



# Good News!

Summer / Fall 2018

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.

## DEL WEB SPRUCE CREEK DONATES \$9,000 TO HELPING HANDS



Norm Abels (left) presenting check to Nigel Wagg (right) of Helping Hands and Crystal McLendon (center) a resident of Helping Hands.

The **Del Webb Spruce Creek** Community recently held their annual "Senior Games for Charity" event. The games lasted two and a half weeks where 1,300 residents competed in over 100 events. Helping Hands was presented with a check for \$9,000 at their closing ceremonies.

[www.HelpingHandsOcala.org](http://www.HelpingHandsOcala.org)

## TOWELS OF BLESSINGS



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Ladies Group

We are thankful for churches like Our Redeemer Lutheran for helping us. Their Ladies Group regularly prepares special "towel packages" for our residents, each one packed with a

variety of toiletries. Every new resident receives a "towel package" which is a huge blessing to the people we serve.

## A NEW BEGINNING



It was exciting to see our most recent graduate, Cherry, welcoming into our program our newest resident, Autumn. We appreciate all our supporters for helping us give

women a chance at a new and better life.

## A WORD FROM OUR RESIDENTS

"Helping Hands has given me a new outlook on life. They have taught me how to trust the Lord and overcome my anxiety. They helped me get my children back and on my feet again." -Crystal

"I came here with nothing but the clothes on my back. Helping Hands has given me hope for a better future and a place to call home. They have helped me with all my needs ... physically, spiritually, and emotionally." - Autumn

"Helping Hands has provided a safe place for me and my children. They have also helped me spiritually and by encouraging me to have a closer walk with the Lord." -Lauren

"Helping Hands has provided me with a safe and stable environment and spiritual mentorship, helping me grow into the person God intended me to be. They have helped develop my faith and given me a place to call home!" -Crystal





## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Lauren's stepfather was a drug addict and her mother had severe mental issues. In Ohio she grew up living in poverty and enduring a lot of verbal and physical abuse from her parents. Lauren was the oldest of 8 children and was the one who took care of everyone. At age eleven Lauren and her siblings were placed in foster care.

While in foster care she faced additional physical abuse. Thankfully she escaped by being adopted by a family that regularly picked her up in the church bus and took her to church. Lauren said her adoption was very special ... because they were a Godly family that gave her the upbringing and love she never had.

Unfortunately later in life Lauren fell into a relationship that had continuous domestic violence by the father of her twin boys. Lauren was now living in Florida and finally had to file an injunction to escape the abusive relationship. With very little money, and nowhere to go ... her mechanic told her about Helping Hands.

Lauren called Helping Hands and after an interview she was gladly accepted into our residential program. She said Helping Hands took her and her children out of a very negative and dangerous environment, and into a safe place!

Lauren is a very kind and gracious person, a hard worker at her job, a wonderful mother and a talented gospel singer. She told us that since coming to Helping Hands her life has taken a very positive direction and has given her and her boys a peace they have not had in a long time. We are very grateful to have her and her two boys with us.

### GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

**Barbara Reissfelder** by Marie Canny

**Frances King** by George and Ruth

**Elizabeth Keeney** by Randy and Diane Briggs

**Loise and Buddy Bowen** by Tracy Rains

**Jeromy Leary** by Howard and Trina Leary

**Beth McNeer** by Glenda Belote

**Donna Calder** by John and Deanna Cenellera

**James Haselden** by Bruce Hutchinson

### GIFTS IN HONOR OF

**George Albright, Tax Collector** by Tax Collector Employees

**Kip and Becky Witter** by Covert Appraisal Services Inc.

**Dr. Gene and Buggie Peek** by Albert Peek

## THRIFT STORES

Free Pick Up for Donations

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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Applications are available at [www.helpinghandsocala.org](http://www.helpinghandsocala.org)

## A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

As a single mom, while working, Noel went back to school 5 years after high school to finish and get her high school diploma. Noel has been working hard and finally received her diploma! We are proud of Noel and her efforts to provide a better future for her and her daughter.



## GRANTS AWARDED

We are very grateful for the financial grants we have recently received from the charitable foundations of these institutions.

Florida Blue Foundation

RENASANT BANK

Bank of America

## WAYS TO GIVE

### 3 EASY WAYS TO GIVE MONTHLY

HOW YOU CAN MAKE REGULAR RECURRING GIFTS

#### 1 CREDIT CARD



Call or e-mail us and we can send you a credit card authorization form. We will manually enter the authorized payment on the 15th day of each month unless you specify to enter on a different day.

You can RETURN THE FORM by:

- Mailing it to Helping Hands, 101 NE 16th Ave. Ocala FL 34470
- Scan form and e-mail to: [nigel@helpinghandsocala.org](mailto:nigel@helpinghandsocala.org)
- Fax it to us at (352) 732-6116

#### 2 PayPal



Set up recurring payments through Paypal.

- go to [www.helpinghandsocala.org](http://www.helpinghandsocala.org)
- click "Donate Today" in the upper right corner
- click on a donation amount or "other amount" & fill in donation amount
- click "One-Time Donation" or click on "Recurring Monthly Donation"
- click submit
- click log in on pay pal account

#### 3 AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT



Set up free automatic recurring monthly payments through your bank.