

Hands in the Community

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HNC Highlights

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT

Bill & Mary contacted Parkside Chapel a few days before Christmas with a special request. He and his wife had been collecting gifts all year long and wanted to give them to deserving kids. The church had already done their Christmas program the week before, however, they remembered HNC and referred the couple to us.

We were able to pick up the gifts from the couple, but where would we deliver them? We contacted one church, and then another. The pastor's wife answered the call and thought we were joking.

When she realized that we were serious, she started to cry. Their church earlier in the week had made a decision, because there was no money, they would not be able to provide any Christmas gifts for the children in the community. She knew this was from God.



The gifts were wrapped the next day at the church and several members of the church, along with my wife, started to deliver the gifts to families in and around the church.

Each apartment that they visited, they were met by families; The children were screaming with delight that they were going to get Christmas gifts. In some of the homes, there was almost no furniture, yet the gifts helped to encourage them with Christ's love.

Lester Moon, Founder

John 15:13-14 "Greater love has no one than this that one lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Volunteer Corner—playing a part

My name is George and I was first introduced to HNC through a mutual friend. I realized right from the beginning that this was a much needed ministry for not only my church, but for Visalia and the entire Tulare County area.

I have been assisting the ministry every week since then, helping in the office, creating a database that

will be used to provide referrals for people who have needs.

I realize that I might not be able to meet the needs directly sometimes, but in this way, I am helping the ministry touch countless lives with the "Good News".

I would encourage you to consider the gifts and abilities that you already have. I recently heard

a Pastor say that the Lord not only needs your gifts and talents, but more importantly needs your availability.

Psalm 41:1 "How blessed is he who considers the helpless; The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble."



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**We're working on
our Website!**

HNC is a non-profit organization established to provide crisis and short term referral services for families and agencies in the greater Visalia area. The unique strategy of HNC is to facilitate collaboration among providers in targeting and delivering help to those in need. HNC joins the hand of the helper to the hand of the needy.

Our objective is to assist people in becoming self-sufficient and, more specifically, to strengthen the ability of families to care for themselves and their children. Nearly half of those to be served by the program are children. Most have no church affiliation or profess no religious background.

History: The vision for HNC was born in the heart of community leaders of Visalia, along with input from local churches. The overall concern is that Visalia and Tulare County is becoming a multicultural region with growing crime, gangs, and at-risk families. There is a window of opportunity for churches and organizations to meet some of the growing needs and challenges of the community by working together. What will your part be in reaching those in need?

Current Needs

- Publicity person – handle promotions, i.e. business card, brochure, newsletter, etc.
- Printing of Letterhead, envelopes, business cards, and brochures
- Bookkeeper – who knows QuickBooks
- QuickBooks 2009
- Volunteers for office
- Graphic Designer
- Phone system (minimum of 5-7 sets that can handle multiple lines.
- Volunteers ministering in the community
- 100 individuals giving \$20 a month
- 20 churches giving \$150 a month
- 20 businesses giving \$50 a month

If you can meet any part of these needs, please contact us by phone at our office (559) 625-3822.

Prevention...

“One of the best places to focus our efforts is on young children before they become involved in the gangs.”