



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Volunteers are the Heart of Helping Hands

On a daily basis, I praise God for the amazing group of people He brings to serve in the clothes closet, food pantry, and Pack the Pack. Volunteers have always been the cornerstone of these ministries, but their value and positive impact is powerfully felt as we serve more and more people in need.

Our reliable and hardworking volunteers are such a blessing to me, Maddie, and our community. Thank you! If you'd like to get involved, please email me: helpinghands@sunset.church.

— Sarah Salove, Helping Hands Manager



The clothes closet could use donations of the following items for men, women, and children:

- **New socks**
- **Winter coats**
- **Shoes**

A Good News Story

One of our clothes closet volunteers lamented to her Sunset Women's Bible Study small group that we lack a consistent supply of socks. Word quickly spread, and the Women's Bible Study ladies have blessed the clothes closet with socks for the last two months!

Clothes Closet

Our clothes closet volunteers continue to be busy sorting donations, filling racks, and helping clients. We've seen a large increase in client visits this winter as the price of goods has gone up. Many new families are coming, and some have only been in the country a short time.

We recently were able to repurpose a storage room next to the clothes closet that allows us to better store clothes that won't fit on the racks and to replenish the supply as clients shop.

Due to the increase in clients, help is needed to sort clothes, register and check-in clients, restock, and assist clients in the shopping process every other Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 am and every other Wednesday from 9 am-12 pm. There is some lifting of bags/boxes involved. Contact Sarah Salove if you're interested or have questions: helpinghands@sunset.church.



Food Pantry

The food pantry hit a new record on February 1, serving 98 families or a total of 404 people. We are so blessed by the faithful giving to Helping Hands that allows us to serve all who seek food. The giving also allows us to purchase what we need on a weekly basis, as food shortages at the Oregon Food Bank continue.

In January, Sunset Youth bagged 1,400 applesauce cups for easy distribution to our clients. They are awesome!

This fall and winter we received over 4,000 lbs. of food from community donors including Kuni BMW, BSD Community Transition Program, Boy Scouts/Oak Hills Turkey Trot, Cedar Hills/ Sunset Lions Club and more. We are *very fortunate* to be in such an amazing community!

Currently, our most wanted items are:

- **Canned fruit and vegetables**
- **Family-size cereals**
- **Skillet meals (chili, SpaghettiOs, etc.)**
- **Tomato sauce**
- **Pasta**



Pack the Pack

PTP is serving 20 William Walker Elementary School and 50 Aloha-Huber Park Elementary School families every other week. They provide weekend food when school food programs are unavailable.

Many thanks to Sunset's Youth ministry for bagging over 1,200 granola bars! This tremendously lightened the load for our busy PTP volunteers.

Pack the Pack is in need of donations of:

- **Cereal**
- **Pasta sauce (canned)**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Oatmeal**



Upcoming Drives for 2023

Sunday, April 16

Food, Shoes, and Socks Drive

Sunday, October 15

Food, Coat, and Blanket Drive