

# Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry

## *Oops, we did it again...and then some!*

You all remember it was our 35th anniversary, right? Right? Well, we set the ambitious goal of providing 2035 backpacks to celebrate. And we did it! In fact, we filled over 2200 backpacks! We couldn't have done it without a lot of help from all of you, our wonderful supporters! The weather was beautiful, the volunteers abundant, and our spirits were high as we, once again, made short work of our monumental goal! Over 200 volunteers showed up to lend a helping hand....or two! One person came from as far as New Hampshire. He even started a similar program in his new community! Don't we love that? So much love and community spirit going around. Backpacks were distributed to 18 agencies who service those in need all across Westchester.



*"A single father of three elementary school children was overwhelmed. His wife, a victim of cancer, had recently died and he confessed he could never afford to buy all the supplies that Helping Hands had provided. With tears in his eyes, he hugged me and was so grateful for everything. For many years, Helping Hands has sent a powerful message of love, compassion, and caring to complete strangers by helping those who could never send their children to school fully equipped. We are indebted to you for always helping those who will never be able to repay you."*

—Sister Alice Conrad, Shepherd's Flock





### Not Quite Oprah, but Great Nonetheless!

Spring is a time for new growth and we grew our Undie Fundie numbers this year! But it felt like Christmas in April or a mini Oprah Winfrey giveaway. “So you get a new bag of underwear, socks, and toiletries. And you get a new bag of underwear, socks, and toiletries!” Thank you to Rye Recreation for the use of their beautiful pavilion. We still tried hard to be outside and keep people as germ-free as possible. We filled 755 reusable bags filled with bras, tshirts, underwear, socks, and toiletries in our Spring Undie Fundie to share with our Westchester neighbors in need.

### Fall Undie Fundie Reaches New Heights

This fall we once again assembled bags filled with hats, gloves, and socks for 1000 people! A huge thanks to our friends at Community Synagogue of Rye for sharing their space with us yet again. This year we scheduled our event on election day when there was no school for students and we were able to have a number of youthful helping hands at our event.

*“Your gifts will not only keep our poor warm, but will touch the hearts of the poor who are accustomed to owning hand-me-downs. You are, indeed, a “Secret Santa” to them.”*





## *Another Helping Hands Hero!*



We honor another Helping Hands Hero, Ann Goldsmith! Ann had been a board member of Helping Hands since its early days. This year she decided to hang up her Helping Hands apron so we surprised her with a Helping Hands **Hero** apron! Ann tirelessly ran our Dinner @ Noon program (together with Tove Ball) week in and week out for decades. She got to know all the colorful personalities of the guests at D@N and kept things running smoothly. We estimate over 50,000 meals were served during the 30– year program. During the pandemic Helping

### Share our Mission!

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

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Hands transitioned this program to the Carver Center and Ann's good work continues to nourish those in need. Hats off to our hero, Ann, for her tremendous leadership and inspiration. She has touched the lives of so many and enriched them in both body and spirit.

**2,060**

Backpacks in 2022

**755**

Bras, t-shirts, underwear,  
toiletries

**1000**

Hat, gloves & socks

**36**

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