



# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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We are People Helping People – one bag at a time

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## 2013 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.

We do not turn anyone away and we serve all counties of SE TN and some neighboring states.

**In 2013, we served a total of 12,043 people.** 519 were new people who had never been helped by us before.

Total	Polk	Bradley	McMinn	Meigs	Monroe	Hamilton	GA	Other
<b>12043</b>	<b>7426</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>66</b>

### LARGE ITEMS:

Furniture, appliances bedding, etc. These are allowed monthly – one per household as available.

**In 2013 we helped 154 families.**

(tornado, flood, etc), fire, domestic violence, and loss of job or incarceration.

The CRISIS ROOM has items such as dishes, glasses, pots & pans, dish towels, sheets, blankets, towels, toiletries, mops, hangers, clothes, etc. stored and ready to give to those in need.

This assistance is at no charge to the person in need and is coordinated in partnership with the American Red Cross and West Polk Fire and Rescue.

**In 2013 we helped 33 families**

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

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 2013 we helped 115 people.**

### MILITARY AND VETERANS:

Assisting military and veterans families with clothing, food, household items.

**In 2013, we assisted 309 active military, veterans or their families.**

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Web Site: [www.bentonphp.org](http://www.bentonphp.org)

### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN:**

Assists those who cannot afford to eat well. Anyone can eat a delicious, cooked, hot meal 4 days per week for a small donation. The kitchen is state inspected and must pay annual license fees.

**In 2013, we served 4,108 plates of food.**

### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:**

In March, we began a Food Distribution program in partnership with There's Hope for the Hungry. Each 20# box contains enough food to feed a family of 4 for a week.

In 10 months, a total of **689** boxes of food were given out to families, helping to feed **1,772** people (472 are children).

### **DAY CARE:**

In August, we opened an affordable daycare for children. The Day Care is growing slowly as we continue to raise funds and apply for grants that will help us to meet all guidelines and requirements, such as the proper amount of exit doors, etc.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Several faithful sponsors assisted People Helping People monetarily. We also had some fundraising efforts such as quarterly craft fairs. A small, reasonably priced thrift store and a collectables corner help bring in some funds. We applied for and received 2 small grants. The grant money was used to install required exit doors in the day care room.

### **GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:**

In 2013 People Helping People held these events to benefit others:

January: **Valentines For The Troops: 1700** 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: \$165** was raised and donated to the Polk County Baptist Assoc **Camp Agape**

April: **Bottled Water** was donated and we gave it to **136 families**

May: **Old Time Memories Photos: raised \$135** – used to support our **Food Distribution** program

May: **Memorial Day Balloon Launch** honored **54** active **military** or **veterans**

June: **Bottled Water** was donated and we gave it to **117 families**

August: **Back to School Supplies** was purchased or collected and given to **90 kids**

October: **Fall/Halloween Photos: \$215** was raised and used to support the **Community Kitchen**

November: **Coat Giveaway:** We purchased or collected coats and gave them to **120 children** and adults

December: **Breakfast & Photos with Santa: \$515** 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 2014.**

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