

Our Mission:

Helping Hands is devoted to working unselfishly to ensure that all children are afforded every opportunity to grow into healthy adults. The goals of our program are to facilitate family reunification or to assist with transition into foster care. In addition to fostering love and compassion we work diligently to provide each child with:

- ☞ A warm bed each night
- ☞ Three nutritious meals and snacks a day
- ☞ Adequate clothing throughout various seasons of the year
- ☞ First aid and medical attention
- ☞ Therapy and counseling
- ☞ The best educational and tutorial assistance as well as pre-vocational/vocational guidance



Our Program Goals:

- ☞ To improve social skills
- ☞ To decrease and eliminate inappropriate behaviors
- ☞ To enhance self-esteem
- ☞ To facilitate mental and physical rehabilitation by providing appropriate services (counseling, medical examinations, etc.)
- ☞ To enhance and build relationships with adults and authority figures
- ☞ To facilitate family reunification or help ease the entry into a foster home

Be a part of Us!

Individuals or groups interested in providing volunteer services should contact Helping Hands at 648-3456.

Lend a Helping Hand!

Our Wish List

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| Air freshener | Pacifiers |
| Anti-bacterial soap | Pajamas |
| Baby wipes | Paper Towels |
| Bath Towels | Pillow cases |
| Batteries (all sizes) | Pillows |
| Bowling passes | Plastic cups (reusable) |
| Certificates to restaurants | Plastic plates (reusable) |
| Cleaning supplies | Protractors |
| Cough medicine | Raincoats |
| Diapers | Scientific calculators |
| Dish cloths | Sheets (twin sized) |
| Dish towels | Shower curtains |
| Dividers | Silverware |
| Educational tapes | Skating passes |
| Graph paper | Sleepers |
| Hand sanitizer | Socks (all sizes) |
| Index Cards (3x5 or 4x6) | Three ring binders (all sizes) |
| Laundry detergent | Toilet paper |
| Lawn equipment | Tylenol |
| Lotion | Umbrellas |
| Maalox | Under garments (all sizes) |
| Maintenance equipment | USB flash drives |
| Mattress covers (plastic) | Wash cloths |
| Mylanta | Zipper pencil pouches |
| Neosporin | |

"I never stood as tall, as when I bent down to help a child."

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Who Are We?

Some of today's children face almost insurmountable obstacles: the fragile infants born into drug/alcohol addiction, the neglected toddlers, the abused and battered teens, and the adolescents who have spent most of their lives in the foster care system. These children are victims and have often lived in environments that lack the love, care, attention and guidance that all children need and deserve.

Helping Hands was formed on April 11, 1973, when a handful of concerned citizens realized that the county jail was where abused, abandoned or neglected children were being held until foster care could be provided for them.

Our organization was founded as a private, nonprofit agency dedicated to the safety, health, and welfare of abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Today, we have grown to an emergency shelter and low management group home for the care of infants, children, and teens.

Helping Hands provides shelter and care for an average of 43 children per day. The shelter is licensed to serve up to 58 children (19 teenage girls, 11 teenage boys, 16 children from birth - 12 years of age and 5 teenage mothers and their 5 children).

Our Emergency Shelter is staffed to care for children, ages birth to 21 years. We provide temporary/low management/emergency care for children removed from abusive/neglectful environments. Our staff provides care and services seven days a week . . . twenty-four hours a day.

How Can You Help?

- Join a list of volunteers who provide general support to enhance shelter programs.
- Become a foster parent.
- Become a mentor/role model for all children.
- Provide ongoing recreational activities.
- Donate monetary gifts, goods, and services.
- Become a tutor or coordinate a life skills development course.



Churches, Synagogues and Civic Groups Can...

- Invite us to speak at church services.
- Provide religious & recreational activities.
- Help children celebrate holidays, birth days & other special occasions.

Our Friends and Supporters

Throughout the history of Helping Hands, private individuals, local business, churches and civic groups have supported our children and the mission of our agency. Your efforts are always deeply appreciated and needed.

Annual Events & Fundraisers

- Aiken Triple Crown Golf Classic (March)
- Volunteer Appreciation (April)
- Christmas Card Sales (Oct. - Dec.)
- Chef's Extravaganza (November)
- Holiday Toy Drive (Nov. - Dec.)

Our Outreach/Volunteer Programs

- Adopt - a - Room
- Adopt - a - Birthday
- United Way Project V.I.S.I.O.N. Day
- Onsite Food & Clothing Donations/Drives

