learn about how we serve the community. Our goal is to raise community awareness of the growing needs of homeless families. If you can join us, please call Jamie Anderson at (253) 848-6096 ext. 15 to reserve your space for a particular date.

TIS THE SEASON!!!

We start thinking of the holidays in June. Can you blame us? We deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas with all the trimmings for 65 families with over 125 children in our housing programs. Can you smell the turkeys roasting? See the tree with decorations and lights aglow? Hear the joyful laughter from the children as they open gifts?

Okay, that might be asking too much, but we hope it won't be too much to invite you to consider adopting a family for BOTH Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. You would provide groceries and a turkey or ham for both holidays and purchase and wrap gifts for family members. Additionally you can give a supermarket gift card to help with food costs while the children are home during school breaks.

Pull a group together to join your effort and maybe you can organize more than one! Call Lisa at 848-6096 ext. 17 to be matched with a family and for any questions you might have.

Your loving kindness will make
Happy Holidays possible!



CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS!

Ahhh. The air is warm and the sun is shining and it's time to be outside! Whether you enjoy gardening, home maintenance or painting projects, we have a deal for you! We are forming work parties to care for the yards and houses in our housing programs. Some of the projects are: painting, clearing debris, trimming, planting, mowing and edging, and clearing gutters.

Get a group of friends and co-workers together!
Call Lisa at 848-6096 Ext. 17 to learn details and to Adopt a Yard or House.



The following are items that are consistently needed by the families in our housing programs.

Helping Hand House is always accepting donations of the following items:

- shampoo & conditioner
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- new pillows
- new or very gently used pots & pans
- new twin and full/queen bed sheets
- new cookie sheets
- new toys for children and teenagers
- household cleaning supplies
- twin/full/queen mattress & box-spring sets
- bed frames
- bunk beds
- new reading books for all ages
- bath towels
- cookware accessories
- bed pillows

Tax deduction receipts are provided for all donations.

Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Easter?

You bet it was! This special time of year was made memorable for the children at Helping Hand House because of your generous giving! Children discovered not only Easter baskets brimming with candy, but filled with toys like balls, dolls, kites, games, and other gifts. What fun! And you didn't stop with the kids. You provided groceries for a complete Easter dinner for 66 families.

We are deeply grateful for your enthusiastic support for the families! Thank You for your help and support- WE CANNOT DO OUR WORK WITHOUT YOU!



June Abbey, Christina Allen, Alpha Delta Laureate Sorority, Jackee Bechtold, Laura Beste, Leanne Blyth, Costanza Family, Cub Scout Pack 557, Emerald Ridge High School Interact & Key Club, Girl Scouts, Denny's Valley Auto Body, Jeanine Eshpeter, Lisa Eshpeter, Michelle Gaut, Ginger Compassion Fund, Holy Disciples Church, Sabrina Kearney, Tammy Kelly, Miriam Krause, Laureate Alpha Delta, Living Word Lutheran Church, Loeth Family, Paul & Laura Marcoe, Meridian Riding Club, Diane Michaelis, Our Dwelling Place, Outback Steakhouse, Pierce Transit, Cheri Randall, Rogers High School HOSA Club, Leuntje Sleuwenhoek, SOMA Community Church, Sumner Rotary Club, Paula Shirley, Soaring Eagle Patrol Boy Scout DXVI, Therapeutic Hands Massage, U.S. Bank, Sue Vest, Virginia Walter, and Willow Gardens

BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer vacation is just beginning, but believe it or not, we are already planning for fall. Before we know it kids will be heading back to school and we want to make sure they have everything they need to start a great school year.

We need your help! Please consider one (or more) of the following:

- Adopt a child - purchase a backpack(s) and all the supplies for the first day of school.
- Donate the extras - reams of copy paper, scientific calculators, Zip Lock freezer bags, protractors, compasses, and lunch boxes and bags
- Donate money so we can purchase brand new school clothes: 2 outfits, winter jacket, underthings, and new shoes.

Call Lisa at (253) 848-6096 x17 or email (lisah@helpinghandhouse.org) to sign up to help with the BACK TO SCHOOL program and to be matched up to a specific child.



Helping Hand House is EVERYWHERE

Social media makes it possible for anyone with a computer to learn about the good work of Helping Hand House.

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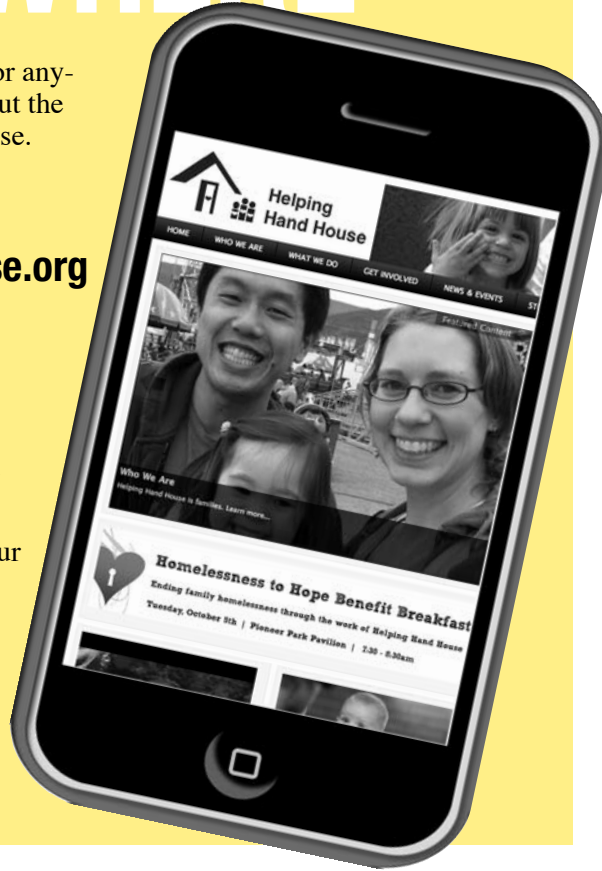
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WE NEED

Given how rough the economy is for everyone, you can imagine how much harder it is for the families who come to us for help. Items that we take for granted are missing in many of their lives and we like to make sure that doesn't happen as they are working so hard to save and budget their money.

We are so deeply grateful for all support, as we cannot do our work without you at all. If you are able to contribute in the following ways or if you have an idea to share, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 848-6096 ext. 17

Here are some ways you can help:

- Organizing a Food Drive- The shelves in our food bank are a little low and we are only mid-way through the year. We are in need of

Helping Hand House thanks all of our loyal supporters who have given their time, talent and money during these last months. THANK YOU SO MUCH

March 2010 thru May 2010

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NEED YOUR HELP

non-perishable food- mostly peanut butter, jam, juice, crackers, canned fruit, applesauce, flour, sugar, oil.

We are so deeply grateful for all support, as we cannot do our work without you at all.

■ Ideas of Monthly Support: Every month you can help by supplying: Toilet paper and paper towels, bath towels, wash cloths, and hand towels, new children's books, household Supplies (kitchen utensils, light bulbs (60W), pots & pans, baking pans, silverware, bowls, measuring cups & spoons), twin and full size bed sheets, quilts for beds and twin/full sized bed comforters.



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Sign of The Times

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