

# happy give

NEWSLETTER

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## Meet our 2022 Giving Partner!

After meeting with a number of great organizations last fall, the H2G board decided that our giving partner for 2022 is **Midtown Community Services!**

Midtown's mission is, "To provide a wholesome, peaceful center where individuals, families & especially children can be nurtured, supported and build community together. Midtown offers people access to connections and resources for realizing their value and full potential."

**Midtown** offers resources and programs for youth and adults, runs a community garden that provides fresh food to local residents, and organizes holiday gift giving sponsorships for families in need of help. Along with financial support, there are many opportunities to volunteer your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of the people that Midtown serves.

### City Greens Community Garden

Starting in mid-to-late March, we will have Garden Days every Tues and Fri from 10 am-11 am at our 1/4-acre urban garden. Volunteers help prep the garden, plant, etc. If those days don't work, our coordinator is flexible and can always schedule a time that would work better for the group.

## **Family PRIDE**

On the Thursday of the first full week of the month, we distribute diapers to 40 families. We can use 2-3 volunteers to help organize and pack up diapers. Volunteers would also assist our Director in organizing our Family PRIDE closet, which provides baby products and hygiene items to families in need.

Once we are back in-person. She also may need a few volunteers to assist on field trips, but we will know better in the summer.

## **Summer Academy Day Camp**

During the summer, Midtown hosts 2 three-week camp sessions for 80 kids from at-risk neighborhoods. One session starts June 13, and the other July 11. We occasionally need help on field trip days, assisting with activities and games, etc. I will know more details closer to summer. Camp usually runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We also have a Peace Parade at the end of each session in which our kids march for peace in the community. They love to see adults from the community join them! You can check out this year's parade at '[We're making a change in the world' | 32nd annual Peace Parade gives kids a voice in the fight against violence | St. Louis News Headlines | kmov.com](#). After the parades, we have a picnic at Chouteau Park in The Grove, and could definitely use help serving food, leading them in games (last year, volunteers led a wiffle ball game, and the kids loved it), etc.

## **Back to School Fair**

On July 29, we will host a back-to-school fair where our kids and others in the neighborhood can receive backpacks with supplies, school uniforms, and free haircuts. We will also have health screenings and other information booths on site as well as host games and activities. Volunteers would help with running games, serving food, distributing items, etc. We don't have a set time for this yet.

If you're interested in helping, visit <https://www.midtownstl.org/volunteering> for more information.

## *7th Annual* **TRIVIA NIGHT**



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**Last November, Happy 2 Give hosted our 7th annual Trivia Night. Thanks to everyone who came out to have fun with us. You helped us raise over \$4,500!**

*Thank You*

## Helping Hand Me Downs Check Presentation



In December, the H2G Executive Board had the privilege to attend the holiday party for our 2021 giving partner, Helping Hand Me Downs, at Top Golf. Along with the food and fun, we were there to present HHMD with a check for \$26,000! This would not be possible without the generosity we received from our Happy 2 Give community this year and we couldn't be more grateful for this opportunity to do what we love doing, which is providing support for great causes in the St. Louis area.

**\$157,350!!!!**  
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and other donations, you've helped us raise **\$157,350!** Thank you all so much for your generosity over the years. We can't wait to see what we can do together in the future!

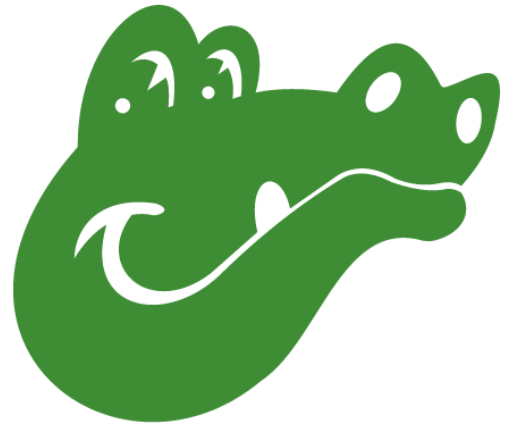
While we're talking about the generosity of our community, we ran the numbers at our last board meeting to add up all the money that Happy 2 Give has raised in the past 14 years. The total was mind blowing. Between golf tournaments, trivia nights,

# We Want You!

Want to get involved with Happy 2 Give, or know someone who does? Let us know. We're looking for volunteers to help make 2022 one of our best yet. Opportunities include the following:

- Potentially serving on our board
- Serving on any of our committees (golf, trivia, marketing)
- Volunteering at our events
- Providing sponsorships, donations, or raffle items
- Have your own idea for how you can help? We'd love to hear it!

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## 15th Annual Happy Gilmore Day Kickoff Event

Join us on Thursday, April 7th from 6 to 8 pm for a special registration kickoff event for our 15th Annual Happy Gilmore Day Golf Tournament. The event will be held at Top Golf in Chesterfield and will include food, drinks, and, of course, golf! Visit <https://happygolfkickoff.eventbrite.com> for details and to register.

