



The Gift

House of Neighborly Service



HOUSE OF
NEIGHBORLY
SERVICE

Celebrating

50+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Letter From the Director

Greetings, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all of our dear House of Neighborly Service friends,

Here we are in the midst of the Holiday season and heading toward year's end. We wish to express our sincerest appreciation for your support throughout the past year and for your continued giving. Faithful volunteers and generous contributions have helped HNS fulfill its mission of assisting people with a hand-up approach. In March of 2016 we will celebrate HNS in its 55th year of serving.

We hope you enjoy "The Gift" our first Holiday Giving Catalog. It was born out of questions our donors frequently ask: what are specific ways a donor can help, what are our greatest needs, how can we involve our children in giving, or how can we serve children, seniors, or the homeless specifically? We want you to know that your gifts are making a difference and touching the lives of those who are truly in need in our community. This catalog is our way of inspiring you to give to a need that speaks to your heart. We have also shared client stories that illustrate how your gifts are making a difference.

There are many ways that donations may come to House of Neighborly Service: monthly, automatic deductions, mail in, stock gifts, estate planned gifts, and honorary or memorial gifts are all excellent ways to make giving easy on your end. However you choose to make your contribution, it all adds up to a community who cares. We are a community that wants to see its members prosper and be in good health. Thank you again, for allowing us to be your trusted partner in changing lives and positively impacting our community.

Very sincerely,

Glorie Magrum
Executive Director



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Strengthen Families



It's hard to work, learn, and play on an empty stomach. Imagine if you or your child didn't know where your next meal was coming from. Give the gift of nourishment and health, because none of our neighbors should go hungry! **\$150**



Keep a neighbor warm and safe this winter! Last year, HNS provided funds to stop 527 utility shut-offs. **\$250**



It's heartbreaking to see kids shivering at the bus stop. Everyone deserves to be warm in the winter, especially kids! **\$25**

Adopt-a-Family for a Year **\$2,500**

Support a family's basic needs for an entire year! Make a *BIG* impact by helping HNS to provide food, clothing, and utilities to a struggling family. What an amazing gift!

Your Larimer County

- * 13.5% of Larimer County residents struggle with hunger issues.
- * 11,200 children in Larimer County are food insecure.
- * A Larimer County family of four needs \$64,000 a year to be self sufficient. 100% of HNS clients have very low or extremely low income, or less than \$39,000 a year for a family of four!
- * 14% of the population of Larimer County live in poverty.





Kid's Corner



*Christmas
Jammies*

What kid doesn't love a new pair of jammies to wear at Christmas? Put a smile on a kid's face as they sleep by the tree in anticipation of Christmas morning. **\$15**



*Pet
Food*

We try our hardest to take care of our furry friends too! When we have the supplies, we include pet food in food baskets for families that are struggling to feed their dog or cat. We know pets are family! **\$12**



*Birthday
Closet*

We want to make every kid's birthday special! Parents can shop in our birthday closet for presents, party supplies, and cake fixings for their child's big day. **\$10**





Lis's Story

Lis has been a dedicated volunteer caseworker at House of Neighborly Service for 21 years! And, she is as committed as ever to the mission of HNS. "The satisfaction I get out of helping people is so rewarding". Lis meets weekly one-on-one with struggling families and seniors and is always happy to provide a listening ear and a hand-up. HNS has changed and grown over the years but our approach to helping people with dignity, grace, and kindness remains the same. "I encourage everyone to support the work HNS does. When you donate you get something great out of it, you feel good. It feels wonderful to help others." We are blessed to have treasured volunteers like Lis. Their gifts to us and our clients are beyond measure.



Imagine the strain of aging while *raising* your grandchildren.

We see more and more grandparents opening up their hearts and homes to be parents to their children's children. Support a Grandma or Grandpa in need; they are doing the *most* important work! **\$100**

*Grandparent
Fund*

*Support a
Veteran*

HNS helps struggling veterans with food, clothing, shelter, and support. They've made the ultimate contribution to our country... help to contribute to their stability and make their road just a little easier to travel! **\$65**

Adopt-a-Senior **\$1,000**

Help HNS provide food, clothing, prescription, utility assistance, etc. for an entire year for a needy senior. Many of our senior clients are on a small fixed income and rely on our support monthly to make ends meet.

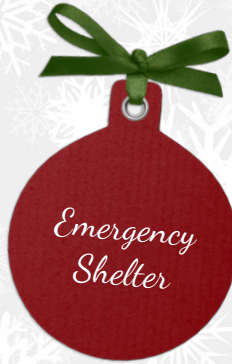




Rescue the Homeless



A bike for a homeless person means opportunity! It's a way to get to work, the doctor, or even a warm shelter. **\$75**



Imagine yourself facing a cold Colorado night with nowhere to stay. Your gift could bless a family with emergency shelter to keep them safe and warm. **\$50**



Homeless families with children in the Angel House program stay during the day in the Life Center and at local churches overnight. New, clean bedding is essential to these struggling families. With all of the other hurdles they are trying to tackle, sleep shouldn't be one of them! **\$30**



A backpack means the world to someone without a home. It contains their whole life: important documents, clothes, hygiene supplies, and their most precious memories. Providing a place for them to store their treasured belongings while they try to get back on their feet is a tremendous gift. **\$40**



Matching Gift \$5,000

You can double your gift to the homeless with this \$5,000 matching donation from a community member.



Gary's Story

Gary has been a client at HNS for several years. He is a cancer survivor and due to his severe illness and treatment, Gary became unemployed and homeless. As a result of his cancer, Gary has several health issues and receives disability benefits. HNS has helped Gary walk through some of his darkest hours. We have provided much needed special medical assistance and other supportive services. During Gary's homeless experience, he suffered from frost bite which turned into gangrene. He was scheduled to have several toes amputated and came to HNS to receive some food. Knowing that his living situation was not adequate for him to recover, we were able to provide motel assistance during his time of recovery. HNS also partnered with Meals on Wheels to bring him warm meals while he was recuperating. Gary said, "I am so grateful for being safe, warm, and dry."

Give in honor or in memory of someone special.

We'll send a card announcing your gift and describing its impact. See order form for details.



Think BIG



Our van is going places! It transports homeless parents and children to churches for overnight shelter and then brings them back to the Life Center in the morning so they can start a hard day of working toward self-sufficiency. Our van transports weary, cold, and hungry homeless adults to inclement weather shelter in the winter. It even takes a struggling homeless veteran to a disability hearing so that his life can forever be changed. Help us purchase a new van! **\$10,000**

Graduates of our Angel House program have worked tirelessly for months to break down barriers to self-sufficiency, pay off debt, and obtain good jobs. Bless these families by helping HNS give them a home in transitional housing so that they can continue on the right path. A stay in a transitional home with low rent can make all the difference to a family working to get on their feet! **\$750**



As with everything these days, all of the amazing work we do would not be possible without technology. Whether it's a caseworker helping a client do an online job search, a homeless adult applying for benefits online, or development staff submitting a crucial grant on the web, technology impacts everything we do and those we do it for. Think outside of the box and support the gift of tech! **\$400**

Give a Child a Place to Grow **\$5,000**

Help cover the costs of our childcare program and give parents the opportunity to focus on reaching their goal of becoming self-reliant. Our childcare staff provides a fun, loving, and engaging environment for all ages. Imagine the value of a safe place for kids to grow while parents grow too.



Margaret's Story

I came into Angel House, a homeless family program of House of Neighborly Service, due to an unfortunate life circumstance concerning my disabled daughter and her 1½ year old son. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise. I needed help to provide for my family. At first I thought the program wouldn't work for us but my family's safety was my first priority, so I agreed to the requirements. I found that the program helped me more than I ever dreamed. We were able to save money that I would have otherwise spent on gas and housing.



I met so many wonderful people in the churches that it filled my heart with gratitude. We were treated with respect and kindness. The Angel House staff was and continues to be, very supportive and encouraging. We were always made to feel comfortable, as if the house (Day Center) were our home. They gave us emotional support and made us feel even stronger and more determined to change our situation. I know that without Angel House and the people who work there, I wouldn't be where I am today. My family has obtained Section 8 housing, I have secured a great job, and we are getting on our feet again. I want to help others who are in need and am currently serving Angel House families as a member of my church.

I will be forever grateful to Angel House, the churches, and HNS. I believe in Angel House and everything that it stands for.

Becoming homeless was a very devastating time for us, but it turned into a true blessing. I have become a stronger and better woman because of it. Thank you Angel House staff for caring so much!

Sincerely grateful,
Margaret Jara & Family



HNS Helping Hands Monthly Donor Club

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty...Together!

Become a HNS Helping Hands Club member by making a monthly tax-deductible donation. This easy way of giving provides House of Neighborly Service reliable support, allowing us to focus more resources on our mission: to assist and advocate for people challenged by the effects of poverty or situational crisis.

MONTHLY DONOR BENEFITS:

- * Invitations to Gratitude Gatherings (donor appreciation)
- * It's Easy...donation is processed automatically
- * Discounted tickets to all HNS events
- * Exclusive monthly donor window sticker
- * End of year giving statements for tax purposes
- * Enterprise Zone - 25% State Tax Credit
- * Helping Hands Club monthly email updates
- * Allows us to strengthen programs and reach more clients
- * And more....



\$25 PER MONTH

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

\$50 PER MONTH

Join the HNS Helping Hands Club today, and help us
Break the Cycle of Poverty...Together!

Monthly donors are the beating heart of our organization,
sustaining HNS financially.



Newsletter's New Look

We are excited about offering "The Gift" and hope it helps each of you plan for your Holiday and Year End Giving. In addition to this Holiday publication, HNS will have a new look for our quarterly newsletters in the New Year. We are partnering with LPI, a publishing corporation that will provide free printing and preparing of our newsletters. How can they offer this generous gift? They will be selling advertising spaces that will be placed in the center of our newsletter. This will give all of our community an additional opportunity to see the businesses and organizations that support the mission of House of Neighborly Service and give the businesses an opportunity to get their word out to approximately 5,500 of our faithful donors and volunteers. It is a win-win for all. The funds we save on newsletter costs will go to better serve our clients. Thank you for your blessing in making this transition and we hope you will enjoy the new look of February's newsletter.

Sincerely,
Glorie Magrum



Merry Christmas from HNS!



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