



Good News!

Summer / Fall 2017

Helping Hands provides help for the homeless and others in crisis, mostly women and children. We provide a safe and clean place to live, a compassionate and friendly environment, life skills training, and counseling. We also assist with food, clothes, medical, dental, transportation, and jobs. Helping Hands is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving the people of Ocala/Marion County.

A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

We believe that a growing relationship with Jesus Christ is vital to the success of our residents ... in achieving a new and better life. We help them accomplish this by demonstrating God's love, grace, and mercy ... and providing opportunities for growth through teaching, fellowship, worship, and prayer.



WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONALS

On Wednesday mornings we gather for a time of worship, Bible teaching, prayer, and fellowship ... to build up and equip our residents with values and principles that lead to success in life.



PARENTING SKILLS

We offer special courses on parenting and child rearing. Ken and Leah Dinkins, pictured to the left with their children, teach a six week series entitled "Parenting God's Way".



FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND PRAYER

For those desiring a deeper walk with the Lord, we meet on Friday mornings for a time of worship and prayer, experiencing the presence and power of the Lord.



WOMENS MEETINGS

On Monday evenings the ladies meet for a special time of worship, Bible teaching, prayer, and fellowship ... designed especially to meet the needs of our ladies.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



WORLD WINGS INTERNATIONAL

A Benefit Dinner event was held at the Country Club of Ocala. The fundraiser was sponsored by the Heart of Florida Chapter of World Wings International, a philanthropic organization of former Pan Am Flight Attendants. It was an exciting evening that included testimonies by two of our residents, and a silent and live auction. The event raised \$7,400 for Helping Hands.



MC4 FUNDRAISER EVENT

The Marion County Continuity of Care Council (MC4) President, Jim Haskins, presented Helping Hands with a check for \$1,100 at their monthly breakfast. This donation was the result of a recent fundraiser to benefit Helping Hands.



OCALA'S BURGER 21

Armando Lopez, General Manager of Burger 21 presented Helping Hands a check for \$400, selected as the "Neighborhood Charity of the Month" for December. The donation represented a percentage of their store sales on December 21.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Paula felt ignored and alone growing up in Tampa, as one of eight adopted children. Even though her adopted parents loved her, she remembers overhearing them saying they didn't know if they should keep her or send her into foster care.

As a child Paula continually dealt with loneliness and confusion. She sought to fulfill the need by turning to relationships. She met a man who became the father of her three children. He forced them to move to Georgia where the relationship turned abusive... verbally, mentally, and physically. Paula managed to escape, but she was alone again ... now with three children.

Eventually, she and her 3 children checked into a hotel in Ocala looking for a place to live and for a job. Her money was running out, so in desperation she prayed and asked God for help ... and later heard about Helping Hands.

After sharing her story with us, Paula and her 3 children were accepted into Helping Hands.

Paula is so thankful for a clean, safe, and stable environment for her and her children. She is currently working at one of our thrift stores and looking for a more permanent job. Paula said, "Helping Hands was an answer to prayer! We continue to trust Him and look forward to what He has in store for the future!"



A FLIGHT TO REMEMBER



At the World Wings fundraiser, one of the items auctioned off was a plane ride to Cedar Key with dinner provided. Two of our young ladies were able to go and enjoy a fun flight with a wonderful meal at Cedar Key. One of the ladies said the trip was so special that she will remember it forever!



CHURCH SUPPORT



We want to say thank you to all our local churches who faithfully support the ministry of Helping Hands. Two of the more recent churches to support us are **Central Christian Church** and **Abundant Life Fellowship of Ocala**.

It is encouraging to partner with these local churches. To learn more about how your church can partner with Helping Hands contact Nigel Wagg at 352-732-4464.

IN MEMORY OF

Trudy Just by Robert Just

Karen Crenshaw by Greg & Gail Hattaway

Frances (Frankie) Colbert by Russell Colbert

*in honor or
memory
of someone*

TOP 5 PANTRY NEEDS



Donating to our food pantry allows us to help meet the needs of our residents. Here are the 5 most popular items in our pantry.

- 1- Peanut Butter
- 2- Soups, any type
- 3- Condiments, any type
- 4- Spaghetti Sauce
- 5- Frozen Dinners

DONATIONS can be delivered to
Dinkins Realty/Helping Hands at 101 NE 16th Ave. Ocala

THRIFT STORES

FREE Pick Up for Donations

CALL **352-732-4464** to schedule a free pick up.

WAYS TO HELP...



Your financial support enables us to provide housing and assist with food, clothing, toiletries, medical, transportation, jobs, counseling, and education grants. If you would like to make a donation you may do so in the following ways.

CHECKS- Make payable to Helping Hands and mail to the office at the address listed below.

CREDIT CARDS/ONLINE- Go to our website at www.helpinghandsocala.org

All donations are tax-deductible

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. **Donate to our Consignment and Thrift stores.**

Call or see website for more details. We can pick up large items.

2. **Volunteer.** See our website for an application.

3. **Assist with a meeting to introduce Helping Hands** to your church, business, club or friends. Call Nigel Wagg for assistance at 352-732-4464.

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