



## HELPINGHANDS MINISTRIES

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While Helping Hands asks for donations to specific projects pre-approved as being in furtherance of the organization's exempt purposes, under IRS requirements, the Helping Hands board of directors must and does maintain control and discretion over all project funds.

## HELPING YOU HELP THOSE IN NEED

Direct assistance to deserving and qualified individuals, ministries, and charities, both locally and internationally.



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Serving Since 1996



**Helping Hands Ministries, Inc** is a nonprofit organization that financially assists individuals who need it most. The organization encourages individuals, corporations, and ministries to donate cash and non-cash gifts to qualified recipients. In addition, Helping Hands also provides funding to assist other ministries in carrying out their charters.

Our organization enables donors to financially contribute to pre-approved projects of the ministry. We support individuals in financial need, startup ministries, foreign organizations providing charitable work and those who are spreading the gospel according to Jesus Christ.

Helping Hands provides grants to the impoverished and/or indigent and also provides financial assistance to individuals in ministry and foreign missions.

**We support start-up nonprofit organizations**

The Gift Committee, which has the ability to pay expenses and salaries decides what organizations meets the **Helping Hands** criteria.

**Support individuals with medical conditions**

Helping Hands Ministries is able to supplement incomes by offsetting medical expenses related to illness and other conditions. In certain circumstances, we can provide handicap accessible vehicles, cover the cost of home renovation and necessary home health care.

**Support widows and widowers as well as seminary students**

We assist in supplementing income by offsetting expenses such as mortgage and/or rent payments, utility expenses and prescriptions expenses.

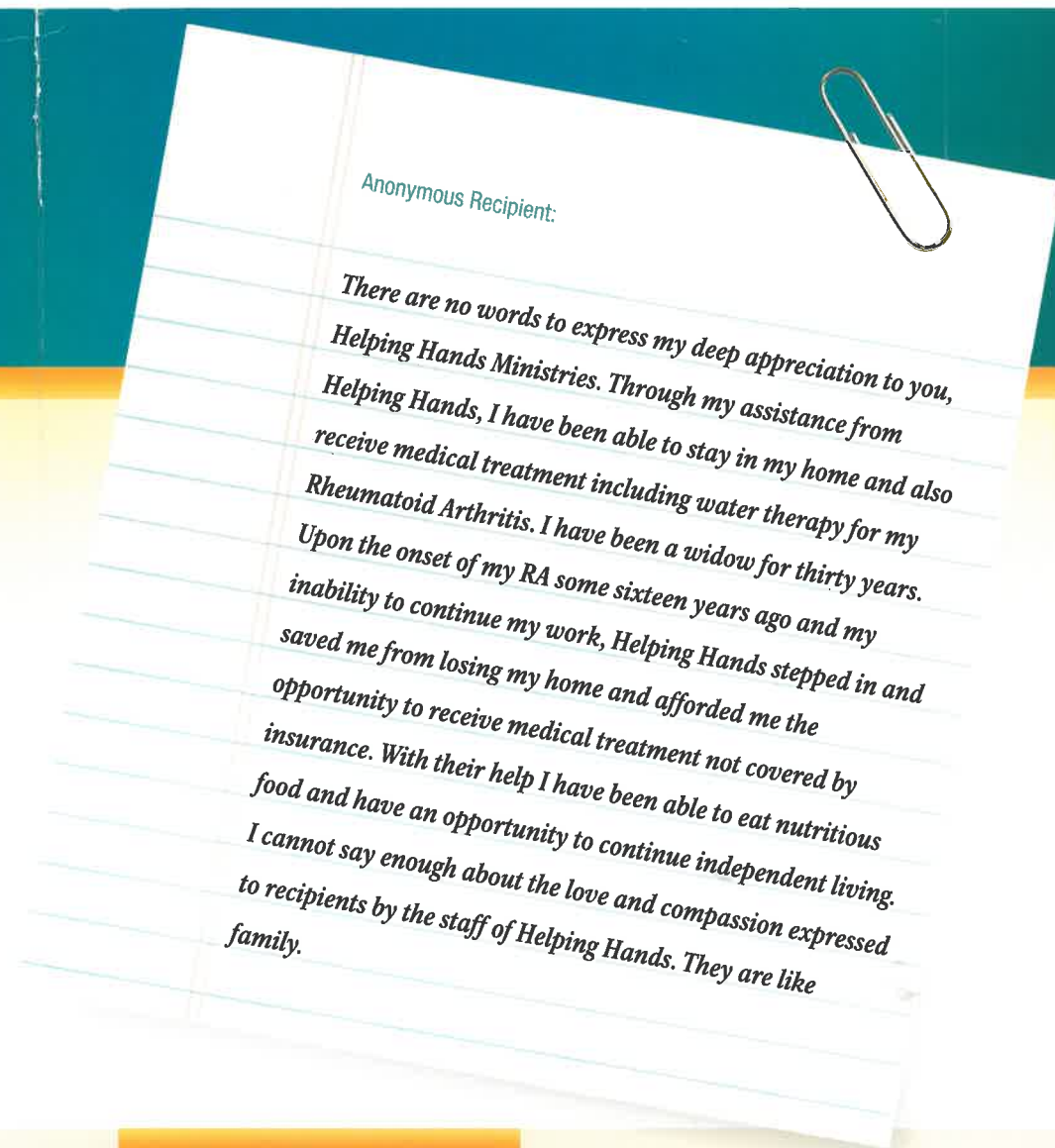
Helping Hands can provide financial relief to those who are receiving governmental assistance without jeopardizing his or her government aid.

**How We Help?**

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Anonymous Recipient:

*There are no words to express my deep appreciation to you, Helping Hands Ministries. Through my assistance from Helping Hands, I have been able to stay in my home and also receive medical treatment including water therapy for my Rheumatoid Arthritis. I have been a widow for thirty years. Upon the onset of my RA some sixteen years ago and my inability to continue my work, Helping Hands stepped in and saved me from losing my home and afforded me the opportunity to receive medical treatment not covered by insurance. With their help I have been able to eat nutritious food and have an opportunity to continue independent living. I cannot say enough about the love and compassion expressed to recipients by the staff of Helping Hands. They are like family.*



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## *Reach out with a Helping Hand.*

*Difficult times, rising medical costs, natural disasters, and other problems today have created a world of needs all around us like never before.*

You want to help when you learn about a deserving young person who would like to go to college but can't afford it, or a cancer patient who is fighting for her life but can't afford the treatment, or a young widow left unexpectedly on her own to care for her family. But often, you don't know how. That's where **Helping Hands Ministries** comes in. For more than a decade, we have been extending a helping hand to meet pressing needs like those. But we need you. As our eyes and ears, we need you to identify the special situations that Helping Hands is uniquely able and experienced to address. And as a donor, we depend on you to enable us to meet those needs, and along the way you can find more joy than you could ever imagine.

### *With Helping Hands Ministries, you can make a unique impact in special situations:*

- ★ Make a grant to a charity that has not yet received confirmation of its tax-exempt status
- ★ Provide medical treatment to patients who can't cover the costs
- ★ Make educational gifts based on financial need or merit
- ★ Lease or give donated cars and homes to the needy or for the use of other charities
- ★ Set up a corporate benevolence program to help employees in need
- ★ Fund an overseas project or a missionary
- ★ Help defray the costs of an adoption
- ★ Provide financial help directly to an individual such as a widow or someone experiencing hardship
- ★ Establish a fund for a family that has recently experienced a tragedy so that others can give financially



## How does it work?

You contact us with a need that would fit within one of the 13 Helping Hands Project Areas. We will investigate that need, and if that need is approved as advancing our purposes and fitting within our criteria, then we will include that need as a project within one of those Project Areas and will open up the opportunity for charitable contributions from the public. Should we fully meet a particular project need, any other funds provided toward that project will be reallocated to other needs within that Project Area.

## What needs should I recommend?

### Financial Needs

Helping Hands gives need-based grants for financial relief to those who fall below the poverty line or those deemed impoverished on a temporary basis. We help relieve the effects of hardship that are caused by events beyond a person's control and that could lead to that person's financial ruin.

### Educational Needs

Helping Hands awards educational grants to individuals via various scholarship pools, each with its own criteria based upon items such as a student's merit, a student's participation in a particular course of study, and a student's financial need.

### Corporate Benevolence Grants

Helping Hands creates and maintains corporate benevolence funds whereby a benevolence pool is created and funded to assist employees and friends of the corporation who find themselves in need. (Of course, such a fund does not and cannot replace appropriate employee benefit programs. Rather, it exists to be a blessing only to those employees and friends of the corporation who meet the particular criteria established to emphasize the charitable nature of the gifts.)

### Other Needs

Helping Hands is certainly willing to consider other needs, particularly those that would otherwise fit within the thirteen Project Areas listed to the right.

## How can I give?

You may make gifts with or without designation toward a particular project area. If your gift is designated, we will place your contribution into that project area as noted, reduced by a small amount to cover our administrative costs. Undesignated funds will be allocated, less administrative costs, to various project areas by decision of the Helping Hands team. Gifts made expressly toward our operational costs are greatly appreciated.

### Direct gifts

Make a gift by check, credit card, or publicly-traded stock donation at [www.hhmin.org](http://www.hhmin.org).

### From your donor-advised fund

You may recommend a gift from your donor-advised fund to Helping Hands. Should you choose to designate the gift, please be sure to specify only the general project area on the grant check.

Since donor-advised funds are not permitted to make grants to individuals, Helping Hands maintains no donor-advised funds. As such, a donor's donations are not placed in a separate account, and the designation of any gift is final upon making the gift, with no further advisory or recommendation privileges. As a 501(c)(3) public charity, Helping Hands receives donations to support our mission and fund our operations. As noted above, we do retain a small amount from donations to cover our administrative costs. While deductibility requires that every gift be maintained under the control of the board of directors of Helping Hands, our policy is to distribute an average of 92% of every designated gift we receive to the direct benefit of individuals and organizations in need.

## Project Areas

- ★ Adoption
- ★ Building
- ★ Employee Assistance
- ★ Financial Hardship
- ★ Local
- ★ Medical
- ★ Memorial
- ★ Military and Veterans
- ★ Ministry
- ★ Missionary/Mission
- ★ Property
- ★ Scholarship
- ★ Widows and Orphans



**Over \$50 million**  
in assistance has been  
given since 1997 with  
over 22,000 grant checks  
delivered to meet needs  
of individuals.

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Online application link:

<https://www.theshepherdsfund.org/>

**\*\*Obtain code necessary to complete online application from district benefits office or alumni benefits coordinator\*\***

North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church

District Superintendent — 

<https://www.ngumc.org/>

For paper applications contact:

Sara Armstrong, Office of Clergy Excellence by email at [sarmstrong@ngumc.org](mailto:sarmstrong@ngumc.org)

1700 Century Circle NE

Atlanta, GA 30345

678-533-1399 office

678-533-1380 fax

Asbury Theological Seminary

Online application link:

<https://asburyseminary.edu/mlink/know-retired-alumnus-financial-crisis-introducing-asbury-shepherds-fund/>

Email: [alumni@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:alumni@asburyseminary.edu)

Phone: 859-858-2085

Mail paper applications to:

Office of Alumni  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
204 N. Lexington Ave.  
Wilmore, KY 40390

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Online application link:

<https://my.gordonconwell.edu/shepherdsfund>

Email: [alums@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:alums@gordonconwell.edu)

Phone: 978-646-4272

Mail paper applications to:

Gordon-Conwell Alumni Office  
130 Essex Street  
South Hampton, MA 01982

Candler School of Theology - Emory

Online application link:

<http://candler.emory.edu/alumni/resources-services/shepherds-fund.html>

Nefertiti Williams, Director of Alumni Engagement at 404.727.6352 or by email [candleralum@emory.edu](mailto:candleralum@emory.edu).

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## FAQ's

### **Q: I'm not sure I am eligible for this?**

A: The Shepherd's Fund is for any retired clergy, spouse, surviving spouse or legally dependent child or grandchild of a retiree, in a conference, denomination or organization with which we have established a partnership. Our goal is simply to be a blessing to a minister who has faithfully served and sacrificed for Christ.

### **Q: Is this for emergencies only?**

A. No. While we certainly want to assist in emergency situations, we also want to relieve financial burdens that may be on-going.

### **Q: Do I have to have a "Major" health crisis?**

A. No. Most persons will not have "major" health crises – they may have basic health issues and accumulate medical bills, and the expense will weight them down. The Shepherd's Fund wants to help you bear these burdens (Galatians 6:2).

### **Q: On the application - What do you mean by "Total Expected Medical Expense"?**



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the next 12 months.

**Q: What do you mean by “Expenses Requested for the next 12 months”?**

A: Of your “expected” medical expenses, how much are you requesting from The Shepherd’s Fund. You may request any amount up to \$10,000.

**Q: Are there tax implications if I receive a gift?**

A. No. The Shepherd’s Fund has no employer relationship with the individuals being blessed. Up to \$10,000 can be given tax-free.

**Q: Will The Shepherd’s Fund pay for Health Insurance premiums such as Medicare Supplements, Drug Insurance, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, etc.?**

A: While we understand this is a significant cost to retirees, we do not help pay for health insurances premiums. Our goal is to help relieve the burden when there is a medical need.

**Q: What are examples of situations that constitute a need?**

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examples.

**Q: What kind of expenses can be covered?**

A: Depending on your situation; medical bills such as, doctors, hospitals, rehab, nursing homes, pharmacy, medical equipment. Mortgage payments, rent, utilities may also be covered. Transportation costs for travel for treatment may also be covered.

**Q: Will The Shepherd's Fund pay for past medical expenses?**

A: Typically no, but we may pay for expenses incurred within the 3 - 4 months prior to the date we receive an application.

**Q: I'm a surviving spouse of a retired clergy-person, and I have remarried.**

**Am I still eligible?**

A: This would be decided on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your Conference benefits office, denominational leader or alumni director.

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**A:** Yes, clergy-persons on disability may apply for a grant from The Shepherd's Fund.

**Q:** This is a wonderful idea! Can I contribute to The Shepherd's Fund?

**A:** While we appreciate the desire to contribute to the fund and we do want to encourage generosity; we do not currently have the ability to accept donations. We may make this available in the future.

**Q:** What documentation should I include with my application?

**A:** Please do not include any information with the application. The organization that administers the fund will request appropriate information when they contact you after the application has been submitted.

**Q:** I expect to have surgery next year. Can I apply for assistance prior to my surgery?

**A:** An application may be made prior to a surgery but payments will not be made until after the surgery takes place.

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**A:** We request that applications for recurring healthcare expenses be submitted once every 12 months.

**Q:** This is personal information. Who is going to know about it?

**A:** Only the organization that administers The Shepherd's Fund. We understand the importance of protecting your privacy. We do not ask for your date of birth, Social Security Number or private health information on the application. The organization that administers the fund will gather appropriate information, as needed when they contact you after an application is submitted.

**Q:** I have a friend who needs this help. How do I get him/her signed up?

**A:** Please refer them to their conference benefits office, denominational leader or alumni director.

**Q:** Who can I contact, if I have a question?

**A:** Please contact your conference benefits office, denominational leader or alumni director.

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