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## **Inaugural Edition**

**Welcome to our inaugural edition of what will be a quarterly newsletter for Helping Hands of Juniata County! We are excited to share what we have been up to and how you can help support this organization, whose purpose is to give back to our community and help those in need!**

## **Who, What, Why**

**Helping Hands of Juniata County is a non-profit dedicated to easing the burdens of individuals and families facing financial, emotional, medical, or loss-related hardships. Through compassionate support and community-based services, we work to improve the quality of life for all residents of Juniata County, fostering hope, healing, and resilience in those we serve.**

## **Resources**

**In addition to being able to request emergency support, the organization has numerous committees to help support community outreach. Meal Train, Care Packages, Nursing Home, Inventory, Heros, Walkers Wishes and Fire Response are some of the committees we have today.**

**Services can be requested via our website:**

**[www.helpinghandsofjco.com](http://www.helpinghandsofjco.com)**

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January



### Teddy Bear Toss

A Teddy Bear Toss was held on January 24th to benefit Juniata County CYS and Fayette Ambulance Company. Over 100 stuffed animals were collected and those will be given to children in their time of need to help offer comfort. A basket raffle was also held during the game and over \$1,800 was raised for the organization. Thank you to Juniata Boys Basketball for hosting the event, as well as anyone that attended the toss or participated in the basket raffle! Your support means the world to us.

February



### Spreading the Love!

Valentines were collected locally at Sal's OIP and McLaughlin Pharmacy and were then shared with residents of local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. 426 valentines were distributed! Thank you to all those who participated!

### Cooper Family Benefit



A benefit meal was held on February 15th to help the family of Chris Cooper, a local man who tragically lost his life in 2024 as a result of a boating accident. The proceeds from the meal will help the Cooper family offset the costs associated with major repairs needed at their home. 100+ meals were served! Donations are still being accepted for the family and can be sent in c/o Helping Hands of Juniata County.

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# -UPCOMING EVENTS-

## 2nd Annual Bake & Soup Sale - March 29th

8:00 - 12:00  
or  
Until Sold Out

*Chicken Corn  
Vegetable  
Ham & Bean  
Chili  
Stuffed Pepper*

TWO Locations  
Schlegel's Grocery  
*and*  
Walker Twp  
Pavillion

*Prom  
Shop*

March 22nd &  
April 12th

9:00 - 11:00 AM

School Street, Thompsontown,  
*(located in the old school)*

Can't make shop hours? Contact Maddie Armstrong to  
set up an appointment at (717) 320-2275

## Special Needs Community Day Saturday, May 17th

Walker Park - Mifflintown - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*An opportunity for families with disabilities to come  
together for fun and to learn about local resources.*

Family Meet & Greet  
Activities  
Food & Games



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# -ASSISTANCE PROVIDED-

With the help of our community, Helping Hands of Juniata County has provided assistance and resources for 100 families and programs since its establishment in January 2024.

# -WE NEED YOUR HELP-

**DONATE**  
*NOW*

Helping Hands of Juniata County  
c/o Penny Baney - Treasurer  
137 Pine Street  
Thompstontown, PA 17094

**VOLUNTEERS**  
*NEEDED*

Please sign up to volunteer using the following link!  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8enpapnzjgghaAP6fEbLyCRuBkWUVfxFyrRPxu7niA69row/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8enpapnzjgghaAP6fEbLyCRuBkWUVfxFyrRPxu7niA69row/viewform?usp=sf_link)



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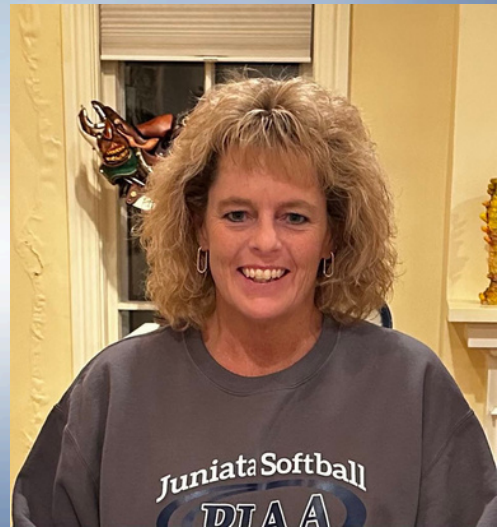
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## Volunteer Spotlight *Angie Sieber*

Angie has been a valuable member of the organization since its inception in January 2024. She teaches Social Studies at JHS. Angie likes to travel, read, work in her flower beds, do mosaic tiles, and spend time outdoors. Angie decided to volunteer with Helping Hands because she believes in the goal of helping people in our community. She also enjoys getting to work with and getting to know other volunteers.



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