

# Monthly Newsletter

## July 2025

### Shop & Donate

#### Thrift store needs:

- Need 4T-Size 16 boys and girls clothes for Headstart, and Cass County schools
- **Need WOMEN'S SHORTS** (not capris)

#### Pantry needs:

- Meats, cereal, pancake mix, produce, canned fruit/veggies

### Give

- All of our services stay in Cass County. See our "GIVE" Page at [helpinghandscassco.org](http://helpinghandscassco.org)
- **YOUR TIME?** We need volunteers for Thrift Store and Pantry.

### Receive Services

- Call 211 for a referral or 269-445-8104 for our referral procedures.
- With referrals, we provide:
  - food boxes
  - certain household goods
  - hygiene products
  - clothing
  - limited utility support

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## Helping Hands of Cass County

### SHOP, DONATE, GIVE, VOLUNTEER, & RECEIVE SERVICES

**Our Mission:** Serve the economically challenged who live in Cass County and help them bridge the gap.

## A Salute to Staff



**MEET TINA GRICE**, a life-long resident of Cassopolis, who started as an assistant for the food pantry and now serves as the manager of the thrift shop. Every day is a busy day processing piles of donated clothing and household items. The store provides a source of funding for Helping Hands, but makes essential items like clothing and dishes available at no charge for those in need. Tina says this about her job: "It is very rewarding to see the emotional impact on people who are having a hard time and the support and love we are able to give them." The biggest need at the store is volunteers to help with handling donations. Your service helps others!

### \* FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES \*

#### Helping Hands Food Pantry:

408 East State Street

**Tues. & Thurs: 10 AM to 3 PM**

Call 211 or other agency referral

#### Feeding America Mobile Pantry Trucks:

None scheduled in July

#### USDA Senior Food Program

#### At Helping Hands Thrift Shop:

Second Tuesdays

**July 8: 12:00- 2:00 PM**

Sign-up at the store

**Come and join our fun**

**team! To Volunteer:**

***Call 269-445-8104 or***

***email [helpinghandsofccc](mailto:helpinghandsofccc@yahoo.com)***

***@yahoo.com***

## YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

Helping Hands received a Pokagon Fund grant to provide non-perishable food, protective clothing such as wide brimmed hats and gloves, and collapsible coolers to distribute to hundreds of families at the 7th Annual Welcome Back to Michigan event held in June for seasonal workers arriving in SW Michigan to support our area farmers. SMCAA also provided over 300 food boxes. We are so grateful to partner with these outstanding organizations to serve workers and their families.

Helping Hands continues to share food with local pantries and also donates overstock to the Council on Aging for seniors. We are blessed with food resources and hygiene products from so many churches and organizations: Pleasant View, United Presbyterian, and Calvin Community Churches; Hydro, Three Rivers HS Senior Project, Cassopolis Community Garden, Wayfinders group, Cassopolis HS Senate, and CHT U.S.A. to name a few. Helping Hands does not receive any government funding, but relies on many area food programs to stock our pantry. If funding is cut for these programs, we will need even more support to meet the needs of hungry people in the community.



**1984 – 2024**

**40+ years of service to Cass County**

**Contact Us:**

**Helping Hands of Cass County**

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**Need our Services:**

269-445-8104

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**Give:**



Credit card



Venmo

[helpinghandscassso.org](http://helpinghandscassso.org)



**Find us at:**



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**A HUGE THANK YOU  
TO THE COMMUNITY  
For Supporting  
Our Local Food Pantries**

*Swing, Chip and Putt Contests*

*Diamond Lake Golf Club - July 6 - 5:30 registration*

**GATES  
TOYOTA**

Support Local  
Pantries  
Win a new car!



Thank you!  
Sponsors  
Participants

### Thrift Store Specials:

**\$5 Bag sales** are held the last full week of each month.

**Check out Facebook**  
for other specials.

### Thrift Store Hours:

**Mon. – Wed.**

**9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Thurs.**

**9:30 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Sat.**

**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



**POKAGON FUND & SMCAA PARTNERED  
WITH HELPING HANDS TO MEET  
ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF ARRIVING  
SEASONAL WORKERS.**



**THANK YOU CHT USA** for allowing your employees to volunteer at the pantry. By fixing the shed, we can now store and recycle the loads of cardboard that transport our food each week.