It's in your

hands

Our hometown charity

serving those in need

without discrimination.

Samaritan Center

Interfaith Agency



helping hands

Each person has worth.

In times of distress a

welcoming hand offered

with dignity affirms personal

worth, encourages self-respect,

allows the person in need

to cope and pass through

the difficult time.

needing hands

Through our hands...

God relieves the pain

and transforms lives.

Samaritan Center—

where **helping** hands join **needing** hands.



Very often those who find help at the Samaritan Center also find a place in our hearts. And that helps us too.

So many of our volunteers and supporters have had this experience. They come to work here, they make sacrificial gifts and what they find is a true sense of community. In serving others we also are served, and we secure a place of help for the future.

The Samaritan Center began as a small food pantry in 1987 with few hands and much work to do. Today the Center reaches thousands of hands outstretched in need.

Feeding hands

More than 2,500 children and adults depend on the Samaritan Center each month to keep food on the table between paychecks or social security benefits. The need is especially great during the summer months when the free school lunch program is not available and additional food is needed for children.

Healing hands

Each week children and adults come here with a toothache and leave with a smile. Our staff of volunteer dentists provide basic dental care. Volunteer physicians, nurses and psychologists treat those without health insurance or Medicaid who come to the Samaritan Center for common ailments such as diabetes, hypertension and depression.

Teaching hands

Cooking a nourishing but inexpensive meal, learning to develop good health habits, and reading to young children are among the skills the Samaritan Center teaches to those that want to learn. The Samaritan Center is about teaching people how to help themselves and others.





Counseling hands

The Samaritan Center reaches out to those who are unjustly fired, children who are at risk of violence, families facing overwhelming debt due to catastrophic illness, parents who have been abandoned by their spouses. Volunteer attorneys and mediators represent those who need legal assistance to stabilize their lives.

Warming hands

Each winter, hundreds of warm coats, hats, gloves and boots leave our free clothing room. When gas and electric bills exceed the family budget, we are there to help. Everyday at the Samaritan Center, dads and moms find suitable clothing to make them work-ready and self-confident for job opportunities. They also find warm mittens for their tiny toddler's fingers and the next size for growing children.

Helping hands

Many volunteers accomplish simple tasks such as sorting clothing, filling food bags, maintaining records, preparing hygiene kits and answering the phone. Without the commitment of many helping hands, calls for help would go unanswered.

Giving hands

Without hands volunteering their time and talent and giving generously of their treasure, Samaritan Center services would soon come to a halt. The fourth largest food pantry in the state of Missouri, the Samaritan Center is built on the foundation of volunteers. It is built with the tireless efforts and endless generosity of thousands. If you are a helping hand you know how each one makes a difference. If you have yet to touch the Samaritan Center please join us.



Change occurs hand-to-hand. Reach out.
Your gift of time, food or money is needed.
See the back of this brochure for contact information.

The good works of the Samaritan Center are done by people—people like you—reaching out and grasping the hands of our needy neighbors. Hands volunteering their time and talent, and hands giving generously of their treasure.



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