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Helping Hand Rescue Mission

August 2026 Community Newsletter



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Donate For Students!

Check out our
Back-to-School
Amazon Wishlist!



School Supplies Still Needed!

- 588 6-12 Grade Girl Backpacks Large Size
- 843 Packs Wide Ruled Looseleaf Paper
- 833 Subject Notebooks
- 106 Packs Index Cards

Sponsor a
Full, New
Backpack
for \$75!



The Best First Day
will provide ~1500
local children with
the backpacks and
school supplies!



Atoms Sneaker Donations



Thank you scouting groups!

Thank you clubs and school districts!



Cornell
Cooperative
Extension
Nutrition
Classes!



Thank you Wednesday Volunteers

Young Hearts Big Impact!

Read more about our incredible student volunteers and donors inside!

Every Saturday, the Saturday Sort-Out is on and it is in full swing! Our volunteers are from all walks of life, but you might be amazed at how many of them are high school and college students giving of their time & talents.

Young Hearts Big Impact!

continued

Helping Hand Rescue Mission hosts over 700 student volunteers each year! They are such a special part of our Mission & Community!

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Jack Steinberg, one of our graduating high school volunteers, has served with us for several years. This past week, he asked if he could stop by to speak with Kim. When he arrived, he surprised her with a beautiful flyer he created to share the impact Helping Hand Rescue Mission has had on his life and invite others to volunteer.

For the Steinbergs, serving has truly been a family affair. Kimberly Steinberg has brought her "Camp Steinberg" students to volunteer many times. They have sorted and inventoried school supplies, served as waitstaff at our tea, dressed as elves for our Christmas parties, and offered extra hands wherever needed.

We are so grateful for the many beautiful relationships that have grown through the years and for all this means to us, our Mission, and the families we are blessed to serve.

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Students also make a difference at HHRM through field trips, and we are thankful for scouting troops, after-school clubs, and college organizations that host drives and volunteer with us. We're grateful for each young person who comes ready to learn, serve, and lend a hand. You are never too young to make an impact!



Carolann E.
Saturday Student
Volunteer
Coordinator
Educator, 10+ Years



**Mikayla Shares
Her Experience**



Community Kitchen Update

We are continuing to work through the unexpected construction issues that have delayed the opening of our Community Kitchen. The revised make-up air and HVAC work remains one of the largest outstanding pieces, along with completing the fire-rated windows, and final mechanical details.

Although we still have not been given a firm completion and opening date, we are seeing progress and remain hopeful that each remaining issue can be resolved without additional major changes or expenses. Please continue to pray for wisdom, cooperation and for construction to move swiftly and smoothly so we can finally welcome our community into this inviting, beautiful, homelike space. It is going to be awesome when it is finally ready to be used.

Thank you for your continued support of this very special project. It is looking so ready...



Fall Founders' Tea Fundraiser Luncheon

10TH ANNUAL EVENT
WE LOVE SHARING THIS TIME
WITH YOU ALL!



November

7th 2026

12:00pm- 3:00pm

**It's Almost Teatime!
at Huntington Assembly
1700 New York Ave.**

Tickets are \$50 Per Person
\$35 for Our Monthly Partners
Special \$10 ticket for Volunteers
Full table discount of \$50



Delicious luncheon& desserts,
Great raffles, inspiring honorees, live
music and heart warming testimonials!

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Dates & Times

Baby Blessings

Set Up: September 14

Event: September 15, 10am-12pm

Food Pantry & Community Closet

Tuesday-Friday 11am-1pm

Donation Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10-11am or 1-4pm

Saturdays 10am-1pm

WE WILL BE CLOSED

September 5th-7th-Labor Day



Thanks to all of our
amazing volunteers!



Kim loves to share
about Helping Hand!



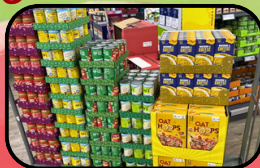
Smiles & Care!



Food Rescue
US Donations!

Join Our Monthly Giving Circle!

Summer is one of the hardest seasons for the families we serve. Each month, we provide nearly 1,000 bags of food, and we depend on generosity to keep our pantry shelves filled. Grocery prices continue to rise, children are home from school, and household budgets are stretched thin. At the same time, summer is often our slowest season for financial donations. A gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to our Food Pantry & Family Meal Fund can help place nourishing food on a family's table. Every dollar makes a difference and any additional support would mean so much! Thank you so much!



DONATE



Helping Hands' Kids Who Care



Lemonade Stand Donation! \$240!

Looking for fresh daily encouragement from Kim? Her passion is to Love, Connect & Encourage in our community & beyond!



Check out the Simply Trust Facebook page!



Thank you Girls Scouts for all the cookies!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM KIM GAMBINO'S DESK...

Dear Friends & Mission Partners.

As summer draws to a close, we want to pause and express our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful support. Your commitment to Helping Hand Rescue Mission continues to be a source of hope for local families facing uncertainty and hardship. In difficult seasons, we strive to be a place of peace, compassion, and love, and we are deeply thankful to have you beside us. Because we know so many of our families personally, we are blessed to walk with them, encourage them, and remind them they are never alone.

Financial donations are especially needed this time of year.

To our generous Monthly Mission Partners, thank you for giving so consistently. Many people assume donations are needed most during the holidays, but summer is often one of our most challenging seasons. Children are home from school, household expenses are rising, and donations tend to slow down just as the need increases. We have seen a noticeable decline in giving compared with May and June 2025, making your continued support especially meaningful. We are also grateful to Starbucks Coffee Company for awarding Helping Hand Rescue Mission a \$5,000 Neighborhood Grant this month!

This September, we are thrilled to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Baby Blessings. Our first babies are turning 10 years old in the coming months! Each month, this beautiful program welcomes mothers and babies with diapers, clothing, essentials, encouragement, and genuine care. What began as a simple desire to bless families has grown into a dependable source of support and connection for local parents and children. We are grateful to everyone who makes this outreach possible. We are planning a special baby shower theme for this special event and of course there will be cake & celebrating for all!

We are also pleased to share our new partnership with Fordham University for our fall internship program. The Community Care Office, established last year through the leadership of Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Debbie Kassimir, LCSW, Jacqueline Shapiro, MSW and Marianna Polanco, MSW, provides a warm, comfortable setting for those seeking emotional support. This ministry is especially timely, as our neighbors often need care beyond food, clothing, and household necessities. During its first year, more than 100 families were touched by this meaningful part of Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

Through every challenge, Helping Hand Rescue Mission continues to shine brightly in Huntington Station and beyond. As we complete our 61st year of service, we hold tightly to the verse that says, "He who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it."

There has never been a day when we could not fill the food bags. Sometimes it gets close, but God continues to provide! Thank you for being such an important part of Helping Hand Rescue Mission. Your prayers, generosity, volunteer service, donations, and care for our community make a profound difference. We wish you a beautiful end to summer and look forward to hearing from you or seeing you at the Mission soon.



Serving Together.
Kim

Kim Gambino, President

What a blessing to watch little ones like Mia grow & thrive!



Internship Insights with Dr. Mara B!

Our Master of Social Work Internship Program is entering its second year, bringing compassionate care to the heart of our community. Graduate-level interns in counseling, social work, psychology and nursing supervised by licensed professionals will provide direct mental health support to individuals and families in need. Blending faith-based values with evidence-based practices, this program reflects our mission to love, serve, and give while strengthening emotional and spiritual well-being throughout our community. We are proud to continue this work with you. Together, let's build healing, hope, and connection—one life at a time.



Dr. Mara Bollettieri
Volunteer Intern Coordinator



Feeding our community!
1000 bags/mo!

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Celebrating 10 Years of Baby Blessings in September!



Diapers, Wipes, Clothes, Formula, Toys, Car Seats, Strollers, 875
Precious Babies and their moms have been served so far in 2026!

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- ☐ ★ I want to **Join The Helping Hand Monthly Giving Circle**
- ☐ My donation is to support the **Back To School Program**
- ☐ My donation is for the **Food Pantry**.
- ☐ I will pledge \$100/month for needs in **August & September**.
- ☐ Please use my donation as needed.
- ☐ **Please don't send a physical copy of the newsletter to me.**

☐ \$25 ☐ \$20 on the 20th! ☐ \$50 ☒ **\$100** ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000

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Your faithful support has an incredible impact right in our local community. We are partnering together to be faithful to this mission of loving the world and caring for those in need.