

# Humble Area Assistance Ministries

*A Mission of Help and Hope*

Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) is a non profit organization created to address needs expressed by local clergy for a social service agency.



Spring 2010

## SHOP AND DROP LOCALLY

HAAM's resale shop is the cornerstone of the agency. It was founded at the same time HAAM was founded 20 years ago. The idea was that through donations, we could both give things away to those in need and sell things at a low cost, then re-investing the profits in the agency programs. The store is still critical to HAAM's success and here are a few reasons why.

Every year HAAM gives away almost \$100,000 in clothing, household goods, and furniture through vouchers to families in need. Also HAAM is committed to keeping prices affordable at our First Street Store to provide a wide array of quality products at a fair price. In addition, the proceeds are re-invested into programs that help feed the hungry, prevent homelessness, provide education programs, and help others find employment. HAAM reinvests over 1.6 million dollars a year into this community through our social service programs.

But as the needs continued to grow so did the need for additional revenue. Thus our second shop at Black Cat Junction in Kingwood was born. It allows for a unique additional shopping venue but also is a convenient second location to drop off donations.

SO that bag of clothing or those dishes you aren't using anymore does a lot to help your neighbors in the community. It is very important that those donations keep coming and that they stay local. If you are receiving this newsletter you are already a supporter of HAAM, but not everyone knows about us or how they can help. Please forward this message on to everyone you know or refer them to our web site at haaministries.org. Tell them when they shop and drop their donations off at HAAM they are helping their neighbors in their community!

## DONATIONS TO DOLLARS

### Look at what your next donation can turn into!

- A bag of groceries for a local family
- A paid utility for a senior citizen
- Education materials for an adult learning to read
- A resume for someone seeking employment

All proceeds of the H.A.A.M. resale store go toward supporting programs and services for those in our community without the means to satisfy their basic human needs. H.A.A.M. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization offering assistance, regardless of race, gender, creed, nationality, age, disability, or religious preference.

## SNEAK PEAK

Don't miss out in HAAM's 2010 Spring Events. Here is your sneak peak at what is upcoming!

### MAY

#### Pastor's Breakfast

**May 4** - All Pastors are invited to join us and breakfast will be served as we address the needs in our community.

#### National Day of Prayer

**May 6**

#### Children's Nutrition Program

**May 15**

### JUNE

**Back to School** - We will begin to gear up for Back to School. We are collecting supplies and monetary donations to provide supplies to over 700 families who live within our community.

### JULY

**Trustees Meeting**  
**July 22 @ 7:00 p.m.**



## HAAM SUCCESS

### Family to Family Mentoring Program

Becky came in and out of the Family to Family program in just 3 short months. In that time she managed to accomplish more that some can accomplish in an entire year.

Becky entered the program a homeless, jobless single mother of two boys who was desperate to graduate from college. Since that time she has graduated from LoneStar College as a certified respiratory therapist. She has landed not one but two jobs in her field, one, at Conroe Regional Hospital and the second at Northwest Medical Center. Becky will be working both as part time jobs with a starting pay of \$24/hr.

She has managed to secure her own apartment and has attended 4 financial education classes. Through those classes she learned how to create and maintain a budget.

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## Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Brunch



Join us as we tip off our hats at HAAM's 3rd annual Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Brunch. We want to offer our sincere thanks for your support and service to HAAM.

### GREEN EGGS & HAAM

Friday, April 23, 2010

Westminster House, Kingwood

2807 Kings Crossing Drive

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Dr. Seuss Crazy Hat Contest



Oh no! How sad! Look at that! The Cat in the Hat lost his red and white hat. Without his candy-striped hat The Cat is only a cat.

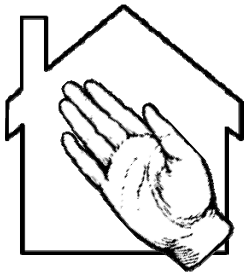
Humble Area Assistance Ministries invites you to participate in our "**Dr. Seuss Crazy Hat Contest**" by making hats to replace The Cat's lost hat and bringing them to the breakfast. So hurry. Get started! That chilly old cat needs a silly old bonnet.

Please RSVP \* Vicki Garcia \* 281-446-3663 x 120 or Sign up sheets are in each HAAM Department



*I do not like green  
eggs and ham! I do  
not like them, Sam-I-  
am. You do not like  
them. So you say.  
Try them! Try them!  
And you may. Try  
them and you may, I  
say. Sam! If you will  
let me be, I will try  
them. You will see.  
Say! I like green  
eggs and ham!  
I do! I like them,  
Sam-I-am!*

## Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program



The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) is a HUD funded grant program focused on homeless prevention and housing stabilization. The program serves persons who are homeless or who are at-risk of being homeless.

The purpose of HPRP is to ensure that families who have encountered difficult circumstances can receive the necessary assistance to stabilize their housing. To ensure families continue to remain stable after the assistance, families are asked to go through employment, education, empowerment classes and activities.

HAAM began its HPRP program in October of 2009 and has helped 23 families in maintaining their housing and has assisted over 10 families who were formerly homeless find housing. Overall, the program has assisted 43 adults and 60 children from being homeless.

# Gearing up for BACK TO SCHOOL

## Back to School



Can you believe that there is only a little more than 6 weeks left of school before summer is here? Here at HAAM that means gearing up for Back to School.

We have **two main goals** for the 2010 Back to School Project.

- 1** One is to provide 2,400 local students with basic school supplies.
- 2** Two is to provide 580 school supply pre-packs

(as shown right) to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade local students in need.

We know we can meet these goals with your help and your donations. Your donation of:

\$200 will buy TEN (10) school supply packs

\$100 will buy FIVE (5) school supply packs

\$60 will buy THREE (3) school supply packs

\$20 will buy ONE (1) school supply pack

Your school supply donations will be used to fill the bags for students not receiving the pre-packs. The following is a list of supplies: Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Markers,

Map Pencils, Highlighters, Rulers, Bottled Glue, Glue Sticks, Wide Ruled Filler Paper, Pocket Folders with brads, Spiral Notebooks, Dividers and 2 inch binders.

Donating to HAAM is easy. You can either drop off supplies at The HAAM Social Service Building,

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or you can make a monetary donation by completing and mailing the contribution form or you can use our secure website at [www.haaministries.org](http://www.haaministries.org).

Thank you for helping our local students begin their school year with the supplies they need to succeed!



3rd, 4th and 5th grade pre-packs

## 2010 - Back to School Contribution Form

\$20=1 pack    
  \$60=3 packs    
  \$100=5 packs    
  \$200=10 packs    
  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Check Enclosed    Visa    MasterCard    Discover    American Express	Amount
CC Number	Exp. (mm/yy)
Card Holder Name (printed)	CVC No.
Billing Address	Zip Code
Signature	

You can donate on our secure website at [www.haaministries.org](http://www.haaministries.org).  
 Or send this form with check and credit card information to:  
 Humble Area Assistance Ministries . P.O. Box 14051 . Humble, Texas 77347  
 HAAM is a 501(c)3 corporation. Donations are tax deductible.

## Humble Area Assistance Ministries

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Humble, TX 77347



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### HAAM...A Mission of Help and Hope

Humble Area Assistance Ministries is an interfaith organization united with others in the community to serve the basic needs of those in financial crisis and provide assistance leading toward self sufficiency.

Our vision is that families will receive financial support to help with expenses and individuals will be able to become self supporting.

Humble Area Assistance Ministries does NOT give, rent, or sell donor information to businesses or other organizations. Your information is used to keep you informed on HAAM activities, by mail, phone and email. If you prefer NOT to receive such material, please contact the Resource Development Director at 281-446-3663 x 121.

The HAAM Newsletter is published four times a year; spring, summer, fall and winter editions to highlight programs, events, and the people of HAAM.

For more information regarding HAAM you can visit the website at:

[www.haamministries.org](http://www.haamministries.org)

You can also receive up-to-date information by becoming a HAAM Fan on Facebook. The link can be found on our website.

1302 First Street  
Humble, TX 77338  
281-446-3663

#### Client Service Building Hours

Monday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Black Cat Junction

your community connection

### Black Cat Junction

22310 Loop 494  
Kingwood, TX  
(Next door to Pops Ice House)  
281-359-LOOP (5667)

Store Hours  
10:00 - 6:00 Monday - Saturday  
Sunday - Closed



### HAAM Resale Store

1204 First Street  
Humble, TX 77338  
(Next to the Humble Post Office)  
281-446-0993

Store Hours  
10:00 - 5:30 Monday - Saturday  
12:00 - 5:00 Sunday

For furniture donation pick-up please call 281-446-3663 x127.  
We pick up in the Kingwood, Atascocita and Humble areas.