



# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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We are People Helping People – one bag at a time

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## 2012 Report

**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 AND SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** People Helping People gives 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 does not turn anyone away and serves all counties of SE TN and some neighboring states. In 2012, the need was even greater and we served a total of **10,484** people, which is a 19% increase over 2011. 10% (1,091) were new people who had never been helped by us before.

Total	Polk	Bradley	McMinn	Meigs	Monroe	Hamilton	GA	Other
<b>10,484</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>86</b>

**LARGE ITEMS:** People Helping People assists with the need for large items such as furniture, appliances bedding, etc. These are allowed monthly – one per household as available. In 2012 we helped **95** families.

**CRISIS MINISTRY:** People Helping People provides necessary items to persons who have suffered from a major event such as: natural disaster (tornado, flood, etc), fire, domestic violence, and loss of job or incarceration. The CRISIS ROOM has items stored and ready to give to those in need. This includes items such as: dishes, glasses, pots & pans, dish towels, sheets.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:** People Helping People assists those in need of medical equipment or supplies such as walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, etc. Loan of medical equipment can be short term or permanent, based on the need. We also provided adult diapers and other medical supplies, as available. This assistance is all free of charge and in 2012 we helped **63** people.

**MILITARY AND VETERANS:** In mid 2012 we began to keep records of the number of military and veterans families that we assist. In a 5-month period, we assisted **413** active military, veterans or their families.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** People Helping People opened a community kitchen in late 2012. This is to assist those who cannot afford to eat well. Anyone can eat a delicious, cooked, hot meal 4 days per week for a small donation. In the 3-month period, **1,170** plates of food were served.

**FUNDRAISING:** Several faithful sponsors assisted People Helping People monetarily. We also had some fundraising efforts. A small, reasonably priced thrift store was opened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as well as several silent auctions. We applied for and received 3 small grants. The grant money was used to purchase equipment and pay inspection fees for opening the Community Kitchen

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:** In 2012 People Helping People held these events to benefit others:

- January: **Valentines For The Troops: 8,000** valentines were sent to active military and veterans.
- February: **Valentine's Day Photos: \$100** was raised and donated to the Veteran's Hospital at Murfreesboro.
- April: **Easter Photos: \$250** was raised and donated to the Polk County Baptist Assoc Camp Agape
- May: **Extra food** was donated to us and we gave it to **102** families
- July: **Independence Day Photos: \$50** was raised and used to restock our Crisis Room
- July: **Water** was donated and we gave it out to **96** families
- August: **Back to School Supplies** was purchase or collected and given to **84** kids
- October: **Fall/Halloween Photos: \$200 & 40 pounds** of food was raised and given to the Polk County Food Bank
- November: **Coat Giveaway:** We purchased or collected coats and gave them to **33** children and adults
- December: **Breakfast & Photos with Santa: \$500** was raised and donated to the West Polk Empty Stocking Fund

**People Helping People gratefully acknowledges and appreciates your past and continued support. We thank you for your giving through money, volunteer time and item donations. We hope you will remember us in your giving for 2013.**

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