

# Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.

Quarterly Shelter Newsletter

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## *Hello from the staff and clients of Helping Hands!*

Summer is here and the staff of Helping Hands hopes everyone is enjoying the nice weather. We have a lot going on this summer and I can't wait to tell you all about it. We are very excited to announce that we have been chosen to be one of the charities for the LPGA State Farm Classic Golf Classic at Panther Creek Golf Course July 14—20, 2008. This is the first year that our agency has been chosen as a charity and we are thrilled about the chance to participate in such a prestigious event. We are also pleased to announce that our agency was recently chosen by the Springfield Rotary Foundation to be the recipient of a grant for the shelter security cameras. Another exciting event in July we are involved in planning is the upcoming visit of U.S. Inter-agency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Philip Mangano. Mr. Mangano is coming to Springfield to hold a community forum and showcase the recalibration of our 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. We are working hard on this recalibration plan and it will potentially be used by Helping Hands as we embark upon our efforts to expand our shelter facility and also as we partner with the community to increase affordable housing in Springfield. I don't have many details just yet, but if you are interested in attending the forum, look for the details about the visit in the local media next month. Last but not least, I want to welcome our new Shelter Case Manager, Steve Dancer to the agency. Steve started with us in June and is excited about the challenge of working with the clients in the shelter. If you are at the shelter, stop in and tell him hello.

That's all for now! Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the forum next month. Take Care & God Bless! *Brenda*



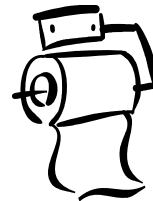
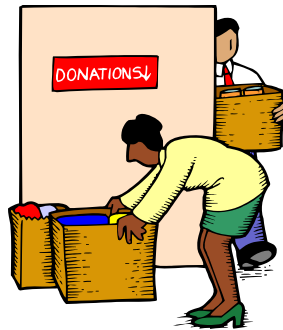


# Our Donors are the best!



For many years, Helping Hands has been blessed with the good fortune of having a supportive and dedicated group of donors and volunteers. We can't thank you enough for all you have done for us over the years. We couldn't do what we do without you!

- A special thanks to the employees of Medtronic for their generous donation last month of over \$400 in shelter supplies. Way to Go!
- Thank you to all individuals & businesses that contributed to Helping Hands through the United Way campaigns. We appreciate everything you do for us!



## Fundraising Spotlight

With the cost of everything going up so much lately, Helping Hands is exploring new ideas to help raise a few extra funds for the agency. Our hottest new idea is recycling aluminum cans. If your workplace, church or civic group or household would be interested in saving aluminum cans for us to recycle, we would gladly pick them up on a monthly basis. If you are interested in this project or would like additional information, please contact Brenda Johnson at 744-0470.



*Bring all your friends and family and join us at  
the Knights of Columbus Council 364  
All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet!*

*Sunday, July 13, 2008*

*8:00 am to Noon*

*2200 Meadowbrook Road  
Springfield, IL*

*Ticket Prices are:*

*Adults—\$7.50*

*Kids (6-12) - \$4.50*

*Kids under 5—FREE*



*The buffet menu includes:*

*Scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage links, mini corn dogs, hash browns,  
biscuits & gravy, Belgian waffles, tropical fruit, donuts & pastries, orange  
juice, milk, coffee & tea.*

*All proceeds benefit Helping Hands of Springfield*

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### *SHELTER WISH LIST*

- ★ **Coffee!**
- ★ **Paper Goods:** Plates, Styrofoam cups, napkins, toilet paper, towels
- ★ **Hygiene Products:** Deodorant (men's and women's), Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Razors, Non-alcoholic Mouth Wash, Hand Lotion, combs, brushes, nail clippers
- ★ **Coffee!!**
- ★ **Cleaning Supplies:** Bleach, Laundry Soap (Liquid High Efficiency) Lysol Spray, Dish Detergent, Garbage bags (all sizes), Clorox spray cleaner
- ★ **Personal items:** Socks and underwear for both men and women
- ★ **Coffee!!!**
- ★ **Linens:** Twin Sheets, Twin Blankets, Pillowcases, Pillows, Towels, Washcloths, Kitchen Towels
- ★ **Bus tokens**
- ★ **Did I mention COFFEE???**