

DREAM WITH US!

HANDS ON COMPASSION CAMPAIGN



CARING | HANDS
mobilizing | compassion

A NETWORK OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**NUMBERS HAVE NAMES.
NAMES HAVE STORIES.
EVERY STORY
MATTERS TO GOD.**

**CARING HANDS HAS BEEN SERVING
THE COMMUNITY FOR 26 YEARS.**

THE CHALLENGES

FOOD INSECURITY

Increased 7% to 18.7% since August 2020.

RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Over 180K Iowans owed \$36M
in overdue gas & electric bills
at the end of 2020.

SKILLS TRAINING

54% of jobs in Iowa require skills
training beyond high school,
but not a four-year degree.
Only 49% of workers are
ready to fill these jobs.

**OUR NEIGHBORS
REQUIRE MORE
THAN JUST FOOD.**

Our neighbors require more than just food. Cyclical poverty affects access to the many supportive services that are available in our community. We respect the whole person and choose to walk beside them as they navigate the challenges of life.



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AVERAGE # OF FAMILIES SERVED PER MONTH

1,500%

INCREASE IN UPLIFT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS (1/21-2/22)

THE SOLUTION

EXPAND OUR UPLIFT PROGRAMS

Our Uplift program begins with a one-on-one conversation to understand our neighbor's needs. Many times it is food and clothing and other times it is more complex. Building relationships is our focus. Building relationships of trust within one's community is the start to bringing dignity and stability to people's lives.

The new 42,000 sf building, which is centrally located and on a city bus route, will allow Caring Hands to serve and impact more lives in our community.

This gives us an increased opportunity to partner with area businesses and volunteers to provide important skills training to help break the cycle of poverty.

- Build Relationships
- Post Secondary Education/Trade Schools
- Financial Guidance & Management
- Employment Assistance

**EVERY
NEIGHBOR
WE SERVE
HAS A
DIFFERENT
STORY
AND NEED.**

FINANCIAL GOALS

\$2.8M

Please consider a gift to our Hands On Compassion Campaign to reach and serve more neighbors with compassion, basic needs, and hope for a brighter future.



Together, we can create a resource center that meets the growing needs of our neighbors in southeast Polk County. By caring for each individual with dignity and compassion, we can help lift individuals and families up and out of cyclical poverty.

A PHASED APPROACH

- Purchase a new building to expand the Food Pantry, Secondhand Treasures, and increase Uplift programming.
- Combine the Clothes Hanger and Secondhand Treasures to become one entity and move it to the new location.
- Move the Food Pantry to a newly constructed and expanded space.
- Further develop our Uplift programming.
- Increase our network of partners - local churches, businesses, and individuals.

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