A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

**Helping Hands** is a local nonprofit charity, helping people begin a new and better life. We primarily serve homeless, displaced, or abused people, mostly women and children … throughout Ocala and Marion County.

The charity began in 2008 to provide transitional housing and jobs. It quickly expanded to assist with food, clothes, medical, dental, transportation, education grants, and counseling. We desire to provide compassionate care and opportunities for growth and success in life.

**Helping Hands** owns and operates two apartment buildings, containing 36 bedrooms (fully furnished). The apartments are in a safe place and provide a friendly and loving environment. We average 40 - 45 residents at any one time. We also operate two Thrift stores which help provide jobs and job training for our residents.

People come to us suffering from childhood abuse, broken relationships, and poverty. Many come feeling rejected, lonely, and scared.

Through God’s love, grace and strength … we help people put their life and family back together and to build confidence, strength, and skills for the future. We are grateful for the wonderful changes we have witnessed over the years … in the lives of our residents.

**Helping Hands** does not solicit or receive funding from the government. We are supported by the volunteer efforts and financial gifts of people in our community … individuals, businesses, civic groups, private foundations, and churches.

We invite you to join with us … in lending a helping hand to people in need. We appreciate your consideration and any support you may offer. Thank you.

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