



Good News!

Winter 2015 / Spring 2016

Helping Hands provides help for the homeless and others in crisis, especially 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.

CAR DONATED



Cherry Baker, (left) a resident of Helping Hands, accepts keys to a Mitsubishi Lancer, donated by **Ashley Hudson**. The car was donated to Helping Hands, and residents like Cherry will be able to use it as transportation to work, taking children to school, and other important purposes.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation of a car, truck, or van, contact Nigel Wagg at 970-219-9881 for more information.

MC4 DONATES \$3,000



Pictured (left to right) Christy Edwards and Mark Camp of MC4, Nigel and Sharon Wagg of Helping Hands

We greatly appreciate the Marion County Continuity of Care Council (MC4) for their generous donation of \$3,000 to Helping Hands. This donation was the result of their "Appraise-a-thon" and Silent Auction fund raiser.

INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS



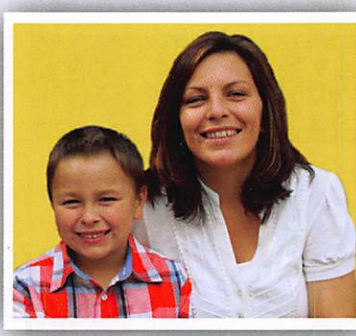
-Amanda

"Helping Hands has given me a great opportunity to start over and get my life back together again for me and my children. Their support and encouragement have been amazing."



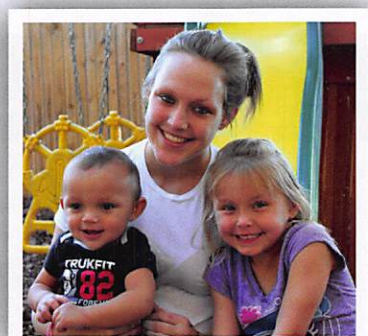
-Kimberly

"I needed a safe and stable environment to start over again with my son. I am very thankful for Helping Hands; they are great people. I love my new neighbors, and I have good support!"



-Kirstin

"Helping Hands welcomed me with open arms, gave me hope for a brighter future, and reunited me with my son Andrew."



-Stephanie

"I really want to thank Helping Hands for helping me get back on the right path. They have helped me keep my family together and have provided me with caring support."

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Nancy dropped out of school in the eighth grade, and her mom and stepfather told her to leave their home when she was sixteen because she would not follow their rules. She supported herself by selling drugs and becoming a dancer. She also used the drugs herself. She started with cocaine, then tried pills, and finally meth which is what took her to a place she

never imagined. She was arrested several times and spent time in jail and at a rehab center.

Two months before she was released from rehab, she heard about Helping Hands. She came to some of the devotionals and later became a resident.

Nancy has a good job, is working to get her driver's license, and is growing in the Lord. She also wants to finish school and be independent. Nancy is a wonderful person, and we are very glad to have her.

Nancy shares, "I would like to thank Helping Hands for being there and for showing me the right way, and for loving me and showing me God loves me so much."

DID YOU KNOW ?

At Helping Hands we currently have:

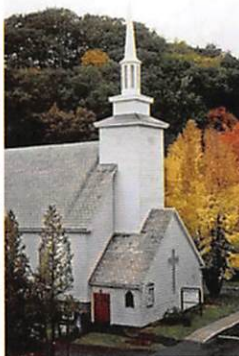
- 24 adults and 21 children that reside here
- 2 Apartment Buildings with 36 Bedrooms
- 2 Thrift Stores
- 7 Part-time Volunteers
- 4 Donated vehicles in use
- 1 Stocked pantry to assist with our residents with food

****We do not receive or solicit government money, but instead we rely on volunteer charity from individuals, businesses, foundations, churches, and civic groups.**

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

One of our goals in Helping Hands is to partner with local churches. Support and involvement of the local church is an important element in what is accomplished here. Our goal is to not only offer housing and assistance to those who are in need, but to also see them grow in the Lord.

We would love the opportunity to come to your church and share more about Helping Hands and what we do. To know more, or to schedule a time for us to come, please call Nigel Wagg at 352-732-4464. We would love to tell you more about us!



Morning devotional group with residents and friends of Helping Hands.

in honor or memory of someone

Throughout the year, we receive gifts in honor of loved ones as listed below:

IN HONOR OF

George Albright III by his Employees

IN MEMORY OF

- Dorothy Green** by Bruce Hutchinson
- Jeromy Leary** by Howard and Trina Leary
- John Raymond Barber** by Ruth Kuntar & Jani Serr
- Eric & Elsie Muecke** by Curtis & Sue Neuman
- Ricky Barber** by Richard Barber
- Lilyan Taylor** by Hope Meffert



Your financial support enables us to provide housing and assist with food, clothing, toiletries, medical care, 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- Follow instructions on our website.

All gifts are tax-deductible

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. **Donate to our Consignment and Thrift stores.** Call or see website for more details. We do pick up large items.
2. **Volunteer.** See our website for an application.
3. **Food.** Helping stock our food pantry.
4. **Assist with a meeting to introduce Helping Hands** to your church, business, civic associations, or friends. Call Nigel Wagg for assistance.

