

# HELPING HANDS FACT SHEET

In existence since February of 2004, Helping Hands is an ecumenical project funded by donations, churches, fundraisers and grants.

Helping Hands has assisted in over 70,000 requests for individuals and families. Aid comes in the form of vouchers, supplies, assistance with food, bus tickets, transportation, medication, utilities, clothing, personal care items, temporary lodging, baby necessities and obtaining vital records. Each situation is considered on a case-by-case need, based on its own merits.

Beyond providing emergency assistance, HH's goals are working to address long-term needs, providing resource referrals, and guiding toward self-sufficiency.

We work hand-in-hand with other organizations in Lake County to provide long-term solutions and a place to refer their clients for short-term emergency assistance.

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## Helping Hands Mission STATEMENT

To empower & encourage a transformation of lifestyle with an understanding of cultures & individuals in a way that demonstrates tolerance, love & acceptance by serving others.

Helping Hands is a community resource that addresses the needs of individuals in the Lake County area.

Please use my tax deductible gift to the following:

- Wherever needed most
- Baby Backpack Project (purchase a backpack & fill with love)
- Holiday Spirit / Giving
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HELPING HANDS

*of Mission Valley*



*Providing*  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**  
*to those in need*

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*By Appointment Only*

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## Backpacks for Bundles



This is a project unique to our area. Through the Zero to Five FRLC & Helping Hands programs, we are providing a new diaper bag that converts to a sleeper for newborns and moms, helping them get a strong and healthy start in life.

The diaper bags include items essential to caring for an infant, from wipes and diapers to onesies, books and sleepers.

We also support the health and well-being of new moms experiencing homelessness by providing them with clothing and postpartum care essentials.



Your cash donation can sponsor a diaper bag, or you can donate the following items:

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| Diapers   | Baby Socks         |
| Onesies   | Baby Wipes         |
| Sleepers  | Sleeping Gowns     |
| Pacifiers | Receiving Blankets |

The **Zero To Five Project**, under the umbrella of the Young Child Wellness Council of Lake County and Helping Hands, is part of a state-wide initiative sponsored by the Headwaters Foundation. We're working to raise local capacity, promote collaboration, provide resources, and support parents – giving local children a great start in life and a promising future.



[zerotofivefrc.org](http://zerotofivefrc.org)

**Mission Statement:** Connecting community, Celebrating families, Cultivating futures.

**Our Vision:** Zero to Five on the Flathead Reservation and Lake County is committed to recognizing challenges, identifying solutions, empowering parents, promoting collaboration, utilizing resources, seeking opportunities to improve the quality of life for families and children and cultivating positive change.



## Holiday Hands

Through the generosity of the Salvation Army, Share the Spirit, local donors, volunteers, and with the help of school counselors, Sheriff and Police Departments, HH spearheads a volunteer-driven Holiday Giving Program with baskets and gifts for local families and students. This includes movie tickets, food boxes and gifts for the Boys & Girls Clubs, and lap blankets for senior citizens. We are helping to inspire connections and volunteerism in our young people.

### Backpack Program

HH provides backpacks filled with school supplies, personal care items, blankets, Pjs and clothing for local students in need. We also take part in the "Healthy Kids Back to School" event in August.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

HH, through our service partner the Salvation Army, is able to provide all the turkeys for the Ronan & Polson Community Thanksgiving Dinners - serving over 1500 people who enjoy a meal together!

