

Hands *of* Grace

EST. FOUNDATION 2025

Extending Christ's compassion through unity and service.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

From the beginning, the heart of the Gospel has been a call to love God and neighbor - to see Christ in one another, especially in those most in need. Today, that call continues to resound as clearly as ever. It is in this spirit, we formed the Hands of Grace Foundation in October 2025. Hands of Grace is an ecumenical service Foundation dedicated to extending Christ's compassion beyond the walls of any one church, reaching out to serve those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit.

Our vision is simple but profound: to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ so that the world might see the unity of the Body of Christ through our shared acts of mercy. By pooling our gifts, resources, and faith, we are able to respond more fully to the needs of our community and our world: the hungry, the homeless, the elderly, the lonely, and all who bear the weight of hardship.

The Foundation is built to partner with local ministries and non-profits, "filling the gap" where services fall short, and offering hope where despair too often takes root. Through both immediate assistance and longterm initiatives, we seek to make visible the living presence of Christ among His people.

Knowing that needs will always be at our doorstep, I invite you to be a part of the Hands of Grace. Pray that our efforts may be guided by the Holy Spirit, rooted in humility, and marked by generosity. Pray that this work may continue to be a true witness to the unity Christ desired for His followers: *"that they may all be one ... so that the world may believe"* (John 17:21).

Together, may we ensure that the Hands of Grace is a Foundation not only of funds, but also of love-reflecting the compassion of Jesus and the hope of His Kingdom.

In Christ's Peace,



In Christ's peace,
Fr. Robert T. Cooper
Pastor, Mary, Queen of Peace
On behalf of the Steering Committee of Hands of Grace



Become a member of the Hands of Grace Foundation:
Plant your legacy and allow it to grow.
Be an instrument of God's love and mercy. Be an Angel

ANGEL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Seraphim: $20,000+ **Cherubim:** $10,000 **Archangels:** $5,000 **Guardian Angels:** $2,500 **Angels:** $1,000

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Cash (preferred)**
  Make check payable to CCF Hands of Grace; drop off at MQP Parish Center or mail to MQP, attention: Hands of Grace, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471; phone 985-626-6977
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**
  If you are of age, consider directing your IRA custodian to send your gift directly to CCF for Hands of Grace.
- **Appreciated Stock**
  A donation of securities (stocks, bonds, or mutual funds) may offer the advantage of avoiding capital gains tax.
- **From your Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**
  If you have a DAF, a charitable giving account, consider advising the sponsor to send a gift to Hands of Grace.
- **From your Estate (Will)**

For more information on Hands of Grace Foundation giving options, contact Catholic Community Foundation {CCF) at 504.527.5771 or jgalloway@ccfnola.org.

Partners in Purpose. Servants in Faith.

Together with our partners, we extend Christ's love through service that reaches far beyond what we could do alone.

FAMILY REACH ALLIANCE

STARC of Louisiana

St. Vincent de Paul Society · Mary Queen Of Peace Conference · SVdP

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®
Mary, Queen of Peace Court 2744

Cross Catholic OUTREACH
Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

K of C Knights of Columbus
MQP Council 12072

St. Tammany Project Christmas

Pennies for Bread and the Abbey
a ministry of Abbey Bread

the Magic Yarn project

The IJN Foundation (In Jesus' Name)

Buna's HOPE FOUNDATION

The Samaritan Center









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Have you ever thought about what kind of legacy you will leave behind? As Christians, we are called to leave a legacy of love in the concrete actions of our lives - in the care and compassion we give to young children, aging parents, neighbors in need, and strangers we have never met. Love goes beyond any border, religion, or nationality. Love is the language of God. By joining Hands of Grace, you can speak this divine language, a language that will live on long after we are gone from this world. Hands of Grace is the place where you can plant your legacy and allow it to grow.

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Our Hands at Work. Our Faith in Action.

10,000+

People Impacted



8,000+

Meals



1,400+

Bibles, Prayer Cards, Rosaries, etc. distributed

900+

Thanksgiving and Christmas Angels



The Hands of Grace Foundation ensures that this spirit of service continues through generations, whether times are good, bad, or in between. Your membership will forever make a difference not only in the lives of those we serve, but in the lives of those who serve.

RELIEF & SERVICE PROJECTS

From home repairs to hands-on help, we pour faith into action through a wide range of service efforts. Volunteers distribute ***thousands of essential items***, from paper goods, coats and blankets to toys, cleaning supplies, and even strollers and bikes. Through private registration and delivery options, we ensure families not only have necessities, but also ***dignity and comfort.*** Beyond donations, our volunteers roll up their sleeves for vital labor projects: ***wheelchair ramps, railings, debris removal, demolition and home repair.***

Through volunteers sharing their time, talent, and treasure, we foster life-changing encounters with Jesus in all those we serve as well as in all those who serve.

EXTENDED OUTREACH & SUPPORT

Our mission stretches beyond any walls. In hurricane-stricken areas, we spread God's love to those in need. Our Mission trips give everyone the chance to become a missionary by sharing their time, talent, and treasure. St. John Paul II said, "Some people give to the missions by going, others go to the missions by giving. Without both, there are no missions."

SEASONAL & SPECIAL GIVING

Through our Thanksgiving and Christmas ***"Angels" outreach, hundreds of children, seniors, and adults with special needs*** each receive personal wish list items and a grocery gift certificate for their family's turkey and fixings. We also invite families to join us at Mary, Queen of Peace for both a Thanksgiving luncheon and a Christmas luncheon. Each November, they also receive Thanksgiving baskets.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IMPACT

Partnering with Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School, St. Paul's Catholic School, and St. Scholastica Academy, we make a tangible difference for the children and families we serve and create opportunities to foster the next generation of volunteers, allowing the young to be instruments of God's love.

WHO MANAGES THE HANDS OF GRACE FOUNDATION (HGF) INVESTMENTS, AND HOW?

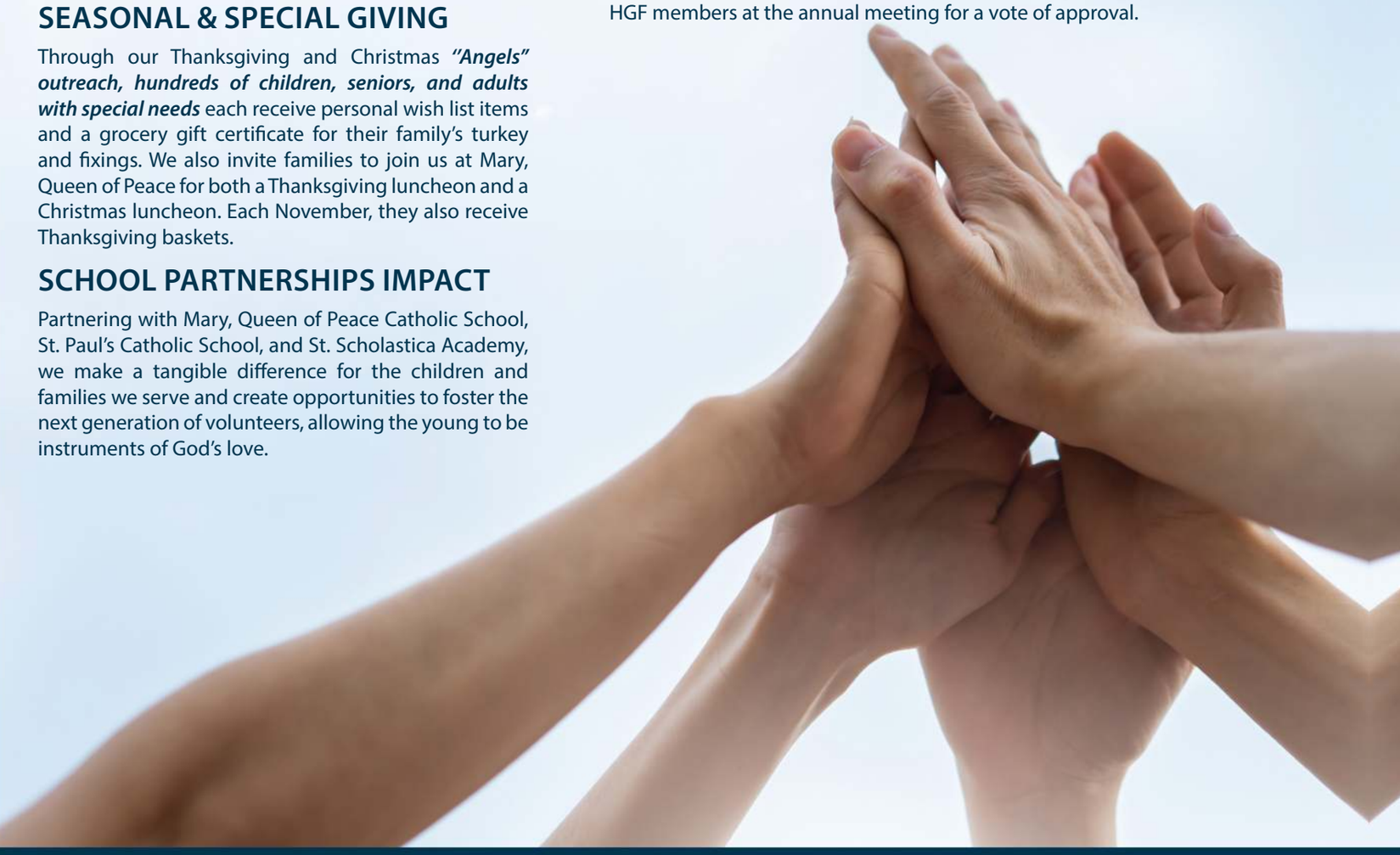
The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) manages the Foundation. The CCF is not affiliated with the day-to-day operations of the Archdiocese of New Orleans; instead, it is in the realm of Catholic foundations and thus, separate and protected. Hancock Whitney Bank is the custodian. HGF assets are invested in stocks, bonds, and short-term securities; no "sin stocks" investments.

WHO AT MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE WILL OVERSEE THE CUSTODIAN AND ASSET MANAGER OF HGF ASSETS?

The Hands of Grace Finance Committee, along with the HGF Steering Committee and our Pastor, will oversee our funds and share an annual report.

HOW AND WHEN WILL EARNINGS BE DISTRIBUTED?

Once the Hands of Grace Foundation corpus reaches $1,000,000, members will have the opportunity to grant earnings to proposed outreach and community service initiatives. The HGF Steering Committee, our Pastor, and the HGF Grant Committee will present these grant opportunities to HGF members at the annual meeting for a vote of approval.



'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

~ Matthew 25:40

A Prayer for the Hands of Grace Foundation

Loving and Generous God,
You are the source of every good gift and the reason for all that endures.
We thank You for calling us to serve Your people and to share in the mission of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve.

Bless this Foundation, O Lord—
may it be rooted in Your love and built upon Your justice.
Let every act of service and every gift shared
reflect Your compassion for the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten.

Grant wisdom to those who lead,
faith to those who give,
and hope to those who receive.

May our work extend Your mercy into the world
and become a living sign of the power of Love.
We place this Foundation at the feet of Jesus,
trusting that He will make our efforts fruitful
for the glory of Your Kingdom and the good of Your people.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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