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Neighborhood Institute Project:  
*Helping Hands*

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Goals:

- Establish the Helping Hands volunteer network for the Crescent Hill neighborhood.
- Increase the capacity of the Crescent Hill Community Council to engage neighbors in collaborative activities.
- Develop the process for identifying and helping neighbors, recruiting volunteers, and locating community resources.

Results:

- Initial meeting to define and create mission statement for Helping Hands.
- Second meeting with District Representatives to verify interest and participation in Helping Hands.
- Motion passed at Crescent Hill Community Council Board Meeting in October to permit the organization of Helping Hands as an adjunct to the Social Committee.
- Two households identified and provided with help.

Next Steps:

- Promote the Helping Hands Network via website, newsletter, and welcome bags.
- Recruit volunteers and create list using asset-building survey.
- Meet with local resource providers (United Crescent Hill Ministries) in order to gather information.
- Keep record of those who volunteer with Helping Hands so they may be duly recognized.

Estimated Costs: Low to no cost (printing of flyers only)

Organizational Status: Highly Capable

Crescent Hill Community  
Council Presents:

# Helping Hands

Network of neighbors helping  
neighbors



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# Helping Hands

Crescent Hill Helping Hands is a volunteer network of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in times of needs.

Do you know of someone who needs help through a difficult period? *Perhaps a single mother unable to work for a few months because of an illness, an elderly man whose children don't understand how ill he is, or a daughter with sick parents who needs someone to help with the daily chores.* Simple things are considered huge acts of kindness like running errands and household chores such as:

- picking up prescriptions
- returning library books
- going to the store,
- preparing a meal
- taking out the garbage
- mowing grass
- pulling weeds

Helping Hands' goal is to find a way to help these people through a temporary difficult period of a few days or a few weeks.

If you would like to be a part of the "Helping Hands" network of Crescent Hill, please contact one of us and let us know what you are willing to do. We are particularly interested in creating a list of people who are willing to give our neighbors the gift of time and energy when they need it the most. If you want to provide a certain kind of help, let us know what you want to do.

We are also collecting information about organizations and programs in our community to provide information for those who need more extensive help than a volunteer network can provide. If you know of any organizations that provide help to people who have a long-term need (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, etc.), we would love to know about them.

Last, but certainly not least, if you know of someone who needs help, please let us know about them by e-mail, [chcchelpinghands@aol.com](mailto:chcchelpinghands@aol.com), or by calling one of the following:

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Helping Hands' mission is to respectfully address the human service needs of Crescent Hill community members by delivering temporary help, sharing information, developing cooperative efforts, and making referrals to other agencies as may be appropriate. Helping Hands, a special committee of the Crescent Hill Community Council, is a volunteer network of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".