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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

Annual Point in Time Homeless Count Comming Later this Month!

Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates

Click on the text box for details and contact information about each ministry.

The Advocate Mission will host Trauma-informed Care Awareness training via Zoom on February 28th. Register at: Register@theadvocatemission.org/events
Click here for more Info on Foster care.

Amy's Closet sells clothing to support Amy's House as they provide the best and most complete services for survivors of domestic violence. They are open Tues-Sat, 10:00am with stores in Denver and Lincolnton.

Amy's House Domestic Violence Shelter currently has 22 residents and 8 in transitional housing. Click here for additional information on volunteering.

The Asbury Resource Center (ARC) is in need of all size clothing for boys, preteen and teen clothing and hygiene products. They are also accepting cash donations for new underwear and socks.

Backpacks for Kids currently supports 45 students and their families with supplemental food. See the Amazon link below to donate food or [click here](#) to learn more about volunteering.

Battleground and Rock Springs Elementary Schools need mentors who can commit to one hour a week to support students who need additional emotional and scholastic support. Click [here](#) to email Mary Repko for Rock Springs and [here](#) to email Bob Smith for Battleground.

Our 6 Birdies identified multiple opportunities to serve the needs of families in distress in December, including providing overnight shelter, assisting with overdue bills, repairing vehicles and providing for last minute Christmas encouragement. [Click here to learn more about this outreach.](#)

The Building and Repair Team completed 2 ramp projects and cut wood for the Missional Network in December. If you'd like to know more about serving with this team, [click here to contact Wally M.](#)

The Lincoln County DSS Foster Care Program will be hosting training in February for anyone who would like to know more about the Foster Care program. Dates will be available soon.

East Lincoln Christian Ministry served 300 Christmas dinners to local families and distributed over 1000 toys. They are always in need of drivers who can deliver meals to local shut ins. Contact Charlie Cicio for more information. 631-455-8989

First Thursday Lunch will kick off the 2026 season on February 5th. Consider joining us for Chicken pickin on the 4th at 9:30 am or make a homemade dessert! All proceeds go to support local children in need. New volunteers are always welcome!

Upcoming Events

- Every Tues - Sort donations for Furnish a Future, 10:00am - 12
- Every Tues - Sort clothing donations at the ARC, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Jan 8 Kick off for Fatherhood Program at Harbour Health, 6:00pm every 2nd-4th Thursday
- Jan 15 Point in Time Training, Hesed House, 10:00-noon
- Jan 17 Bubbles and Blessings first Laundry service for unsheltered
- Jan 18 GriefShare, Loss of a Spouse and DivorceCare seminars at Pursuit Church, 704-641-4561
- Jan 22 Point in Time Training, Hesed House, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Feb 2 Helping Hands Meeting, 10:30 DUMC Chapel
- Feb 4 Chicken Pick'n, 9:00am in DUMC Family Life Center
- Feb 5 First Thursday Lunch, 11am-1pm DUMC, Family Life Center
- Feb 7 Holy Spirit Dinner Dance at Denver United Methodist, 18 pc Swing Band-704-962-8812
- Feb 14 Caregivers Support Group meets from 10:00am-12 at Pursuit Church, St. James Rd



Peace I leave
with you; My
peace I give to
you. Not as the
world gives... Let
not your heart be
troubled.

John 14:27

Join us for Chicken Pick'n and Support Local Children - February 4th!

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Frugal Friends provides financial assistance to those struggling to meet expenses. [Click this box](#) for more information about becoming a mentor.

Welcome to Pam Schneider and Bridge of Hearts, a Children's Charity launching in August. More to follow.

The Lakewood TV Project is funded with TV service for the first 10 months of 2026. For just \$190, service can be provided for an entire month, covering all residents of the Care Center. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Furnish a Future logged 1000 volunteer hours in 2025, serving 79 families and receiving 74 furniture donations. They are in need of basic household donations and can receive them on Tues., 10am and 12pm or call Dale Webster at 704 269-2875 to make arrangements for pickup. More moving team volunteers are still needed.

Matthew 25 Ministry is currently on hold but don't throw away those pill bottles! More to follow.

Gaston Community Action is once again operational, providing financial counseling, housing and utility assistance. 2025 funds must be spent by the end of January. [Click this box](#) for Cynthia Vinson's email for information.

Moms & Munchkins (M&M's) give teen parents skills needed to keep their children safe and thriving in a stable home and offers encouragement and support for these families. [Click for more details.](#)

Harbour Health will begin their Fatherhood Program, Anchored Fathers, on Thursday Jan 8 at 6pm. The program will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Ongoing needs include diapers size 5,6 and 7 and Wipes.

The Lincoln County Room in the Inn ministry provides dinner, showers, a warm bed, and breakfast for unhoused neighbors Friday evenings through Saturday mornings December through March. Text keyword RITI to 980-389-7674 to volunteer or support.

Hesed House of Hope Homeless Shelter is looking for opportunities for residents to give back to the community. If you have a need for a team of 5-6 people, please contact Andrew at Hesed House, 704-732-0175.
Needs: large blankets, snacks and drinks.
Men's beds and family rooms are full at this time.

Sipe's Orchard Home currently has 24 residents which means they are very near full. Sipes provides the help needed for youth 16-21 to build their best future including finishing school and getting their driver's license. [Click here](#) for more information.

Journey of Hope is a Christ centered nonprofit ministry assisting the homeless with supplies, resources & advocacy. [Click this box](#) to register for this year's Point in Time training, on January 15th and 22nd.

Soul to Soul Outreach is launching a Bubbles & Blessings laundry ministry, beginning Jan. 17th, and a Bible study on Mondays at 1:00 pm at Christian Ministries. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to provide the resources for this ministry as they serve our unsheltered neighbors. [Click here for more info](#)

Current Needs

Most items may be brought to DUMC
Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm.

ASBURY RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

Jeans and athletic pants in all boys sizes infant-18
Teen clothes
Hygiene items

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Hormel Compleats, other high protein items
Hamburger Helper
Fruit Cups
Snacks

DSS FOSTER CARE

Click [here](#) for complete list of items and volunteer opportunities.

EAST LINCOLN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Thank you to all who donated Hams and Toys for needed families at Christmas!

FOSTERING GRACE

Diapers and wipes

FURNISH A FUTURE

Sofas
Need all basic household items
Queen, full, and twin sheet sets and full size blankets
Queen and full mattresses
Silverware
Kitchen Utensils

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Warm blankets for neighbors sleeping outside
Snacks and drinks for arriving residents

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Hot Hands and Toe Warmers
Tuna and Chicken Salad Kits

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Laundry soap
Twin Blankets
Travel Holders for Soap
Deodorant
Shoes from Women's 5.5 to Men's 13

SUNRISE RESOURCE CENTER

Non-Perishables:
Breakfast bars
Peanut butter and jelly
Canned chicken and tuna
Mashed potatoes and rice packets.

Opportunities for Ministry Support

through Amazon/Walmart Wish Lists

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Provides food for local children on weekends and school breaks, click [here](#).

DSS FOSTER CARE

Supports foster families with needed supplies - click [here](#).

FURNISH A FUTURE

Provides furniture and household goods for families starting over - For the Amazon wish list, click [here](#). For the Walmart list, click [here](#).

HARBOUR HEALTH (HEARTBEATS) WOMEN'S CENTER

Provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and needed supplies for women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. For needed items,, click [here](#).

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

The only homeless shelter in Lincoln County provides food, shelter, laundry, education, and more to otherwise unsheltered neighbors - click [here](#).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Provides outreach, food/meals, blessing bags, financial assistance and budgeting guidance for unsheltered and others near homeless - click [here](#).

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Support Lincoln County's unhoused neighbors by providing blankets, laundry ministry, sleeping bags, toiletries and more - click [here](#).



Handicap Ramp Completed in December