



Hands Extended Loving People

HELP Ministry

2024 Annual Report



“Whatever you do for the least of these.....you do for me”

HELP Ministry was founded in 1998 as a faith-based non-profit organization that sought to fill the gap in human services, doing what other services organizations could not do. HELP works in collaboration with those organizations to avoid duplication as well as to join forces when needed to assist those in need.

Over the years the services of HELP Ministry have grown well beyond the idea of the founder. As the success of the mission has become more well known, needs for other services have been brought to our door. The beginning ministry focused on providing furniture, appliances, household goods and hands-on projects. As time has passed, the Ministry has been blessed with donors who have not only helped pay normal operating expenses but have provided resources to help with numerous financial needs; such as rents, utilities, heating, medical needs, insurance and other miscellaneous needs. Minor home repairs, handicap access projects, bunk beds and transportation to medical appointments are helped with as resources allow.

In recent years the Ministry has become more closely involved with other agencies to provide services beyond the capabilities of any one group. These collaborations have included all the local veteran's groups, all the official agencies, Habitat For Humanity, Blue Hat Ministries, Senior centers, fraternal groups, and the churches of Mason County. In 1998 HELP began with two volunteers. Today upwards of 80 people volunteer time in one way or another. HELP Ministry has truly been blessed by the community and by God.



## Mission Statement

To compassionately provide the basic goods and resources needed by the economically disadvantaged, such that their sense of dignity and worth is restored and maintained.



## Purpose Statement

To demonstrate God's love for humankind through acts of kindness and mercy, as God provides the opportunities and means.

## Vision of HELP Ministry

The vision of HELP Ministry is one of committed Christians coming together in a spirit of unity, sharing their gifts, talent and resources, to bring comfort and aid to those in need of help and hope. It is a vision in which denominational differences are set aside, in order to demonstrate God's love for all people. Through cooperation with existing agencies, ministries and churches, duplication of efforts and resources will be minimized.

The vision of help is also a vision of unbelievers, so moved by the compassion shown them, that they seek a relationship with the One who inspired the acts of mercy, Jesus Christ.

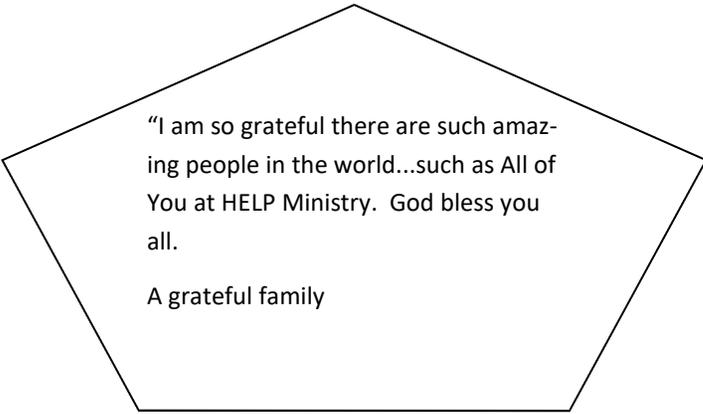
## A Message From The President

Cathi Bates

Another year has gone by and, in my opinion, that should always show we have made improvement as we reflect on it. The good news is that I have seen improvement! Some clients have made positive choices for themselves, be it living situations or personal improvements. There have been positive changes at HELP Ministry and in my own life.

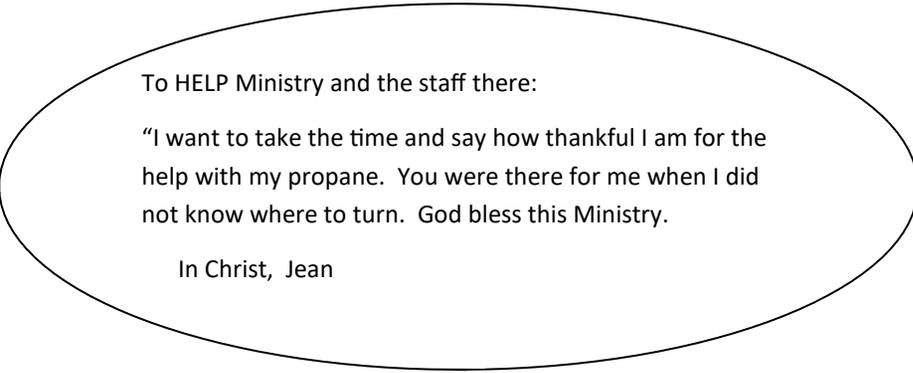
In our personal lives many of these changes fall into the category of the “Fruit of the Spirit” and we are called to display that Fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (From Galatians 5:22-23)

Making these changes does not come easily but we need only strive for progress and not perfection. I see this happening with others, with-in our own Ministry and in my life. I pray these are happening in your life as well.



“I am so grateful there are such amazing people in the world...such as All of You at HELP Ministry. God bless you all.

A grateful family



To HELP Ministry and the staff there:

“I want to take the time and say how thankful I am for the help with my propane. You were there for me when I did not know where to turn. God bless this Ministry.

In Christ, Jean

Major Services Requested:

Appliances	201
Car/car repairs	29
Furniture items	531
Beds	465
Home Repairs/Ramps	17
Household Goods	670
Housing/Rent	74
Insurances	15
Medical Needs	14



Recap of some vital info for 2024: HELP Ministry  
 Has certainly been blessed in many ways this past year as we have tried to bless others. Overall requests were down a little from the previous year but the great need was and is still there.

Total Requests	2312
Requests Completed	1639 with 113 requests carried over to 2024
Volunteer driver hours for the delivery truck	612
Total Volunteer hours for all workers of any job:	29,316

Medical Transportation provided  
**290 Requests for rides resulted in a total of 23 different drivers committing 938 hours to drive more than 25,743 miles with no accidents or serious incidents. Our Lord was certainly at the wheel!**

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## HELP MINISTRY STAFF



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“Laura and I just want to thank you for this ride to Grand Rapids. We appreciate it more than we can say. The driver and all your volunteers are just “super nice” people. God Bless all of you.”