Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

(this does repeat from other years, but the truth is worth repeating)
A Message From The President

Vickie Ball

“As I write this, we are planning our Soup Supper 2019 to be held February 28th to bring awareness to our ministry. We will be tasting awesome soups and sharing fellowship. A big thank you to our local restaurants and all others for donations for the dinner as well as our silent auction.

HELP Ministry continues to have a tremendous impact in the community. It is heartwarming to hear how our volunteers go forward daily in ministering to those in need as they offer encouragement, compassion, and prayer.

We continue to be blessed as our ministry has many loving, caring and active Christians who work tirelessly giving their time and talent to meet these economic challenges. We are working together with the local service agencies and churches—many stories are repeated of blessings provided and blessings received all in the name of Christ.”

To the People of HELP Ministry

“Thank you so much for helping our family during this hard time! Since my diagnosis of stage 4 cancer our family has struggled. We truly appreciate your help with our mortgage payment”.

Dear HELP Ministry,

“Thank you so very much for much for your generous gift of a 36” TV set. It is beautiful and such a blessing”!

Mission Statement

To compassionately provide the basic goods and resources needed by the economically disadvantaged, such that their sense of dignity and worth is restored and maintained.

Purpose Statement

To demonstrate God’s love for humankind through acts of kindness and mercy, as God provides the opportunities and means.

Vision Statement

The vision of HELP is a vision of committed Christians coming together in a spirit of unity, sharing their gifts, talents and resources, to bring comfort and aid to those in need of help and hope. It is a vision in which denominational differences are set aside, in order to demonstrate God’s love for all people. Through cooperation with existing agencies, ministries and churches, duplication of efforts and resources will be minimized.

The vision of HELP is also a vision of unbelievers, so moved by the compassion shown them, that they seek a relationship with the One who inspired the acts of mercy, Jesus Christ.
Board of Directors

President—Vickie Ball
St. Simon’s Catholic Church

Vice President—Richard Gregaitis
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Secretary—Sue Lange
St. John’s Lutheran Church

Director—Ruth Smith
Path of Life Ministry

Robin Guthrie
Radiant Church

John Nelson
United Methodist Church

Jim Matthews
MC Reformed Church

Stephanie Reed
Cornerstone Baptist Church

Ps. Richard Roberts
Fountain/Free Soil United Methodist Church

Shawna Nordine Radiant Church
Administrative Assistant

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Executive Director—Larry Lange
St. John’s Lutheran Church
## Balance Sheet
**H. E. L. P.**
**Balance Sheet**
**As of December 31, 2018**

### ASSETS

**Current Assets**
- Checking/Savings
  - Checking Special - WSB: $1,523.53
  - Checking-West Shore Bank: $15,082.75
  - Checking-WSB-Restricted Funds: $4,507.15
  - Money Market Accnt-WSB: $113,496.82
- Total Checking/Savings: $134,610.25

**Other Current Assets**
- Inventory-Donated Household: $21,623.00
- Inventory-Purchased Household: $5,037.00
- Total Other Current Assets: $26,660.00

**Total Current Assets:** $182,270.25

**Fixed Assets**
- Equipment: $10,526.99
- Delivery Van: $26,754.42
- Land and Building: $108,323.95
- Accumulated Depreciation: $47,856.66
- Total Fixed Assets: $97,748.50

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $259,818.75

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

**Liabilities**
- Current Liabilities
  - Credit Cards
    - West Shore Bank C/C: -$1,446.62
    - Walmart C/C: -$4,945.19
  - Total Credit Cards: -$6,396.72
  - Other Current Liabilities
    - Sales Tax Payable: -$2,121.40
    - Payroll Liabilities: $16,244.43
  - Total Other Current Liabilities: $14,123.03
- Total Current Liabilities: $7,726.31

**Total Liabilities:** $7,726.31

**Equity**
- Retained Earnings: $302,016.13
- Net Income: -$49,925.69
- Total Equity: $252,092.44

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:** $259,818.75
84% of donated funds were used for program services
Personal Reflections about H.E.L.P. Ministry

After working as a volunteer for this ministry for the past few years I have witnessed first hand the miracles of giving. This organization is almost 100% volunteers with one full time position and a part time administrative helper. The amount of time and physical effort given freely by volunteers working in the warehouse and on the truck is truly amazing. No matter what the weather these people show up, put up, and lift up the myriad of furniture which includes but not limited to beds of all kinds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, sofas, sectionals, and every kind of living room chair along with pots and pans, silver, dishes and all without complaining. These individuals climb stairs and hallways too small for easy delivery do not complain.

This ministry is led by Larry Lange who him self climbs into the truck to load, pick up, or drive as needed. I have the fortunate duty of the front intake desk along with others. Multitasking on many occasions, these volunteers are the front line workers who greet our clients first. And make this organization what it is today.

I have heard many business leaders comment on the sacrifices made by the people working at this office and the number of people being helped daily in the community. I have personally joined hands with the director and a client for prayers of hope and thanksgiving and on many occasions took part in Team Taps. It is truly an experience to part of an organization that gives so freely of their time and labor to insure those less fortunate can enjoy basic needs enjoyed by those already blessed”.

Dick Gregaitis  Volunteer and Board member

“I believe that the work of HELP Ministry is validated by the information before you in this annual report. Our mission statement is ‘To Glorify God, To Edify Believers, And to Exemplify Christ to Non-Believers’. As a volunteer, I constantly see God’s miracles happening to and through his children. And I believe the work of HELP MINISTRY is of utmost importance in meeting the physical as well as the spiritual needs in our Community”.

Ruth Smith  Volunteer and Board member

Lee is our warehouse manager and a familiar face to anyone who has delivered or picked up from our warehouse. Lee comes to us from the AARP Senior Employment program and is a valuable addition to our staff.
2018 In Review

**MAJOR SERVICES REQUESTED**

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Some of the items provided were:

- TV: 37
- Dryer: 55
- Microwave: 61
- Wash Machine: 51
- Refrigerator: 47
- Stove: 40
- Bed: 481
- Couch/Love Seat: 195
- EZ Chairs/Recliners: 158
- Table & Chairs: 178
- Dresser: 159
- End Tables/Night Stands: 178
- Bedding (sets): 176
- Blankets/Towels: 245
- Pots & Pans (sets): 104
- Dish sets: 81
- Lamps: 139
- Silverware (sets): 92
- Pillows: 56

3,163 New Requests in 2018
2,262 Requests completed
1,044+ Volunteer Driver Hours
34,251+ Total Volunteer Hours
28,509+ Miles volunteers have driven taking clients to medical appointments

"As a single grandmother raising two grandsons, ages 11 and 12 your help has been very helpful. I am on disability and money is tight."

Kathy
2018 In Review Continued

"My legs and back are not good, it is hard to get up and down. This lift is a blessing to be able to move up and down so easily. I can't improve on your service because the men were so nice and kind. They treat you like someone special." Jessie

Churches that supported HELP in 2018

Bachelor Evangelical Covenant
Community Church
Cornerstone Baptist
Emmanuel Lutheran
Epworth Church Association
Grace Episcopal
Ludington United Methodist
Mason County Reformed
Path of Life Ministries
Prayer & Praise Assembly of God
Radiant Church
Scottville Church of Christ
Scottville United Methodist
St. John’s Lutheran
St. Paul United Methodist
St. Simon’s Catholic Community
Sugar Ridge Church of the Brethren
Trinity Evangelical Free
Victory Baptist
Church Women United & United Methodist Women
HELP Introduction

HELP began in 1998 as a faith-based non-profit organization that sought to fill the gap in human services, doing what other service organizations could not do. HELP works in collaboration with those organizations to avoid duplication of services.

Over the years the services of HELP have grown. HELP provides furniture, appliances and household goods as part of its routine ministry. Rent, utilities and some medical bills (prescriptions, glasses, dental work) are covered as resources allow. Minor home repairs and handicap access projects are also accomplished when funding permits. HELP volunteers also provide transportation to medical appointments.

The volunteers of HELP are its most important asset. HELP began with two volunteers in 1998, and currently is blessed with more than 90 regular volunteers. It is not unusual for the volunteer staffing to exceed 100 individuals in support of fund-raising events.

In 2008 HELP entered into a capital campaign to raise funds to purchase a building of its own. Right after the Board approved the campaign, the recession hit! God didn’t flinch at the recession though. Through compassionate people, God provided the funds to buy a building debt-free—in five months!

When the need for a new delivery truck arose in 2011, another capital campaign was entered into. In three months the funds were raised to purchase a delivery truck—again debt-free!

Donations have been important to HELP also. As the reputation of HELP has grown, so have the donations—both physical and financial. HELP has truly been blessed by the community!