## **Upcoming Fall Events**

#### Halloween Costume & Candy Drive Collection begins 10/1 HALLOWEEN WALK/RUN HAUNTED HOUSE CONTEST

OCTOBER

## **NOVEMBER**

11/1-Winter Wear & Toy Drive begins. Collecting Turkeys or Hams, fresh produce, holiday sides, desserts, apple pies, cookies. DECEMBER

Food collection and grocery gift cards. Provide a BLESSING BAG for a family in need. By providing a "Blessing Bag" to sponsor a family, you or a group of families purchase all the items listed and then box or bag them.

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Scan this code to donate

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Thanks to the generosity of the Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clemot, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and the various committees at PCCT we opened the Helping Hands Family Center.

### Helping Hands Family Center

The Helping Hands Family Center at PCCT, The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, 240 Southern Blvd facilitates a drop off location for people who are donating and then a FREE shopping location for others.

The HHFC was born in 2021 from the vision of women who, while serving families in need, responded to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable children and their families. Seeing a gap in rapid recovery of food and other essential services pertaining to the needs of families, the center's mission is to stabilize families and to help them cope with the implications and gravity of financial insecurity. A child right here in your community is in need of support. You can be the one to provide help and change a life.

<u>How To Help -</u> Our community supports and sustains us. There are many ways to help our programs. The following are ways to help the children and families we serve.

<u>Make a monetary donation</u> | <u>Volunteer</u> | <u>Donate items to our Center</u> - our center helps provide essential items for families in need. We are always looking for donations of food, clothing, personal hygiene, toiletry, and cleaning products; as well as undergarments and socks for both children and adults and seasonal wear.





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### Helping Hands started out as a simple idea at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. To raise money to provide grocery gift cards to school children on the free lunch program who were no longer getting the benefit of daily meals. We received our first donation in April, 2020 and began to distribute food to families in need. Now into our third year, this simple idea has turned into a large network of passionate, caring, like-minded people who work together to help hundreds of people each day. With hearts and helping hands we can accomplish anything! Contact us about how you can become a volunteer today!



## **Summer Events**

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available Family - TO - Family

Each month, one family sponsors another family with a monthly contribution. Recipient families are vetted, and groceries and basic necessities are provided by one Family to another Family. Or, volunteers can form a local Cluster of families to collect items monthly and offer to another family in need, which means you don't have to do it alone. Local Cluster Groups may also be (teams, schoolmates, scouts, etc.) and may include five to 10 (or more) families. It's suggested that someone with strong organizational skills lead the "group" initiative.

Sponsoring a family can be a meaningful way to teach empathy and caring because providing life's necessities is such a concrete way to give. It is also a great multigenerational activity for grandparents and grandkids to do together. Kids can help shop for the food, pack the box, draw a picture for their family or write a letter. Contact us for more information.

## JULY

#### Summer Food Drive 7/15

Caring for the Community Concert @ PCCT supporting Helping Hands by donating nonperishable food items!

## AUGUST

School supplies will be collected 7/6-8/23 and donated to LOCAL students in need!



Back to School, every child needs a hand & Sign up begins for the 3rd Annual Halloween Haunted House contest and Virtual Walk/Run

**SEPTEMBER** 

Helping Hands Gift Card Fund \$

Helping Hands Sponsor a Family \$

Helping Hands Back to School Fund \$

Helping Hands Holidays Fund \$\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to Helping Hands, NJ or Venmo @201-988-9070 (see QR

Helping Hands, NJ has filed an application with the IRS and is waiting for a Letter Of Determination as a 501 (c)(3) not-forprofit, tax exempt organization. As of 7/2023, contributions are NOT tax deductible.

**Our Mission -Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 

Helping Hands is a community of "neighbors helping neighbors "committed to ending food insecurity and unexpected financial set-backs. Through donations from our community partners, we provide grocery store gift cards, nutritious food, winter wear, clothing, furniture and other resources to inspire confidence and hope to local families in need.



