

Helping Hands of Roseville

NEWSLETTER



Est 2012

December 2020

The Helping Hands Food Pantry of Roseville exists to improve quality of life for Warren County residents by providing assistance to families in need and by developing programs to strengthen families and individuals.

Proud Member Agency



From President Grace McCrery's Desk:

Wow! What a year! Aren't we all saying that? While 2020 has brought more challenges to our lives than most years, it has also brought abundant blessings to Helping Hands. The support of the community has been amazing and overwhelming. Individuals and groups have stepped up to offer support as never before. We are very grateful for all of you who have given of your resources, and those who have given us the resource of your time. As you know, Helping Hands of Roseville is able to give to others

only because of YOU. Thank you for helping us bring the comfort of food on the table.

May Christmas bring peace and joy to us all, and may the New Year do the same!

On behalf of the most amazing Board of Directors, we wish you

*Merry Christmas
and a most healthy and prosperous New Year!*



Community Support Through Monmouth's Save A Lot Grocery Store

These pre-filled bags, and many more, were purchased by Save A Lot customers for the benefit of local pantries, including Helping Hands of Roseville. It is gestures of caring and sacrifice like this that make it possible for Roseville's food pantry to continue to serve families of Warren County.



Numbers for
November

175 Family visits
representing 619
individuals,
including 237
children



Upcoming Events:

December 17:
Turkey/Ham Drawing for Clients who
have entered to win in December

Closed Dates:
Thursday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve
Thursday, Dec 31 ~ New Year's Eve

HELPING HANDS' FOOD SUPPLY

Ever wonder where the food comes from that Helping Hands distributes? The Pantry gets most of its food through food banks; RiverBend Food Bank of the Quad Cities, and Midwest Food Bank's Peoria distribution center. Government-issued commodities are received once a month through RiverBend. These are, of course, at no cost. Midwest Food Bank's monthly donations are also free of charge. Food banks gather in food from various industry suppliers, some at no cost to the agency, others for a fee. For some selections such as produce, there is no charge for Helping Hands. Other options are available for only \$0.18 a pound in maintenance fees (transportation and storage costs). Selections in this category range from frozen meats to canned and boxed items. These have been the primary sources of the abundant food that Helping Hands has had to offer over the years.



But the current public health crisis has had a significant impact on food supply and cost. Certain food items have become difficult to secure since the COVID crisis. Currently more food pantries and soup kitchens are accessing the food banks and each of these organizations needs the same basic food staples. This fact causes food staples to be in short supply. In addition, food costs have increased about 25% since last year.



This information is shared to highlight how important your supportive donations are to Helping Hands. Because the purchasing opportunities at RiverBend have been greatly reduced, it has been necessary to buy some food types from local grocery stores. Your financial support has made that possible. And your donations of shelf stable foods, they have enriched the shelves' supply as well. Thank you for that.

As we go through this difficult time, support for Helping Hands is deeply appreciated.

~Written by Cyndy Hunter / Denise M.



November's Donors

Helping Hands of Roseville is blessed by the support shared through the following individuals and businesses:

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| <p>In Memory of James Yokem ~ Marcia Morgan</p> | <p>In Memory of Jerry Hutson ~ Marcia Morgan</p> |

**2020-2021
Helping Hands Officers:**



President: Grace McCrery
Vice President: Cyndy Hunter
Secretary: Janet Steiner
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Remember...

if you Christmas shop on Amazon, make your purchases through [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and benefit Helping Hands of Roseville. With the Pantry as your charitable organization of choice you'll also be giving a \$\$ gift to your local food pantry. Thanks!

