

## People Helping People

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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE is a non-profit organization founded to provide assistance and comfort, without discrimination or monetary gain, to anyone in their time of distress.

**CLOTHING, SHOES & SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** People Helping People allows anyone the opportunity to select a free bag full of clothes and shoes along with one carry out item such as a lamp or coat monthly per individual. Persons must be present each month. All members of a family must be present the first time. People Helping People turns no one away and serves all counties of SE TN and some in neighboring states. In 2011, we served a total of **8,476** people

| Total | Polk | Bradley | McMinn | Meigs | Monroe | Hamilton | GA  | Other |
|-------|------|---------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 8476  | 5143 | 2140    | 690    | 15    | 47     | 68       | 319 | 54    |

**LARGE ITEMS:** People Helping People assists with the need for large items such as furniture, appliances, bedding, etc. There are allowed monthly – one per household as available. In 2011, **235** large items were provided.

**CRISIS MINISTRY:** People Helping People provides necessary household items to persons who have suffered from a major event such as: natural disaster (tornado, flood, etc), fire, domestic violence, loss of job,and incarceration. The "Crisis Room" has items stored and ready to give to those in need. This includes items such as: dishes, glasses, pots and pans, dish towels, sheets, blankets, towels, toiletries, mops, hangers, clothes, etc. This is in partnership with the Red cross and West Polk Fire and Rescue. In 2011, we helped **188 families. 145** families were helped after the April **tornado** and **43** more families during the year who suffered loss due to **fire**, **domestic violence**, etc. **Gail Wilcoxon** personally helped **49** people by donating \$20 each of free baby/toddler clothes to them from her store

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES:** People Helping People assists those who are in need of medical equipment or supplies such as walkers, crutches, canes, bedside commodes, etc. Loan of medical equipment can be long term, short term, or permanent, based on the need. In 2011, we helped **14** people with **medical** needs.

In 2011, People Helping People generously gave back to the community during these annual events: In January, we collected and sent 10,000 Valentines to Military Troops and 4,000 Valentines to Veterans. In February, the fundraiser Valentine's Day pictures raised \$100 which was donated to the Murfreesboro Veteran's Hospital. In April, the proceeds of \$200 from pictures with Easter Bunny was donated to Polk County Baptist Association's Camp Agape. In July, the photo proceeds of \$100 were used to restock the PHP Crisis Room. In August, we assisted over 150 children by collecting and distributing school supplies to them. Our October Food Drive raised \$200 and 7 boxes of food that were donated to the Polk County Food Bank. In November, our Coat Drive provided warm coats for 100 children. In December, pictures with Santa raised \$400 which was donated to the West Polk Empty Stocking Fund. In addition, People Helping People collected 1 box of Cell Phones for Troops, 4 extra totes of food for the Polk County Food bank, 1 box of eyeglasses for the Benton Lions Club and 15 gallons of coke tabs were collected and sent to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

People Helping People greatly appreciates your past and continued support. We appreciate your giving, whether it is through money, volunteer time and effort, or item donations.

**Everyone needs help** from time to time. Whether the need is great or small, **People Helping People** will do our best to assist anyone in need. We are just **People Helping People – one bag at a time**.