

Summer 2010

# HANDS

## IN THE *Community*

# HNC HIGHLIGHTS

### *Leading Hands*

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Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16



## HNC FEATURE STORY

There are those who choose to let their light shine by doing the work of the Lord. For the volunteers of Hands in the Community, their light beams through their servitude. For example, coming to the aid of Pam, a Visalia widow in need of assistance with her yard. From the Bible study and youth groups who helped to clear, clean and restore the beauty of the yard, to the individuals who have diligently called on resources to gather donations and tools... there is no doubt that the Lord's will is being done.

More important than the physical changes made to the yard, the lasting love and faith provided by the Lord has been born into the life of the widow, her family and friends. Through the acts of the selfless volunteers and the generosity from donations, the widow's devotion to our heavenly Father has been reaffirmed, as she is continually guided by the prayer and love of the HNC ministry.

It is our hope that as others see and feel the good work being done by HNC, they will continue to honor and glorify the Lord by letting their own *light shine on.*



## Guiding Hands

Community Advisors

Rich Artis  
(Artis, Hare & Co. CP)

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(Boy Scouts)

Pete Sherwood  
(Attorney)

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(Zeeb Realty)



## VOLUNTEER Corner

### Hands On

HNC volunteers Bob and Patsy look over a family's file and discuss ways to connect their needs to the right resources.

### Bob

*How long have you been volunteering with HNC?*

Almost one year.

*Why did you join HNC?*

I saw my daughter and my son-in-law volunteer with the organization. They told me about their experience and I immediately knew it was the right ministry for me to get involved with.

*What do you gain from volunteering with HNC?*

I get a great satisfaction knowing that I am doing God's will by helping those in need and sharing the love of Christ.

*What is the most significant project or most impactful HNC effort you have been a part of?*

I love the opportunities I have to pray with those who call into our office and I am so grateful when I see God answer our prayers.

### Patsy

*How long have you been volunteering with HNC?*

At least one year... I volunteer in the HNC office every Wednesday.

*Why did you join HNC?*

I wanted to serve the Lord in a new capacity. Throughout my career, I have worked with children in the classroom and have also been successful in office work. I wanted to take my experience and use it in a new way to help with a good cause.

*What do you gain from volunteering with HNC?*

My time spent with HNC has afforded me with the feeling of fulfillment. I know that no matter how small or large the task, I am someone helping in the lives of those in need. I have persevered through illness and personal struggles, but I continue to volunteer with HNC because I am committed to the mission and the workings of the organization.

*What is the most significant project or most impactful HNC effort you have been a part of?*

The first project I was assigned to was a huge undertaking. The scope of the project was to get a yard straightened out for a widow. It took countless hours of planning and connecting resources, but in the end, it was extremely fulfilling to know I had made a difference by making a connection to the widow and bringing the love of the Lord.

**Can you lend a *Helping*  
Hand?** If so, please contact us!  
Volunteer shifts are 9am-12pm or  
1pm-4pm one day a week. Call us  
today! (559) 625-3822



Nick Klapp, HNC volunteer, set up shop selling beautiful photographs from his company “The View from Here” during Visalia’s Farmer’s Market Art in the Alley events. Proceeds from Nick’s sales were donated to HNC.

HNC volunteers attended “Fun and Fit at 50 Plus! A Senior Day in the Park” to offer information about the ministry, share success stories and recruit volunteers during the May 14 celebration in



“Helping Hands Repair Local Home” HNC volunteers from six different churches came together to assist Exeter resident Jean L. with the renovation of the exterior of her classic home in June.



While working her first days in the HNC office, our newest volunteer Carlyn took the call of an elderly woman in need of a ride to her doctor’s appointment. As Carlyn’s database search was unsuccessful in securing a ride on short notice, Carlyn offered to take her. Little did she know that the woman lived just down the road from her house and that through this connection, they would soon become dear friends.



### *Inspiration and Praise*

"Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays." -Andrew Murray

*Did you know?* We currently have **1031** volunteers who are available to share their time and abilities! *Thanks to the Lord!*

## *Supporting Hands*

Supporting Churches:

Ambassadors for Christ

Calvary Chapel

Calvary Worship Center

Faith Community

Family Life

First Assembly

First Christian Reformed

Grace Community Church

Heart of the Valley

New Hope

New Life Church

Parkside Chapel

Praise Center Church

Radiant Church

Sierra Baptist

Visalia Community Covenant

Visalia Seventh-day Adventist



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## *Changing lives in our community one person or family at a time*

HNC is a non-profit organization established to provide crisis and short term referral services for families and agencies in the greater Visalia area. The unique strategy of HNC is to facilitate collaboration among providers in targeting and delivering help to those in need. HNC joins the hand of the helper to the hand of the person with a need.

Our objective is to assist people in becoming self-sufficient, and to strengthen the ability of families to care for themselves and their children. Nearly half of those served by our program are children.

Our goal is to minister cross-culturally to people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, regardless of race, color, or creed.

## Hands in the Community is making a *difference*

Less than two years ago, our organization started with only one volunteer...today we have more than 1,000 volunteers and we are continuing to grow. In 2009, we helped 325 people on an income of \$19,000. In tangible terms, when someone gave \$10.00, \$250.00 worth of services were shared with the community – that's right, we were able to multiply the donation of every dollar by 2500%!



As the needs in our community continue to grow and reach our organization, we have found that despite our best efforts, we have struggled to achieve the level of financial support needed this year. We are asking you, to help us by making a simple donation of \$1 per week (\$52.00 per year) to help us secure our services for the members of our community who are in need

of a guiding hand and the presence of God's love in their lives. To make your generous donation, please visit our website for a credit card contribution or make your donation via check by sending it to our office at P.O. 6842 Visalia, CA 93290

but ... we need your *help*