

JUNE 2026

# the Handup

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP



Thank you for supporting the 2026 Helping Hands Golf Tournament!

## Upcoming Events

- Every Tues - Sort donations for Furnish a Future, 9:00-11:00 am
- Every Tues - Sort clothing donations at the ARC, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Every Tues Noon - 5:00 pm, Drop off donations for Latino community, Bridge of Love at Boger City UMC
- 2nd Monday- Historical Society Mtg, 6:00 pm Mundy House Annex
- New hours for Hills Chapel Food Pantry: Sunday & Tues, 6 pm-8pm, Thursday 2pm-4pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Caregiver Support Group, 10-12:00 pm Pursuit Church, St James Rd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Music in the Park sponsored by Denver Rotary Club, Rescue Park 6 pm
- June 4 Community Health Fair, Sunrise Resource Center, Lincolnton
- June 8 Foster Support Event at Real Life Church. Childcare and Supper provided to Kinship, Adoption, Respite and Foster Families. Counts as training hours for Foster Care.
- June 12 Game night at Thompson Chapel
- 3 Building Projects in June - various dates Click Buildg and Repair box for info
- July United Way's Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive
- July 6 Helping Hands Meeting 10:30 am
- July 30 Soul to Soul Golf Tournament, Rocky River Golf Course in Concord.

## Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates

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

The Advocate Mission supports families and encourages you to: Meet a Need, Explore becoming a Foster Family and Get your Church Involved in this service. [Click here](#) for more about the Advocate Mission.

The Building and Repair Team completed 3 projects last month and are building 3 more in June. To help or to receive emails about future projects, [click here](#) to email Wally Mlynarski.

Amy's Closet sells like-new clothing to support Amy's House. They are open Tues-Sat, 10:00 am with stores in Denver and Lincolnton. Volunteer applications are available in the stores.

The Denver Community Garden is planted and producing food distributed through local food pantries. Join us in the garden by emailing [outreach@denverumc.org](mailto:outreach@denverumc.org).

Amy's House Domestic Violence Shelter is looking for Volunteers. Contact Crystal, 828-301-5247 to volunteer. [Click here](#) for additional information about Amy's House.

Lincoln County Foster Care Program currently has 76 children in care and 32 foster homes. The Foster Care Appreciation event held in May was a blessing to Foster Families. Email [amber.mayo@lincolncountync.gov](mailto:amber.mayo@lincolncountync.gov) for details or [click this box](#) for more information about Fostering.

The Asbury Resource Center (ARC) has been a blessing to 347 recipients of clothing during the May events. They always need additional volunteers to sort clothing donations on Tuesdays from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Fostering Grace provides essential supplies, encouragement, and support to foster families and are in need of storage space for their growing inventory. [Click this box](#) for details and how to help.

Backpacks for Kids will be offering food boxes for pick up monthly during the summer at Denver UMC for all families currently in the program. The needs often increase when school is out, so see the list of needs at the end of the newsletter.

Thanks to all who volunteered for, played in, or sponsored the Charlie Blackburn Memorial Helping Hands Golf Tournament! Nearly \$25,000 was raised to help local families! [Click here](#) for a list of sponsors to thank and support!

LCS social workers, aka "Birdies", continue to identify opportunities to support families in the Lincoln County area affected by the rising cost of living.

A Hospital Bed available is to anyone needing one. [Click here](#) for details.

Bridge of Love provides support to 40-60 families facing social, economic, and cultural challenges. This new ministry will be taking donations and assisting families on Tues and Thurs from 12:00 - 5:00 pm at Boger City UMC. Stop by and say hello to Alexandra and the team.

The Lake Norman Lions Club will provide vision screening for children 6 months through 7 years old. Lazy Eye must be caught by 3 years old to be treatable. Contact [Denzilbell@gmail.com](mailto:Denzilbell@gmail.com) for more info.

Thank you to all supporting the Knights of Columbus Least Among My Brethern campaign! Much appreciated!

Thank you for responding so abundantly to the request for Toilet Paper Rolls for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes! TP Rolls are no longer needed!



Sign Up as a Donation Site for United Way's Stuff the Bus Back-to-School Drive!

Wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at times and willing to yield to others.

James 3:17

## Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates (continued)

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Furnish a Future has logged 95 volunteer hours in May, bringing their total for 2026 to 467 hours! They need sofas and household appliances. Remember the Mission Depot is now open summer hours, Tues 9:00-11:00 am or by appointment only. Click this box for contact information.

Matthew 25 Ministry is taking a break. Please hold pill bottles for now!

Something to think about for the fall. Children unable to read by the end of 2nd grade are likely to not complete high school. Those unable to read by the end of 3rd grade may be on the path toward incarceration as adults. Consider mentoring a local student. Click [here](#) to email Mary Repko to mentor at Rock Springs and [here](#) to email Bob Smith for Battleground's opportunities.

Gaston Community Action connects clients to local resources that help them secure and maintain employment. Funding is not currently available but applications are being accepted to assist struggling families. Click [here](#) to email Cynthia for details.

The Mission Response Center (MRC) in Terrell receives and distributes humanitarian aid items, serves as a depot for UMCOR, and offers staging for Disaster Response. The center currently has a large supply of Hospital isolation gowns that need to be distributed. Click this box for details and to contact Reed Thomas, the Center Director.

Harbour Health performed 15 ultrasounds, 10 pregnancy tests and welcomed 3 new babies into our community last month. They were also able to remove one client from a domestic violence situation. The Anchored Fathers program for Strong Fathers meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at Harbour Health. at 6:00 pm.

Moms & Munchkins and Sunrise Resource Center Summer Camp begins this week. Their Community Cookout and Wellness Fair is June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm- 7pm. All are welcome to join us at 118 Deaton Ave, Lincolnton. Please bring food items to replenish the local food pantry if you can. Click [here](#) to contact Lea for details.

Hesed House of Hope Homeless Shelter is in need of snacks for residents as they go through the check in process at the end of the day. 170 volunteers logged 210 hours of service in May. Residents continue to look for service projects.

The Lincoln County Room in the Inn ministry is offering a cool summer respite for our unhoused neighbors. If you and/or your church are interested in being a part of this, click [here](#) to contact Denise.

Hill's Chapel's Free-Choice Food Pantry provides food for struggling neighbors every two weeks. They are open Sunday and Tuesday 6pm-8pm and Thursday 2-4pm. Donation needs are listed below.

Sipe's Orchard Home provides a home for 16-21 year old unhoused youth and guides them into becoming self-sufficient, contributing adults. Registration for summer camps is open. [Click](#) for details.

Journey of Hope is a Christian non-profit ministry assisting the homeless with supplies, resources and advocacy. Click this box for Melissa's contact information.

Soul to Soul Outreach has a new office located in Christian Ministries in Lincolnton. They are still in need of a board secretary. GED classes and Bubbles and Blessings laundry ministry will operate every other month for now. Click this box for contact information.

Lake Norman Food Mission at Denver Wesleyan is looking for volunteers on-site Sat mornings 8:30-noon and daily, 7:00-9:00 am, to pick up food, vehicle provided. Must be 18 and licensed to drive. Click this box for details.

The Lakewood TV Project provides TV's and service to residents of Lakewood Care Center who are able to use the remote control but unable to afford this service on their own. Service for each TV is about \$190/year. Click this box for sponsorship information.

The United Way of Lincoln County is hosting its annual "Stuff the Bus" effort, where local businesses/organizations collect new school supplies during the month of July. The collected items will be distributed at back-to-school events and at teacher shop days. Click this box if a business/organization you are involved in is interested in being a collection site this July.

# Current Donation Requests

## Current Needs

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

### ASBURY RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

Funds for new socks and underwear are always needed. Also need volunteers to assist sorting through clothing donations on Tuesdays 10-3 pm.

### BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Jelly in plastic jar/bottle  
Vegetables  
Small cereals and grits and oatmeal packets  
Applesauce- cups or squeeze  
Fruit cups  
Snacks

### BRIDGE OF LOVE

Donations can now be dropped off in Lincoln at  
Boger City UMC  
Latino foods - Long Grain White rice  
Pueblo Lindo (dry) black beans  
Instant corn masa  
Corn and flour tortillas  
Chili beans and black beans, canned

### DSS FOSTER CARE

Currently don't need pull ups but do need size 3 and 4 or smaller diapers

### FURNISH A FUTURE

Washers and Dryers  
Sofas  
Queen, full and twin mattresses

### HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Always need snacks for check-in

### HILL'S CHAPEL FREE-CHOICE FOOD PANTRY

Shelf stable food items

### JOURNEY OF HOPE

Tuna and Chicken Salad Kits  
Peanut butter crackers  
Pudding cups  
Cases of water

### SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Deodorant, combs, brushes, bug spray, shampoo and conditioner

## Opportunities for Ministry Support

through Amazon or  
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 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](#).



Fresh Strawberries Donated to Food-Insecure Neighbors through the Denver Community Garden