



Lake Forest Estates "Helping Hands"



Annual Holiday Collection

Giving Back to Our Community

Happy Holidays!

In 2005, the Lake Forest estates community established the "Helping Hands" Program for the holidays. The purpose of this program is to give back to local families who are experiencing difficulties and extreme challenges in their lives during the holiday season. Because of your generosity, we are proud to announce that this year marks our 6th annual holiday collection to help others.

For the past four years, we have supported H.M. LIFE, a local transitional home that helps single mothers "get back on their feet" and be able to support their families. The mothers living at H.M. LIFE have very little funds and strict budgets while attending school and raising their children. Extras, such as holiday gifts, are not easily affordable for them. Last year, thanks to several generous donations, we were able to help ALL the families living in the center! The message we received from the administrative director says it all, "The families here are overwhelmed with the generosity of donations, and would like to thank all those who helped make their holiday special. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!"

This year, times continue to be tough for all of us, but if you are willing and able to support this program, we could really use the help! If you would like to participate by sponsoring a family or family member, please contact Julie Cirino at 330.998.0678 or email at jcirino5@gmail.com. You can also participate by simply dropping off a donation or GIFT CARD to either Target or Wal-Mart with value of \$25 - \$30. Drop Off is at 7964 Regal Ridge Circle.

Also new this year is an opportunity to support our local Humane Society "Pawsabilities". Many of us have pets and know how special they are. Unfortunately, there are a lot of pets who have been abused or neglected and are looking for a new home and family while getting back on their four feet. "Pawsabilities" provides the necessary medical care to get them ready for adoption. You can help by donating a \$10 gift card to Petco to purchase dog or cat supplies.

Our deadline to receive donations for both "HM Life" and "Pawsabilities" is December 17th.

If you have any questions, suggestions for future efforts or would like to become part of our Lake Forest Estates "Helping Hands" committee, please email Julie at jcirino5@gmail.com. With the support of our Lake Forest community, we look forward to continue "Helping Hands" for many years to come!

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