

Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry

Celebrating 35 Years!



Sometimes you just don't realize that we have heroes in our midst. This year we celebrate 35 years of Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry and our HEROES! Tove Ball and Bess June Lane may not leap tall buildings in a single bound, but they leapt



Bess June Lane and Tove Ball, 35-year members of Helping Hands.

up to help their neighbors in need 35 years ago and are still going strong today. Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry was founded in 1987 by a group of volunteers who were inspired to address the great need they saw in the community. We were one of the first nonprofits to organize to support our neighbors in need. One of our signature programs, Dinner at Noon, was created and attracted 50 to 70 guests each Saturday at Port Chester's Carver Center. Every week, Helping Hands members coordinated the many volunteer cooks, bakers, servers, and dishwashers who generously gave of their time and energy to help those in need of a hot meal. All this coordination was done over the phone and by using pen and paper! A local

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Mission Backpack Sends Hope to Many!

The pandemic proved to be no obstacle for our many wonderful Helping Hands volunteers. We adapted, yet again, to a new location and a hybrid model of indoor-outdoor unpacking supplies and filling backpacks. This helped keep all of our masked volunteers safe as we assembled over 2,050 backpacks! These backpacks were distributed to 18 agencies all over Westchester.

Save the Date! August 16-17, 2022!

“Everyone here at Lifting Up Westchester truly appreciate your donation to help bring cheer to the lives of our clients, especially since the number of individuals needing our services has increased this year.”



Undie Fundie, So Fun We Did it Twice!



In April, despite sprinkles in the forecast, we were able to successfully pack t-shirts, underwear, socks, bras, sanitary products,



and toiletries for 500 adults living in shelters. Our thanks to Rye Rec for the use of the Nursery Field parking lot.

In November, we gathered again to fill tote-bags with hats, gloves, and socks for 700 individuals. Our thanks to Community Synagogue who shared their space with us.

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Share our Mission!

You can assist Helping Hands in supporting our neighbors by using the enclosed envelope to make a contribution.

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real estate office loaned their space after hours for the phone calling. This program ran steadily for over 30 years until we had to pause for the pandemic. Even with the hiatus, over 50,000 meals were served! As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we also pass the torch to the Carver Center who will now take over this program.

2,050

Backpacks in 2021

700 + 500

Hats & underwear

35

Years of
Helping Countless
Neighbors in Need

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