



# Hearts in Hands News

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

## Helping Update

### *Serving new friends and old!*

Over the past several weeks, we've been helping some new friends and some old ones too. We recently met Mrs. B in the East Avondale area who lives alone with very little family support and has several health conditions. We met her through her social worker at Viva. Volunteers were able to fix her bathroom sink, install a shower, get her a new space heater, and then we found and installed a gas stove to replace hers that broke. She said "I've never had anyone do anything for me".

We are still working with our new friend Nichole who moved here to be close to medical care and has no family support. She lives with her service dogs in a home that needs a lot of work to be safe. Volunteers are working on her kitchen and building her a place to put her washer, dryer and freezer. She also has started having trouble driving and a new volunteer was able to step in at just the right time to help her with transportation to the doctor.

Another Mrs. B who is also disabled lives in the East Avondale / Woodlawn area had a sliding glass door that someone shattered in an attempt to rob her. Volunteers were able to install a new steel security door and replace a light so she can live more safely in her home.

Ms. H in Montevallo had multiple leaks that ran up her bill so much that she had to turn her water on and off at the street between uses. We were able to replace her water lines and even get her a new roof!

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**Join us with your Heart and Hands. To volunteer or donate, go to [www.heartsinhands.org](http://www.heartsinhands.org). Also keep Hearts in Hands, our clients and volunteers in your prayers!**

**"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18**



## Can you help?

### *Urgent Needs*

We need **ramp project leaders** for five families who have been approved and waiting. They currently have no way to get in and out of their homes. Two clients who were waiting, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Dowdell, passed away before getting the ramp they needed. Project leaders will help design the ramp, order materials, then direct volunteers on the work day which will be on a Saturday morning.

So many still need **roof repairs!** Many families are approved and waiting, some for up to two years. We have also been building a waiting list of clients who need roofs or roof repairs. Some repairs are as simple as putting tar on the roof leak so rain will not pour in their homes.

We could also use help with client **transportation needs**, especially for doctor appointments.

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Three of our long-time friends contacted us for help: Mrs. M in Ensley; Mrs. C in North Birmingham; and Mr. P in Powderly. Mrs. M needed a lock replaced because she had been burglarized multiple times. We repaired water lines in the bathroom and kitchen for Mrs. C. She had no water except for her bathtub and it was COLD! Sadly, she is also dealing with cancer treatments. We replaced her kitchen sink and her cabinets too then got her water heater repaired. Her dining room floor also had several holes in it so that you could see all the way to the ground, and we were able to get her a new laminate floor. Then we assisted Mr. P and his 98 year-old mom in Powderly. Volunteers were able to find them a used freezer and get it installed in their home.

Ask any volunteer involved in these projects and they'll tell you what a blessing it is to serve!



Volunteers starting work with prayer at Nichole's home



Mrs. B in the doorway of her new security door

## WHAT'S NEXT?

**We will build a wheelchair ramp on Saturday, December 8th. Volunteers meet at 8 am at the Chick-Fil-A on Lakeshore Drive.** Watch your email for additional details.

Four clients need handrails which some of our new volunteers will be installing in November and December. Several volunteers are distributing Christmas gift bags to about 30 of our clients that God has placed on our hearts to help. Hearts in Hands is supplying hams!

**TOGETHER in 2018 through November, volunteers were able to complete 14 handyman projects, 5 ramps, and 2 bathtub to shower conversions. We are so excited to see what God can do through us to finish 2018 and in 2019!**

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All the dedicated volunteers who work week after week helping our friends and neighbors.