



Heart 'n Hands Mission

An Outreach Ministry of
St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church
APRIL 2021 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 an impoverished congregation in Newark, a refugee assistance program also in Paterson, and provide clothing for Veterans and their families in Paterson. We are in our eleventh year of service in Wayne and now reach more than **3,000** 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 Has Resumed Operations!

Heart 'n Hands Mission volunteers resumed sorting operations on April 5th and are now collecting casual spring clothing and accessories. Your donations can be brought to Heart 'n Hands Mission at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 395 Valley Road, Wayne on **Monday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** when Mission volunteers are sorting. **Please wear a mask and ring the bell at the single glass door in the parking lot behind the church.** A Mission volunteer will come out to accept your donations.

We will continue to accept **non-prescription reading glasses, insulated food delivery bags, new socks, new underwear and new hotel toiletries**, as well as **new full-size toiletries and personal care items**.

Belts, jeans, sneakers, hiking shoes and boots for all, particularly men, are always needed.

Important Information About Your Donations

Please Note: many of our sites are still not accepting clothing donations as they are focused on providing food for their most vulnerable. Please donate only what you think will be most helpful to those we serve i.e., casualwear and sturdy shoes. All clothing donations must be clean and in good, wearable condition. Regardless of style, if an item is not suitable for you or your family members to wear please do not donate it to the Mission. Please do not donate clothing that is

stained, torn, dirty, moldy, dust covered, moth-eaten, disintegrating or missing parts. Also, please do not donate clothing with pet hair. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are not accepting donations of winter clothing or winter outerwear at this time.

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You can also support our sites by donating personal care items, new socks and pantry items. Please check out our new **Amazon Wish List** for the items that are most needed at this time. And of course, monetary donations are always welcome.



Our Amazon Wish List is updated regularly to reflect the needs of of the sites we deliver to each month and include items that we do not typically receive through donations. We distribute these necessities to men’s homeless shelters, food pantries and community resources that serve homeless individuals and impoverished families. Please take

a 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 would like to thank the following supporters who have donated items through our Amazon Wish List since our February newsletter.

Loredana Bidmead
Anonymous

Fae Dulmage
Sharon Ferraro

Krista

Through all the generous Amazon Wish List donations, as well as those from the **C. Jeffrey and Katherine Knittel Foundation**, the **Airbus Group** and the **St. Timothy Endowment Fund**, Heart ‘n Hands Mission has continued to provide necessities to homeless individuals and families in need this year. Since our February newsletter, we have received or purchased and delivered the following items:

Masks
Canisters of Sugar
To-Go Cups
Hand Sanitizer
Travel-size Deodorant
Lip Balm and Hand Lotion
Shave Cream and Razors
Feminine Hygiene Products
Socks
Cup of Noodles Packs

Family-size Shampoo
Family-size Toothpaste
Family-size Body Wash
Family-size Lotion
Full-size Deodorant
Dish Detergent
Disinfectant Cleaner
Toilet Paper
Men’s Undershirts

Angels Among Us

March 29th was a heartwarming day for Heart 'n Hands Mission. First, we received this lovely note from **Maureen Sciolaro** who operates the Rainbow Nursery School at St. Timothy:

Dear Heart 'n Hands Mission,

Please accept this donation for your Mission. I belong to a Woman's Bible Study Group run from Jacksonville Chapel. The group is comprised of women from various backgrounds and churches. We meet weekly. Several times a year we support various people/missions. This year I shared your newsletter with the group and explained how I have seen you all work tirelessly and happily each Monday! As evidence of God's love in our lives, we know our hearts and hands should be open to those in need. Thank you for what you do!

Blessings!

Maureen Sciolaro and our Tuesday Night Bible Study

We want to thank Maureen and the ladies of the **Woman's Bible Study Group** for their very generous donation to the Mission!

Later that day, we received a special email. It told of a young girl receiving her First Holy Communion this year. In honor of Kaileigh's First Holy Communion, her parents gave her "\$100 to donate either to the church or to some other ministry within the church." She chose to donate her gift to Heart 'n Hands Mission and decided to make Blessing Bags for the homeless. Kaileigh filled 10 Blessing Bags with personal care items, a mask and snacks. She also included a handmade note with an inspirational message and a scripture verse.

Then we learned that earlier this year, Kaileigh had used her Tooth Fairy money to purchase socks for the homeless from our Amazon Wish List.

We thank **Kaileigh Taylor** for her generous gifts and her parents, **Karen** and **Robert** for encouraging her to share them with those in need. And it was wonderful to have Kaileigh and Karen join us on April 5th when we welcomed our volunteers back to work!



We also send our thanks to the following supporters who have blessed us with donations to our general fund since our February newsletter. Your donations will make it possible for us to continue to deliver much needed clothing and necessities through our mobile ministry.

Lois Clapp

Barbara Conklin

Mary Laverack



In Loving Memory

On behalf of the Heart 'n Hands Mission Board and our volunteers, we offer our sincere condolences to Craig, Marie and Rick Beyer and their extended family on the passing of Craig and Rick's dad, John F. Beyer, known affectionately as Jack.

We want to sincerely thank the following friends who have made a donation to the Mission in Jack's memory:

Lisamarie and Michael Giambatista
Grace Morey

Sonal and Anant Patel



We would like to thank Barbara and Pat Kaplan, Bob and Cathe Davidson, and Rich Wantula for holding down the fort, organizing pick-ups and deliveries, and getting our special purchases and Amazon donations ready for delivery during our recent shutdown.

And, we are happy to welcome some our faithful volunteers back to work! We have missed you and we are looking forward to working with you again!

Carol Cook
Ann Rocko

Lou Warner

Lois Clapp

Vicki Coyle



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