



Good News!

Winter/Spring 2020

Helping Hands provides help for the homeless, and others, with a safe and clean place to live, in a compassionate and supportive environment. We also assist with employment, food, clothes, medical and dental needs, transportation, counseling, and education. Our mission is to help others come out of difficult and painful circumstances into a new and better life through the grace of God. Helping Hands is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving the people of Ocala/Marion County.

Helping Hands Women's & Children's Home



Thank You For Helping Us Help Others



Coming from an unstable childhood and a broken life, Angel says, "Helping Hands welcomed me with open arms! Now I have a new and awesome family of God in my life. Thank you for being a vessel of God's love, provision, and protection."

-Angel



Upon coming to us depressed, abused, and homeless Krystal says, "Helping Hands has given us a safe, healthy, Christian environment... something me and my children will forever be grateful for. We are the happiest we have been in a very long time."

-Krystal



"Since coming to Helping Hands I have found help and hope, with a new and better perspective on life. Through their generosity I have been able to gain employment. Thank you, Lord, for Helping Hands and the many life-long friendships I have established!"

-Lina

Former Helping Hands Residents Lead Christian 12 Step Ministry



Mike Wojciechowski and **Cherry Steffani**, former residents of Helping Hands, are leading a Christian 12 Step Program to help our residents and others escape out of the bondage of drugs, alcohol, fear, and other addictions and into greater freedom and the abundant life God promised us. We have been receiving great feedback from those attending the weekly meetings!



Mike, pictured to the left, came to us in 2015 and now lives on his own. Just before leaving a rehabilitation center and coming to Helping Hands, Mike received an entry level job at Fidelity Manufacturing. He is now the Purchasing Manager and a valued employee of Fidelity Manufacturing, but more importantly Mike is an involved and proud father of his daughter, Mia.

Mike said, "I wanted to lead this group because I wanted others to have the freedom from addiction that I have found in Jesus. Christian 12 Step is a great study to step in that direction. I really enjoy our group! It is amazing to hear some of the stories and testimonies of how God has worked in the lives of our group."



Cherry, pictured to the left, came to us with a broken past in 2015, and now lives on her own. She moved out just before she was married, and is currently in school to become a radiologist, while maintaining her cleaning business.

Cherry said, "I'm so grateful that I am able to help people through the Christian 12 Step group. God has restored me and given me so many blessings. It is an amazing feeling to be able to help and witness people having their lives restored through Jesus Christ."

More important than her business and education, is her daughter. Cherry is a proud mother of her 18-year-old daughter, Jazmine, who is a senior in high school. Jazmine, bottom left, recently completed Boot Camp so that she can serve in the National Guard after graduating from high school. We are all so proud of Jazmine and her accomplishment!



MISSION: We tell our Residents that our mission is not to be a landing pad, but a launching pad, helping them come out of the difficult and hurtful circumstances of their life, and into a new and better life through the grace of God. It is such a blessing to see former residents doing exactly that! Those we once served are now serving others ... and we are so thankful for this!

VIDEO TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE!

Below are QR codes you can scan with your smart phone for easy access to some testimonial videos from some of our residents. We would love for you to view their story, and learn how Helping Hands is blessed to be a part of God's amazing grace at work in their lives.

*If you have a recent i-phone you can use the camera to scan the QR code, and it will bring up the video link.
If you are an android user, you may need a QR reader app.*

You can also find the videos in the testimony section of our website at www.helpinghandsocala.org



John continues to grow in faith, with a peace and joy that he didn't have when he came to Helping Hands. He is a valued employee at Fidelity Manufacturing, and we love having his skills and thankful heart in the Helping Hands community.



We have been so blessed to see Emily live out her faith and grow in freedom and grace while with us. She is proving to be a great mother and is well on her way to receiving her LPN license, while continually serving others.



Mike is a former resident who continues to be a part of the Helping Hands family. Mike has come a long way since his young adult years. He excels as a father and is a valuable employee of Fidelity Manufacturing as their purchasing manager.



Sue has overcome a lot in life, and we have been so blessed to witness her growing faith and sensitivity to the Lord. She excels at work and serves with joy in the church she attends, but more importantly she is a great mother to her twin girls.

Some of the children who found a safe, loving, and happy place at Helping Hands



HELPING HANDS THRIFT STORE



Our Helping Hands Thrift Store is a great place to shop and save, while supporting our mission to help others build better lives. You can also support us by donating furniture, clothes, appliances, and much more. All sales go to help fund the operational cost of Helping Hands. Pick-up and delivery services are available.

Come Visit Us and Thank You For Your Support!

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 4:30 & Saturday 9:00 – 3:00

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3 EASY WAYS TO GIVE

1 CREDIT CARD

Fill in the credit card information below, and sign. 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 this form by:

- Mailing it to Helping Hands, 101 NE 16th Ave. Ocala FL 34470
- Scan form and email to: ken@helpinghandsocala.org
- Fax it to us at (352) 732-6116

AMOUNT of MONTHLY GIFT to be charged to my account \$ _____

☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Discover 

Name on Credit Card _____ Expiration Date _____
Credit Card Number _____ Billing Zip Code _____
Cardholder Signature _____ cvv _____

2 PayPal

Set up recurring payments through Paypal.

- go to 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.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE

A vehicle would provide a way to get to work, take children to school and day care, and the ability to meet other basic needs. Your donation is tax-deductible.

*Donate your vehicle to Helping Hands
and help our single moms!*

For more details call: 352-732-4464



A former Resident who benefitted from a car donated to Helping Hands

Offices are located at
101 NE 16th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34470



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