

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.



Summer 2011

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER AT HAAM!

It's all about kids this summer at HAAM! Whether they are volunteering or members of families in need of assistance, this summer children in our community are learning the importance of eating healthy, reading to succeed and protecting our environment.

CHILDREN'S NUTRITION

St. Martha's Catholic Church youth group kicked off the first day of summer by preparing nutrition packs. Each pack contains a variety of healthy eating items from bottled water to granola bars. Also included are fun color worksheets focused on educating and encouraging parents and children to make right food choices especially during the summer months when the children are home. In addition to the nutrition pack, each family will receive milk, cereal, peanut butter, and turkey.



READ TO SUCCEED

HAPPY THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY! We are proud to report a great success with the Children's Summer Reading Corner! Running June through mid-August, student volunteers sign up to participate for story time. Each child has the pleasure of picking out a book from the bookshelf to read and take home. This program began with an idea to provide a story time for the children in the lobby as a way to offer a fun and educational "wait time".



A local girl scout, Haley Harper, with troop #3737, restocked the bookcases to prepare for the summer by collecting 605 children's books. Haley said "I collected the children's books for the purpose of kids, so that they may have a book to read over the summer. While at HAAM, I read to the children and helped them select books. The collection of the books was part of my project to achieve my Girl Scout

Silver Award." Since the bookcases were built 3 years ago (also by girl scouts) many other individual students and groups have collected and restocked the bookshelves to continue to provide our lobby story time and book give away.

KIDS GOING GREEN

Have you ever considered "**GREEN CLEANING**" to eliminate unnecessary chemicals at your home to avoid exposing your family to dangerous materials?

Here at HAAM we want our kids to be safe kids! HAAM and Angela Gouger, owner of Blissful Bath, Body & Home, have partnered to organize "Kids Going Green" projects. Thanks to Lakeside United Methodist Church Youth Group, some of our families will receive homemade all natural laundry detergent. Detergent will be packaged and provided through the food pantry to families receiving assistance. Each package will come with special instructions and a message encouraging children to care for our environment and to be responsible family members by helping with their laundry.

Next on the list this summer, HAAM will be setting up groups to make handmade bath soap. The soap will not only be provided through the food pantry but will also be specially packaged for sale at our Kingwood resale store, Black Cat Junction.

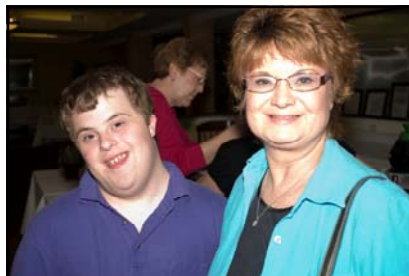


The goal of this project is to not only teach children about the environment and helping others but to also assist student volunteers gain leadership skills. For more information regarding any of the summer programs, please call 281-961-1314.



HAAM Celebrates Volunteers at Annual “Green Eggs & HAAM”

With a relatively small staff, HAAM relies heavily on it’s volunteers. Volunteers who provided 54,000 hours of service last year, for help in every aspect of HAAM’s daily programs and services. HAAM annually recognizes volunteers with a breakfast and awards ceremony that is held at Westminster House in



The Power of a Coalition

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MEET OUR COVENANT ORGANIZATIONS

- Atascocita Lutheran Church
- Atascocita Presbyterian Church
- Atascocita United Methodist Church
- Calvary Christian Fellowship
- Christ the King Episcopal Church
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
- Faith Quest United Methodist Church
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- First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
- First United Methodist Church of Humble
- Holy Comforter Lutheran Church
- Kingwood Christian Church
- Kingwood Church of Christ
- Kingwood Women’s Club
- Lake Houston Church of the Nazarene
- Lakeside United Methodist Church
- Lamb of God Lutheran Church
- St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Martha Catholic Church
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
- Strawbridge United Methodist Church
- Temple Beth Torah
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- The Light of the World Christian Fellowship
- The Lord’s Glory Church
- Woodridge Baptist Church

WHAT IS C.E.A.P. ?



Administered by Sheltering Arms Senior Services, C.E.A.P. (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded utility assistance program available at HAAM. This service is available to low income seniors (60+), families with young children, and the disabled, with the payment of gas and electricity bills when funding is available. Read for yourself how C.E.A.P. has continued to assist many grateful clients here at HAAM:

“You are a gift to my life and are wonderful people doing what you all do. You are my angel. It is a comfort to know I can count on HAAM in a time of need. Each time I come in the door at HAAM, just seeing your faces makes my day a little brighter. There are no words to express my gratitude for all HAAM has done for me. I will always be grateful to each of you for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Thank you very much.”



-name withheld to protect the confidentiality of the client

Gearing up for BACK TO SCHOOL



Can you believe summer is here? At HAAM, that means gearing up for Back to School. We have two goals for the 2011 Back to School Project. One is to provide 1,500 local students in need with basic school supplies and two is to provide elementary students with EPI pre-packs (as shown left). We know we can meet these goals with your help and your donations.

Your monetary 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



EPI pre-pack

Your school supply donations will be used for middle and high school students. The following is a list of supplies:

- Pencils, Erasers
- Pens (Blue, Black, Red)
- Markers
- Map Pencils
- Highlighters
- Rulers
- Wide Ruled Paper
- Pocket Folders with Brads
- Spiral Notebooks
- Dividers, Dividers and more Dividers
- 2 inch Binders

Donating is as EASY as 1, 2, 3!

1. You can drop off supplies at the HAAM Client Service Building, 1302 1st Street. Humble. 77338 Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2. You can make a monetary donation by completing and mailing the contribution form below.
3. You can donate online on our secure website. Just visit www.haaministries.org.



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

2011 - 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.

Or send this form with check and credit card information to:

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

Resale Store

Monday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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An Evening of Hearts and Hands

*An event to honor Lake Houston Area Couples
hosted by Humble Area Assistance Ministries*

HAAM will be hosting a wonderful evening event, "An Evening of Hearts and Hands", to honor three deserving couples. These local couples have gone above and beyond as "Good Role Models" in giving their time and resources in the Lake Houston Area Community. Please save the date for this spectacular event!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, September 17, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Kingwood Country Club

Sponsor or reservations: 281-446-1314 or mdgarrison@haaministries.org

The Lake Houston Area Community is one of the greatest and most generous communities in which to live and work. The Lake Houston Area is comprised of cities and unincorporated communities including Atascocita, Fall Creek, Humble, Kingwood, and Summerwood. For years many outstanding couples have worked selflessly to give back to our neighbors. It is time to recognize these members of the community.

Meet our Committee:

Darryal & Connie Chandler

Wayne & Millie Garrison

Mike & Sandy Tisdale

Danny & GERALYN Sullivan

Ray & Pat Guard

Dave Crawford & Gwendolyn
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