HANDUP NEWS

Our Slogan: “Meeting the needs of people in the Susquehanna Valley” Providing spiritual and economic impact in the Valley.

Our Mission: To offer help and hope to persons in need.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating 15 years of giving to our community! Join the celebration! We will be doing different activities throughout the year!

Feb.18th-Feb.23rd Time:12-3pm

Free cupcake and a balloon!

HandUP Foundation’s
Services and Programs:

HandUP Store
Assistance Program
Home Sweet Home
New Hope Church
Renewed Hope Women’s Home
Recycling
Prison Ministry
Food Initiatives
Food Bank
Men and Women’s Club
Renewed Hope Women’s Home Update

“Prior to being in the program at Renewed Hope Women’s Home, I was coping with life one minute at a time. I’d focus on getting to the next minute and the next hour and then the end of the day. I would get up and do it all over again functioning in survival mode. I was once a confident, capable, successful woman with a PA State License and Master’s degree in Social Work.” “The only service that was able to bring me to a place of restoration, healing, and wholeness was the New Hope Women’s Home. The supportive and God centered environment was my saving grace.” “My family and friends were deeply affected by witnessing how God had worked through the HandUP program to better my life and started opening themselves up to learning more about God and attending church.” Colleen a recent graduate of Renewed Hope Women's Home.

Want to read Colleen’s entire story and learn more about this program? You can find it at:

www.handupfoundation.org Renewed Hope Women’s link

**New to HandUP Store**

**Daily Specials!**

**Monday**-Books- Bogo-1/2 off

**Tuesday**-Senior Day- 15% off everything

**Wednesday**-Clothing-25% off

**Thursday**-Military -15% off everything

**Friday**-Freaky Friday-10% off purchase

“I love shopping at the HandUP Store. It always looks neat and everything is displayed beautifully. You can tell that the ladies take much pride in the store and it shows.”

A happy shopper!
HandUP is a very unique organization in that 80% of our annual budget $600,000 a year is self-generated. We do not rely on grants to sustain us. We operate a thrift store and recycling center to generate the funds needed to provide the services listed.

This flip-house picture is one of our self-generated incomes that helps provide resources for our many programs. In flipping houses HandUP also provides affordable housing to the communities we serve.

**Recycling has a new Manager!**

Albert Carroll joined the management team at HandUP in January, 2019. “I am thankful to have been given a position with the foundation shortly after being released from jail!” “I can’t express how grateful I am for this opportunity.” The recycling crew offers a bible study for staff and volunteers each week. If you want to read more of Albert’s story you can find it at: www.standard-journal.com

**HandUP Milton Food Bank has a new volunteer Manager, Jen Foust!**

Jen’s story is very unique. She is in the Renewed Hope Women’s Program and is thriving after having dealt with domestic violence and the need to change her life. She immediately wanted to give back to the program. She assisted in the food bank one week and the following week she had ideas to make the process more efficient and organized. We are very excited to see the growth and desire to serve others! Want to read more of her story? It will be featured in the next newsletter.
Letter from the President: Happy Birthday HandUP!

Our faith motivates us to love and serve people. Serving People is hard work and very draining both physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Your life will be threatened the first time you do not help someone the way they think you should; your character will be assassinated by those who are jealous or oppose your plans; you will develop ulcers from the financial stresses; you learn that truly helping people gets very “messy”; you get phone calls in the middle of family get together and need to leave, and you often question if what you are doing is really making a difference. You dream about working for profit for a better paycheck. Like the lepers that Jesus healed, about one in ten will appreciate the help they get, but the other 9 who carry the “entitlement mentality” will drain the life out of you. A week of serving these people will reduce your spiritual strength to nothing. Every manager that has worked at HandUP for the past 15 years has paid a price to do so.

So why do we keep going? Because in the midst of our struggles, God performs miracles as a result. They are the ex-drug addicts that attend our church. The recovering alcoholics that have found Christ and then found a new life; the ex-cons that we employ that stay on the straight path through new faith in God. The abused women in our home that find peace and a healthy path forward. The men who attend Man Club find support on how to be a healthy man. There are marriages that have been restored through our counseling ministry. Our team pays the price for the sake of those we love and are called to – the addicted, the fringe and outcasts, those in poverty, the abused, and the suffering. Because they are us without Christ.

New Hope Church

What will you find at New Hope? Loving and caring people that are focused on building healthy relationships between themselves and God and themselves and others. Recently, we have had several people that were not going to Church, start attending New Hope. Each week we have seen God working in their lives.

This past year we have seen just how New Hope Church changed one couples lives. Nikki had been coming to church for a couple of years as a single woman. Her parents also attend and had invited a friend of her dads, Troy several times to church and one Sunday he came. That one Sunday started his life change, as he accepted Christ. Shortly after he and Nikki started to date and attend church together. They were engaged in June and in October they were married by Pastor Doug.