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Volunteer Information Guide

Humble Area Assistance Ministries

A Mission of Help and Hope



HAAM: Our Mission

Humble Area Assistance Ministries is a interfaith organization united with others in the community to serve those in need and provide assistance leading toward self-sufficiency.

Our History:

Humble Area Assistance Ministries has been serving the Greater Humble area for over 18 years. It was started by local citizens and area churches concerned with the area's growing population of working poor. HAAM has been the cornerstone in helping to fill in gaps for families ever since. Serving Northeast Harris County (Kingwood, Humble, Huffman, Atascocita) and Southeast Montgomery County (Porter, New Caney).

The Vision:

- Hungry families will be fed.
- Children will be better prepared to succeed in school.
- Selected families will receive financial support to help with rent expense.
- Individuals will be able to become self supporting by finding jobs.
- Individuals will be able to fulfill educational requirements to get better jobs, communicate effectively, and to advance themselves.
- Families will become better at managing household finances.
- A reasonably priced store selling clothing and household goods will be available.
- Our organization will be respected throughout the community for its efforts in helping to raise the standards of all of its citizens.

H.A.A.M. Volunteers

HAAM places a high value on its volunteers, who have a wide range of workplace experiences which are effectively utilized in helping HAAM to fulfill its mission. Volunteers possess knowledge and understanding of the greater community of people, churches, businesses, schools, and other resources.

People in our community volunteer:

TO BELONG	TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY
TO HELP	TO COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
TO HAVE FUN	TO BE RECOGNIZED
TO JOIN PEERS	
TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ABILITY	TO DEVELOP AND GROW PERSONALLY
TO BE A PART OF A TEAM	TO DO CHALLENGING WORK
TO GAIN A SENCE OF ACHIEVMENT	TO RELIEVE BOREDDOM AND MONOTONY
The ideal volunteer: Takes great satisfaction in making a difference in the lives of others. Is enthusiastic about working at HAAM.	The ideal volunteer: Is open minded and non-judgmental in dealing with clients. Is respectful and cooperative in dealing with clients, staff, and other volunteers.

Services



HAAM is heavily committed to periodic events that involve the distribution of social services or to improve HAAM programs and enhance the facilities infrastructure.

Other HAAM Activities

- SEASONS OF SHARING:** This annual event involves the collection, sorting, and distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to needy families. At Christmas, toys are also collected and distributed to families with children.
- BACK TO SCHOOL:** Prior to the start of the school year, HAAM collects, sorts, and distributes basic school supplies to families with school-age children.
- RAISE THE ROOF:** This program, began in 2007, is a fundraising event with a goal to provide funding for newer and better social service programs, and to provide funding for the expansion and enhancement of the HAAM facilities.



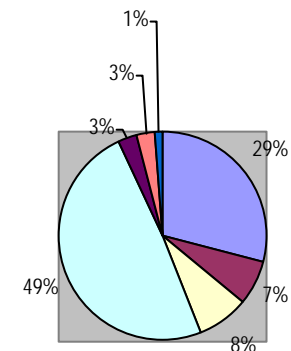
**“You make a living by what you get,
but you make a life by what you give”**

-Winston Churchill

How H.A.A.M. Operates:

HAAM is financially supported by grants and contributions from individuals, businesses, and local congregations. In addition, HAAM’s annual fundraiser, Raise the Roof, provides a fun family concert and Chili Cook-Off in late February. The HAAM Resale Shop, located at 1204 First Street in Humble (right next to the Humble Post Office) financially provides approximately 49% to HAAM’s budget.

Grants	\$338,539	29%
Churches/Civic	\$ 84,069	7%
Individuals	\$103,784	8%
Resale Shop	\$566,525	49%
Special Events	\$ 36,122	3%
In-Kind Food	\$ 40,412	3%
Interest	\$ 5,676	1%
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Services

With effective use of resources, we provide a wide array of services. Some address immediate needs such as financial assistance with rent and/or utility bills, vouchers to our Resale Shop for clothing, financial assistance with prescriptions, or help with food. HAAM feeds 60-80 families per day with basic food staples and canned goods, enough to last at least 5 days.

Self Sufficiency Programs



Adult Education

What's key about education is that it allows people to lift themselves out of poverty. It's not charity, but rather a long-term and sustainable path to development.



Job Center

The goal is to help clients find full-time employment – access to jobs with career potential for all who can work, so they can avoid the many poverties of unemployment. Our Job Search Center services include: *Job leads* . *Assist with resumes* . *Follow up with clients* . *Assist with registration (i.e. Work Source)* . *Access to computers, phone and fax*

There is nothing like the gift of time and personal interest. Knowing that someone else cares, can sometimes make all the difference between success and failure. Our Family to Family Mentoring program matches area families to struggling HAAM families. These Life Coaches provide critical relationships and skills that provide a path out of poverty.

Family to Family classes include: *Money Management* . *Parent Education* . *Nutrition Education* . *Job Seeking Skills Training*

Family To Family Mentoring

Services



Social Services

In 2007 over 1,800 families received rent, utilities, and prescription assistance, totaling over \$262,000. In addition, over \$335,000 in energy assistance was given to seniors and the disabled through the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. Did you know HAAM Social Services includes: Vouchers at the HAAM Resale Store are given for clothing for school, work, or a new baby. Assistance with eyeglasses is provided. Basic furnishings are given in cases of fire or flood. Assistance is given with medical care for acute conditions that require immediate attention. Grant money from various sources provides help with rent and utilities. Outreach programs include Legal Aid, Project Mammogram, Harris County Social Services and FUSA.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry feeds an average of 3,000 people per month. HAAM distributes regular food packs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Emergency packs are available during Resale Store business hours, including weekends. In 2007, 12,500 families received food, serving 45,768 individuals. HAAM gave out more than \$500,000 in food. Almost \$230,000 worth of the food distributed through HAAM in 2007 was received through food drives and donated food from covenant churches, organizations, and businesses.



Resale Store

HAAM's Resale Shop is open seven days a week, stocked entirely with donated items of gently used clothing, household goods, furniture, books and toys. The Resale Shop brought in a total of \$566,525 which goes a long way toward supporting projects sponsored by HAAM. In a recent research study, our Resale Store was rated number one for having the highest income per square foot!
