



## HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION

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### IT'S BEYOND SOUP

IT'S THE SMILE, THE CARE, THE GENUINE DESIRE TO SERVE.

IT'S SHARING THE LOVE, THE JOY OF GIVING, THE REALITY OF MAKING AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.

MEETING HUMAN NEEDS, BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT...

ONE LIFE AT A TIME...

## “His Truth is “MARCH”ING ON!

Island Harvest's 2010 report indicates that those that are “food insecure” here on Long Island are increasing in number. The need for volunteers at food pantries and in soup kitchens is increasing as the people's need for food and nourishment increases.

We are glad to be a member agency of Island Harvest. This means that we receive surplus foods at no cost to the Mission. We in turn are able to share that food with those who come to the Mission and are in need. It is supplemental to our food pantry. We receive baked goods, fresh vegetables,

frozen foods, and whatever is available on a weekly basis. We are grateful that at a time when the need continues to increase, through God's faithfulness, provision and the support of many, we are able to meet the needs of those that come in need of a Helping Hand.



HDE CRAFT TIME



WAITING FOR LUNCH.



ENJOYING VALENTINE'S DAY PIZZA PARTY!

# We are enjoying the beginnings of a beautiful Springtime!

## From our Hearts to Yours...

Dear Partners, Family & Friends,

**Praise the Lord! He is so faithful to us! Our hearts are overflowing with good news to share with you this month!** Thank you for taking time to read this letter and to join with us in celebration of God's goodness to us here at the Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

**West Sayville Christian School held their Winter mission trip this year at Helping Hand Rescue Mission.** They were led by a group called "Leadertreks" from Chicago. They came to us and asked if there were any construction projects we might have for them to do. It has long been our desire to have our office space configured a bit differently to provide us with more efficient workspace and to have a reception window in the front entrance of the Mission. They did all that and more! I must say we all looked at each other with concern when they showed up with high school students and powertools. Leadertreks provided excellent guidance, instruction and direction as these teens worked day in and day out for 5 days, coming back for a sixth to tie up loose ends. We invite you to come and see our "new mission offices". We're still in the process of organizing and housekeeping, but they are going to help us maximize our space usage more efficiently. They did much more than the construction, helping to serve our Wednesday lunch, painting, cleaning and organizing and the list goes on...Many thanks again to West Sayville Christian School for such a wonderful gift to Helping Hand Rescue Mission!

**Thanks to the churches, schools and organizations that have held food drives to keep our shelves full during these tough winter months.** We have given out many bags of food each week, and are grateful to be able to continue as the supplies continue to come in. Please see our website [www.hhrm.org](http://www.hhrm.org) for a list of our current pantry needs.

**Our daughter Kim was honored to be the speaker at Half Hollow Hills Community Church for two Sundays in January.** It was a wonderful to hear her share her firsthand experiences as a "missionary's child", and how God is using the work at Helping Hand Rescue mission in her life. Kim is available to speak at your church, small group, women's meeting or missions function. She is a wonderful speaker and we are very proud of her in the Lord. Have her come speak sometime. You'll be glad you did! She will be speaking at the Long Island Section Missionettes rally in Bethpage New York later this month.

**Please continue to keep Jim's health in prayer.** We are grateful to God for giving us strength and vitality to do his work each day. We are grateful for the many hands that come to lighten our load and enable us to do more.

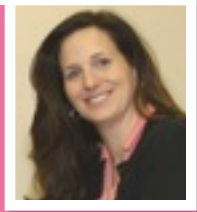
**Our Saturday reading program meets from 11-12pm during our Happy Day Express time.** We are thankful to Miss Patty our teacher and the Northport Rotary club members and their children who come out on a regular basis to help children with their reading skills. We are booked with volunteers for Saturdays through June. We are also grateful to the Melville Lions club members for coming once each month to help prepare and serve breakfast and lunches to the children.

**God continues to overwhelm us with his goodness, grace and provision.** Thank you for being part of what He is doing here in Huntington. We are His hands and His feet, reaching out to a world in need of a Saviour and the love that only He can bring.

Thank you again for your love prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you as only He can!

Richest Blessings,

Rev. Jim & Rosemarie Gaines, CEO and President



# Mission Soup



Spring is such a wonderful time of the year! It is a time for celebration of the newness of life. The cold of winter vanishes, sometimes rearing its head unexpectedly a few times as it makes its exit, but it must give way to the promise of Spring. Longer days, warmer days, morning walks in the park, re-starting that diet...lol...Spring sports, coffee on the patio with girlfriends, fun church outings and many other Springtime things will begin to be enjoyed again.

At the Mission it means there will be more Happy Day Express kids as the warmer weather brings more kids outside in their neighborhoods, available for invitation to our Saturday programs.

We will help families with Spring clothing, new babies with layettes, and baby items. There will be more people coming for a wonderful Wednesday lunch. We will "Spring" into service.

Sometimes our hearts experience a "wintertime" of sorts. Things appear to have lain barren for days, months or even years. The awesome news there is that Spring is just around the corner! As our hearts awaken to the call of God's promises, as new flowers at Springtime, we will blossom forth in beauty and splendor. The dormancy of Winter will pass and we will go on to embrace the newness of life that is ours for the accepting.

Have you got the Winter blues?...Too much snow for your liking this year? Rejoice and be glad! Spring is ready to make its appearance! And it's going to be beautiful! Thank you for your love and prayers!



"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe."  
~Proverbs 29:25~

## "IDES OF MARCH" Potato Cheese Soup mmmmm!

Makes 6 Delicious Servings

- 1 3 cups (15 ounces) diced raw potatoes
- 2 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 4 2 cups (one 16-ounce can) Healthy Request Chicken Broth
- 5 1 cup + 2 table spoons (4 1/2 ounces) shredded Kraft reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 6 1 cup Carnation Nonfat Dry Milk Powder
- 7 1 1/2 cups water
- 8 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 9 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
- 10 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

### Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, combine potatoes, celery, onion, and chicken broth. Bring mixture to a boil.
2. Lower heat and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
3. Remove from heat and mash mixture (do not drain) with a potato masher until smooth. Gently stir in Cheddar cheese.
4. In a medium bowl, combine dry milk powder and water. Add milk mixture to potato mixture. Mix well to combine.
5. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and black pepper.
6. Return saucepan to heat and continue simmering for 6 to 8 minutes or until mixture is heated through and cheese melts, stirring often.



Hector comes to help us weekly with custodial work. He is a dialysis patient, and has been a blessing to us as we have been a blessing to his life.



Sculpted bust donated for memorial garden. Several memorials will be displayed



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens ( I couldn't resist a good Dicken's quote :)



**SHOW MOM SOME LOVE!  
 CELEBRATE SOMEONE SPECIAL!  
 RECOGNIZE A SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT!**

*Give a Gift In Their Honor or Memory !*

The honoree will receive a letter stating that a gift was given in their honor or memory  
 Great idea for birthdays, anniversaries or to celebrate milestones or accomplishments.  
 Please accept this gift in honor or memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of honoree or person to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_  
 On the occasion of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 13:17  
 "Give honor to whom honor is due..."



**PLAN TO LEND YOUR HELPING HANDS!!**

If you are interested in bringing a group to work for a few hours to work at the Mission please call to schedule.

**Happy Day Express meets each Saturday at 10am at the Mission**

**Happy Day Express Mother's Day Celebration Saturday May 8th 10am.**

**Annual Mother's Day Boutique Fundraiser April 29th, 30th & May 1st..**

**Happy Day Express Palm Saturday March 27th...come wave a palm branch!**

**Happy Day Express Easter Celebration April 4th...Easter basket distribution**

Visit our website [www.hhrm.org](http://www.hhrm.org) for info & more opportunities to lend a hand!

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