



Heart 'n Hands Mission

An Outreach Ministry of
St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church
2024 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to collect and provide clothing and other necessities to the homeless and working poor of Northeastern New Jersey and to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and working poor in this area and beyond.

Heart 'n Hands Mission of St. Timothy Lutheran Church is an Outreach Ministry which provides quality donated clothing and personal care items to the homeless and working poor at five food pantries, soup kitchens and community outreach programs in Paterson, Passaic and Hoboken. We also assist the homeless in Newark, the Broad Street Benches program in Elizabeth, the Light Up Project in Palisades Park, GERA – a refugee assistance program in Paterson, and Catholic Charities Supportive Services for Veterans and their families (SSVF). Located in Wayne, Heart 'n Hands Mission has been assisting people in need since 2010, now reaching more than **5,000** people with our monthly distributions. In addition, we support Wayne Interfaith Network and members of the Wayne community. Heart 'n Hands Mission is 100% volunteer and 100% of all monetary donations go directly to meet the needs of the homeless and working poor.

Heart 'n Hands Mission Update on Donations

Due to everyone's generosity we have received more clothing donations in the last two months than we can sort and deliver. We are out of space! Therefore, **we will not be accepting any clothing donations in July.** We will resume collecting fall and winter clothing in August.

In addition, Heart 'n Hands Mission **can no longer accept donations of toys or books or household goods.** We need to focus on the most urgent needs of those we serve - clothing and personal essentials. **Thank you for your understanding.**



Stand Down Update

The Catholic Charities SSVF Program (Supportive Services for Veterans Families) Diocese in Paterson would like to thank Heart 'n Hands Mission for their generous donations for our homeless veterans and their families. At the Passaic Stand Down, we were able to assist homeless veterans with clothing, toiletries, food, haircuts and resources. We had busses coming in from four different veterans shelters. We had a Mobil Mammogram bus for our female veterans and free COVID and flu shots on site. It was a very successful event and it is people like you who help us make this possible. Thank you again for your ongoing support to us and our homeless veterans.

David Pearson, Director of Veteran Services

Heart 'n Hands Mission is grateful for the generous donation given by **Hudson Lutheran Charities, Inc.** last December that enabled us to purchase and provide 458 Care Kits, 624 pairs of socks, 330 protein bars, 200 pairs of underwear for men and women, 360 new t-shirts and 300 family size toiletries for the April 20th Stand Down.

Pictures from the Stand Down Event





Our Amazon Wish List is updated regularly to reflect the needs of the sites we deliver to each month and includes items for our **Care Kit Program**. We thank everyone who has donated personal care items to this vital ministry through our Amazon Wish List and through their weekly donations.

Please look at our Wish List at [Heart 'n Hands Mission Amazon Wish List](#) and see how you can help others in need. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you may send your donation to:

Heart 'n Hands Mission
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
395 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

We are grateful to the following people who have donated through the Amazon Wish List since our last newsletter. These donations of moisture wicking socks, travel size lotion, women's deodorant and sunscreen bring such comfort to our homeless friends.

Marion Flotard
Karen & Tom Sajban

Anonymous



We send a special thank you to everyone who has given so generously to Heart 'n Hands Mission. Every donation makes a difference to those who have so little. We thank all of you who quietly leave donations at St. Timothy each week and those we see each Monday who wish to be anonymous. Your support is invaluable to our mission and your donations bring joy and comfort to so many each month.

Monetary donations literally help keep the Mission moving by supporting our aging van and our desire to provide specific needs to those we reach each month. Since our Spring 2024 Newsletter, we have received monetary donations from the following supporters:

Amy & Demetri Mikelis and the Patrons of the Montville Diner
Maureen Sciolaro and the Members of the Tuesday Evening Chapel Bible Study
Marjorie Davidson
Carrol Norton
Kathleen Lai
Lois Clapp
Anonymous

We also thank the following people for their specific donations:

Roseanne Clapp – new socks and clothing
Lois Clapp – new socks
Claire Choi – toothbrushes, flossers, travel toothpaste, travel shave cream and sunscreen
Donald Spitzer, D.D.S. – toothpaste and dental floss

We are so grateful for **Carol and William Lindsay** for their monthly donations of new t-shirts, socks, clothing, feminine products, new full-size personal care items, shopping bags & so much more!

We thank **Debbie Andersen** for delivering clothing and Care Kits to her connections with **Broad Street Benches** in Elizabeth, **the Light Up Project** in Palisades Park and for her most recent connection with the **Church Women United Food Pantry** in Irvington. We are finding more and more people in need and we are grateful to Debbie for her connections and for her willingness to deliver supplies where they are needed.

We are grateful to **Pastor Kimberly Schmidt Cooper, Office Manager Deb Califf** and the **St. Timothy Church Council** for their support and for allowing us to use a variety of spaces within the church buildings. The Mission is a big operation that requires a lot of space for sorting, staging for deliveries and storage. We can always use more help to quickly sort and prepare donations for delivery.

Please join us for an hour or two on Monday mornings. Our time together is fun and rewarding.

We are always looking for volunteers to help sort clothing, assemble Care Kits, load the van or be a delivery partner.

Do you have an hour or two to spare on a Monday morning? Are you available for a few hours on a Monday or Tuesday to help with a delivery? Are you a member of a social group that would like to assemble and donate Care Kits for our homeless friends?



The Mission is open for sorting on Monday mornings from 9 am – 11:30 am. Deliveries are on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please speak to Barbara Kaplan or Bob Davidson to say, **“YES, I would love to help!”**



All are welcome to join the group for some fellowship, sharing, laughter, coffee and...
 – all for a good cause! Any time you can give is truly appreciated.



Of course, we are truly thankful for our faithful Monday Morning sorters under the wonderful direction of **Barbara Kaplan**. We welcome our newest volunteer, **Harry Jung**. We are so grateful for your time!

Our Monday Morning Sorting Team: Jane Carlson, Bob and Cathe Davidson, Ellen Grexa, Pat Kaplan, Mary Laverack, Donna Morano, Mona Mosser, Carol Munch, Linda Nassisi, Dale Paglinco, Maureen Sciolaro, Lori Van Der Stad and Lou Warner!

Our Delivery Team: Bob Davidson, Cliff Konnerth and Debbie Andersen

Our Staging and Loading Team members: Bob and Cathe, Lori, Barbara and Pat

We are incredibly grateful to all of you for your dedication and service to Heart 'n Hands Mission.



Please note the change in accessing Heart 'n Hands Mission by phone



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Have a wonderful summer!