



HEARTS IN HANDS NEWS

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Serving Opportunities

Do you have a heart to serve people? We have clients with urgent needs that need you!

Who needs help? People in poverty all across the Birmingham area - the elderly and the disabled who own their own homes but don't have the resources to stay in them safely.

How many have asked us for help? Dozens of people are approved and waiting - some up to two years with issues as serious as roof leaks in some cases.

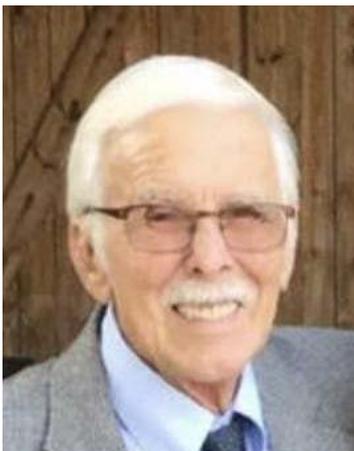
How do they find us? Many are referred from Jefferson County Senior Services, United Way, and home health agencies.

What do they need? Home repairs like roof repair, plumbing, yard and carpentry work

Who can help? Small groups at your church and individuals who have their own tools and half a day to take on a repair job – anybody with time on a Saturday and retirees who can work during the week. Young people can help too! You decide when you want to work.

How do I start? Contact Carl at 205-223-4177 to talk about your areas of expertise and how many people you have in your group. You'll be put in contact with one of our clients to get started!

If you've already started helping, keep up the good work! A special thank you to Allan, Randy, Ben and Mike who are leading new teams.



Celebrating Philip Morris

One of our key volunteers passed away suddenly on February 5th. In his honor, we installed a wheelchair ramp for Mrs. E, an elderly lady in West End on March 11th. She can now safely get in and out of her home. Friends and family of Philip donated the funds for the ramp materials. We included a plaque in his memory.

Frank said "Our ramp today was dedicated to a friend we lost here on earth, Phillip Morris. He loved to help and loved God. We will miss his laugh and guiding voice."



A special thanks to Rich, our talented project leader!



Hearts in Hands in Action – LOVE DOES!

Here is a list of some of the wonderful work recently done by our volunteers for elderly and disabled clients. Special thanks to all our volunteers, plumbers and those who donated appliances. Small and large jobs made a BIG DIFFERENCE in the lives of people here in our community!

- Installed 5 safety handrails for elderly clients
- Provided 8 heaters to people who had no heat
- Built 3 ramps for the disabled
- Provided a washing machine for an elderly client
- Provided a dryer for a disabled client
- Provided two refrigerators to elderly clients
- Provided and installed a water heater
- Installed a new roof on a room for a disabled client
- Repaired a roof for an elderly client
- Installed a toilet for a client who had no bathroom
- Repaired 2 ramps and decks
- Installed a faucet
- Repaired a light fixture
- Repaired a smoke detector



Client Stories

Ms. B is a 71 year old widow who lives alone in West End. Her income is very limited. Her one son lives out of town and helps when he can. She's a prayer warrior who needs a lot of little repairs. While we were there visiting her, her washing machine stopped working. She laughed and said "God's got this! I will get by!" Handymen are needed at her home SOON. Shine God's love to her and the community around her!

Ramp Group Projects Coming Soon!

Watch your email for several ramp projects we are scheduling:

- Mrs. B lives in West End and has one leg. She lives with her daughter and 4 grandchildren. She has been waiting since September.
- A is an 8 year old boy in Midfield with a spinal cord injury. He has a motorized wheelchair that he uses at school but he isn't allowed to bring it home for the summer if he doesn't have a ramp.
- Ms. G in Centerpoint had a stroke. She uses a cane now but needs to be in a wheelchair.

Special Help Needed

Calling all Plumbers and Roofers. If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact Frank at 205-296-5015 or Carl at 205-223-4177.

Join us with your Heart and Hands. To volunteer or donate, go to 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*