

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY 2020 REPORT

Thank you, to our faithful supporters. We could not do what is needed without you. Together we are making a difference to many folks in Rockmart and Polk County. It has been a record year amid many challenges. Please find below our distribution service report as of Nov. 30, 2020.

Households - 7, 691

Children - 6,314

Seniors - 5, 224

Vets – 117

Homeless – 57

New families – 932

Total People 22, 961

Pounds Distributed – 429, 415

Helping Hands operates on a cash basis, no debt. We have challenges, however God has provided through each one of you. Covid-19 has been our major change to distribution. Since we could not have clients come inside to do paper applications, we have changed to a “Drive through pantry” with outside registration. Atlanta Community Food Bank and Federal assistance has cut paperwork to a minimum. Also, they have made more food available. Thanks to Pres. Trump, Clients have been able to receive, on a regular basis, dairy, produce, eggs, milk, cheese, vegetables and fruit. We have been able to get these items at no charge. What a blessing! Prior to Covid-19 we averaged 45-60 clients, every Tues. & Thurs. and they were not allowed to come without a 30-day interval between visits. Now, we are seeing 90-130 families each Tuesday and Thursday and they are allowed to come weekly.

This has increased our transportation expense. Before Covid-19 we went to Atlanta Food Bank once a month for 6,000 - 8,000 pounds of food. Now, we make the trip once a week for 11,000 – 12,000 lbs of food. Yes!! We give out 3,500 - 4,500 per day. Some days even 5.500 lbs. The availability of food is not our problem!

Please consider this, you have a house; you have a car or truck to get to work, school and any necessities. You have insurance on all. You also have utility bills. What happens if you miss or don't have money to pay up? Your lights, phone, or Internet, get turned off. If your car is down, it must be repaired. In our case, if D.O.T stops us for the road inspection and we fail to pass for some potential failure, we are shut down. If we can't pay the rent or upkeep expenses on the pantry building, we are shut down. We try to hold down expenses and none of us ever take any funds.

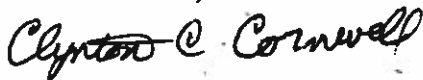
OUR BASIC BUDGET

Building rent	Monthly	\$900
Utilities	Power, phone, Internet, trash dumpster	\$975
Food	(Pennies on the pound)	\$800
Office		<u>\$ 65</u>
		\$2740
Truck		
Maintenance	2 month or 5000 miles/ annual D.O.T. Inspection	\$ 135
Diesel Fuel	Monthly	\$ 550
Repair, Tires, parts, refrigeration unit		\$1300
Insurance		\$ 175
Depreciation/replacement		<u>\$ 500</u>
		\$2660
Monthly Total		\$5400

Clynt spends 20 hr a week transporting food for the pantry. Consequently, Woodmaster Supply loses 20 hrs of shop time to pay our business expenses. Please help us get more sponsors for the pantry.

Helping Hands, Inc., is a 501c3 organization. We are a private owned company operating in Rockmart since 2001. I hope you will be interested in working with us monthly, quarterly, or an annual pledge. Please call: 678-685-4644 and ask for Betty or Clint. We will be glad to answer all your questions or set up a time for you to come and visit our pantry and see first hand the need. If we are away from the phone, please leave your name, phone # and a message in response to the Community Letter.

Thank You,



Clynton Cornwell
President