

Helping Hands Ministry

Goal—

Helping Hands connects Northshore Christians who desire to use their God-given abilities to help other Northshore Christians who have a need. It also connects Northshore Christians to people in the community to support the witness of a Northshore Christian. The helpers receive no compensation except the satisfaction that they have been obedient in the use of their God-given abilities.

Galatians 6.10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Structure—

A small team will be responsible for recruiting qualified workers who are willing to help, as a specific need arises connecting a qualified person from this pool to meet this need, and following up afterwards to assess the success of the project.

Suggested Needs—

Career Issues—Support Groups
Child Care—Help with arrangements
Family Relationships—Counseling
Financial Problems—Good \$ense Group meets the 4th Tuesday every month
Home Visits
Hospital Visits
Housekeeping
Life Issues—Counseling and Support
Light Auto Repairs
Listening Ear—Listen and pray
Meal Preparation—Short term
Minor Home Maintenance Issues—e.g., Repair/ replacement of faucets, lighting fixtures, minor repairs, etc.
Moving—Help with packing, unpacking, referrals, loading, unloading, etc.
Transportation—e.g., Doctor's appointments, church services
Yard work—e.g., Mowing, edging, trimming, etc.
Other

Procedure—

- Those with a need may contact **Northshore Information** (425-322-2300 fwilliams@northshorechristian.org).
- The Helping Hands Team will review weekend prayer requests for needs.
- Staff members may recommend a person with a need through fwilliams@northshorechristian.org.
- Small group Leaders may ask for additional help for a group member whose needs are greater than the group capacity to help through fwilliams@northshorechristian.org.
- Northshore Information and they will get in touch with a Team Member who will follow up with a call or personal contact to accurately assess the need.

- After clarifying the exact nature and scope of the need, the Team Member will search the data base of “willing helpers” to find one willing and able to provide the appropriate help.
 - Volunteers will work in teams where the person they are helping is a member of the opposite sex.
- The team member will contact the “willing helper” and secure their commitment to help and when it will happen.
- Alternatively, if the need is best met by a small group or an existing church ministry, the team member will make a referral to that group or ministry leader (i.e., Support-Recovery Ministry, Cars Ministry, etc.).
- The team member will follow up in the week after the scheduled activity to celebrate with the helper the progress and any further needs.

If you know of someone with a “need,” please get their permission and then contact **Northshore Information** with that need.

Reporting—

Team members will collect appropriately edited success stories (insuring confidentiality) and report them to the Executive Pastor’s Office for inclusion in the church newsletter or bulletin at appropriate times.