### **ABOUT US**

The Helping Hands Ministry was developed and initiated in 1998 by the faith communities who continue to provide volunteers and financial support.

### Our belief statements include

- Believing that every person has immutable right to food, shelter and clothing,
- Believing that these rights do not depend on a person's religious faith or lack thereof,
- Believing that faith communities serve best when they reach beyond their membership and assist the larger community,
- Believing that people deserve to be approached with an attitude of trust.

We recognize that to be healthy and whole, all of a persons basic needs must be met, including: physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual.



### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

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# WHAT DOES HELPING HANDS MINISTRY OFFER?

Helping Hands Ministry provides people with limited material assistance on an emergency basis, helping with rent, utilities, deposits and/or supportive services and advocacy.

Our staff and volunteers help to prioritize a client's needs and work with community agencies and funding sources to meet those needs. Our staff offers someone to talk to; someone to share concerns with; someone to encourage reaching goals and then rejoice in those accomplishments.

"We provide caring support to people in emergency need and preserve dignity by helping them manage their own lives."

# CAN HELPING HANDS MINISTRY SUPPORT MY FAMILY?

Any Linn County family in need of emergency help is eligible to apply. There is no charge. Our services are not restricted based on race, gender, religion or creed! If your family needs assistance, we encourage you to call us and set up an appointment for an interview.

# WANT STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THOSE HELPED?

The Echo is a quarterly publication of the Ecumenical Community Center. Each issue includes updates and statistics about Helping Hands Ministry, as well as opportunities to volunteer or provide items from the current "wish list". If you are interested in receiving a copy by mail or e-mail, please visit our website at www.ecc-cr.net or call (319) 366-2651. In 2013, a total of 597 households representing 1,350 persons were assisted financially. A total of 535 volunteer hours of office support were contributed! (Publication Date: April 2014)

# HELPING HANDS MINISTRY OVERVIEW

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Appointments Required

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