



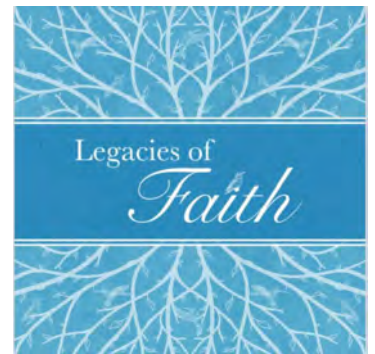
HELPING OUR FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

Our Mission...

- ❖ **PROVIDE** for their needs
- ❖ **PREPARE** for their future
- ❖ **PROPEL** the next generation

It has arrived! Our first 31-day devotional book! We were praying for a way to bless our clients spiritually and God provided through a generous donor! Their giving helped us produce a beautifully designed devotional book. It's filled with faith journeys that will inspire and encourage our readers. Each of our clients will receive a free book!

With a gift of \$15 or more, you can receive a copy to share with your friends and family. It makes a great holiday, birthday, or 'just because I love you' gift! Go to www.helpingourfamilies.org/ donate and express your desire to have a book(s) sent to you in the comment section in PayPal.



2nd Annual Kettering College Service Day Annual

We were excited to participate this year in the 2nd Annual Kettering College Service Day. Ten students to help us reach out to nearly 100 of our clients, following-up with them to see how they are doing and to ask if there is anything we can do to support them.

We had a great time discussing HOF's mission, the significance of compassion vs. judgment and educating the students on our client's journey. The dialogue was rich with learning about privilege and choices. As an added bonus, the students helped label and stuff envelopes with our new devotional book that were mailed to all our clients! We look forward to participating again next year.



EDUCATION

STEM Summer Program 2022

This year 15 students learned about fruit bats, roller coasters, Nike technology (shoe clips), rubber band helicopters, and cow-eye dissection. In addition, we invited some local historians to teach them about the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Each day was filled with learning, and testing out theory through interactive projects.

What made it extra special was the high schoolers who came into partner with our students. Each high schooler was assigned two younger students for the week to mentor, guide and encourage them through their projects.



2022/2023 After School Tutoring

We have 36 students registered this year and we are still taking applications! As a result, we are now open 3 days a week and we've added 2 new tutors.

Our new relationship with the Dayton Public School System is giving us further reach into the community and providing an avenue to not only educate students but assist families with food and emergency assistance. We are excited about the possibilities!

UPCOMING EVENTS



2022 Adopt a Family for Christmas

Each year we are given the privilege of serving our clients by partnering their families with a family who wants to give back to their community. This year will be no different. With the economy downturn, families are in more need than ever.

Making a child smile during the holidays is the best gift we can give during a season of joy and gladness! Help us make a wish come true! If you are interested in adopting a family, please let us know by November 30 by emailing us at info@helpingourfamilies.org.

2023 Golf Fundraiser

We are excited to partner with a local golf club for a golf fundraiser. This will serve as our a capital campaign to secure funding to acquire a facility and provide operating capital for the organization.

Stay tuned for more information on dates and how to register. You are not going to want to miss this!



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Erica

Erica and her three children are recent clients of Helping Our Families. Erica is 31 years old and receives county resources to help with housing, utilities, and food. Working is not an option because her wage could never meet or exceed the amount of help she receives through the county. She got pregnant in high school and was forced to drop out after completing the 9th grade.

After spending some time with Erica, it was clear that she loves her family and wants to give them more but she doesn't know where to begin.

Helping Our Families has helped Erica with two gas cards, connected her to Good Neighbor House for food at the end of the month and services to prepare for the GED. She is apprehensive about the GED but ready to take it on. We spent time encouraging and lifting her up. By her response, we know she doesn't receive accolades often.

Her last comment to me recently, was that she was very thankful for the devotional book we sent and that her and her mom are reading it together and enjoying all the faith stories.

Please join us in praying for Erica and her children as they desire to seek a better life.

HOF by the Numbers

22

FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH EMERGENCY REQUESTS IN 2022.

36

STUDENTS REGISTERED IN LEARNING LAB.

500

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS PUBLISHED.

70

EXPECTED NUMBER OF FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS

6

TUTORS FOR THE LAB

\$250

AVERAGE COST TO SUPPORT ONE FAMILY PER YEAR THROUGH EMERGENCY REQUESTS

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