

# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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We are People Helping People – one bag at a time

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# 2014 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 2014, we served a total of 12,701 people.

366 were new people who had never been helped by us before.

Total	Polk	Bradley	McMinn	Meigs	Monroe	Hamilton	GA	Other
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#### LARGE ITEMS

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

In 2014 we helped 216 families.

#### CRISIS CARE

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 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 2014 we helped 44 families

#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Assists those in need of free medical equipment or supplies such as walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, etc.

We also provided free adult diapers and other medical supplies, as available.

This assistance is all free of charge and in 2014 we helped 171 people.

#### **MILITARY AND VETERANS**

Assisting military and veterans families with clothing, food, household items. In 2014, we assisted 556 active military, veterans or their families.

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#### 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 2014, we served 3,760 plates of food.

#### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Our monthly Food Distribution program is 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 **2014**, a total of **1,009** boxes of food were given out to families, helping to feed **1,772** people (472 are children).

### **DAY CARE**

The Day Care is continues to grow and now has 5-7 children daily with the children separated into different age groups making two age appropriate classrooms that provide an atmosphere dedicated to learning. The staff consists of two teachers one with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and the other with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. The curriculum is an age appropriate learning based curriculum preparing the child for his/her emergence into the school system

#### **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.

#### GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2014 People Helping People held these events to benefit others:

Valentines For The Troops valentines were sent to active military and veterans.

Bottled Water and home grown vegetables were donated and we gave it free wo many local families

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 2015

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