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Our Volunteers GLOW!

On April 16, 2011, the Hands of Grace Board hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to honor the volunteers who give of their time, energy and resources to assist the elderly and disabled in Fulton County. A delicious breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all along with uplifting music by Hand Hewn. First Call for Help in Napoleon made a generous donation to Hands of Grace to help make this event special for our volunteers as did Swan Creek Candle Company and McNeill Chevrolet in Swanton. Each year a Volunteer Celebration is hosted to show our appreciation to our volunteers and we love to be able to connect and fellowship with everyone. We inform our volunteers of this event by posting it in the Grace Notes Newsletter, so make sure that you always read your Grace Notes to be up to date on all the latest news and information and thank you for volunteering!

In 2010, Hands of Grace Faith in Action Volunteers provided **9,747 hours** of services to the elderly and disabled. Volunteers drove **70,511 miles** to provide services in their communities. Our Volunteers really do GLOW!



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Celebrate America



Buffet Luncheon & Silent Auction



SALADS * * * SANDWICHES * * * DESSERTS

Friday ~ June 3, 2011

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

First Christian Church

129 East Elm Street ~ Wauseon



A fundraiser for:



If you are unable to attend the *Celebrate America Luncheon* and would still like to make a donation, please feel free to mail your donation to:

Hands of Grace Faith in Action
104 Monroe Street Suite 2
Delta, OH 43515

Please mark your calendar to save this date. We look forward to seeing you there!

Come See What's Buzzin' at the Adult Day Center



Come see What's Buzzin' at the Hands of Grace Adult Day Center. We will be holding an open house on **Wednesday June 15, 2011** from **9-5**. This is a great opportunity to visit.

If you are looking for an Adult Day Center where the atmosphere is warm, caring and resembles an extended

family, then the Hands of Grace Adult Day Center may be the answer for you. We offer home style meals, group activities and outings all led by a professional staff. We provide full and half day respite care for seniors and/or physically challenged. If transportation is an issue, we may be able to arrange a ride in our Handicapped Accessible Vehicle for a minimal fee of \$5 for a round trip or \$3 for a one way trip. The fee to attend the Adult Day Center is \$25 for a full day and \$15 for a half day. All fees are billed to the responsible party on a monthly basis. Whether you are looking for a place for your loved one, yourself or a neat place to volunteer, we would love to see you at the Open House and have you become part of our Hands of Grace Family!

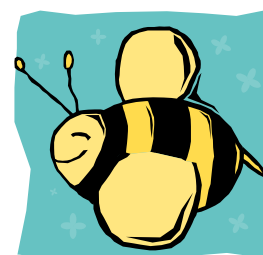
Hands of Grace Adult Day Center

Delta United Methodist Church

101 Northwood Drive

Delta, OH 43515

For more information, please call: 419-822-3556



Donations are Welcome

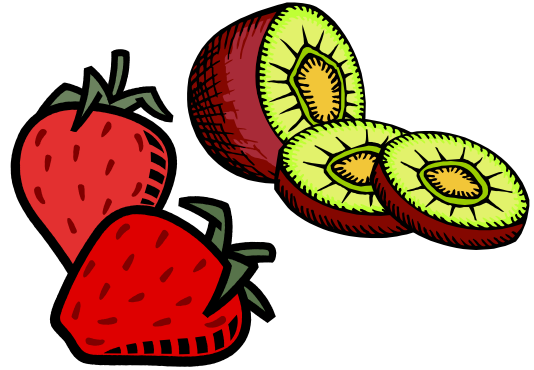
Remember Hands of Grace Faith in Action for Memorial Donations, In Honor of Donations and other occasions where a donation seems appropriate.

Holiday and Birthday Gift Giving Times are a great occasion to make a donation in that hard to buy for person's name.

All donations stay in Fulton County and help us to continue our work to assist the elderly and disabled remain independent and in their own homes.

Summer Dessert Recipe

8 ounces of Cream Cheese
1 large package of Oreo Cookies
2 tubs of Cool Whip Topping
1 stick of unsalted butter
2/3 cups of powdered sugar
1 small box of vanilla pudding mix
1 small box of chocolate pudding mix
1 cup of sliced strawberries
2 sliced kiwi fruit
3 cups of milk for pudding mixes



Steps

- Blend Oreo Cookies into a powder using a food processor or blender.
- Combine Oreo Cookies with melted butter until cookies are all moist. Keep one cup of mixture in reserve for later.
- Spread Oreo mixture onto the bottom of a 13x9 inch pan. Refrigerate while you work on the next layer.
- Combine softened Cream Cheese with powdered sugar and one tub of Cool Whip.
- Spread on Oreo mixture.
- Prepare small boxes of vanilla and chocolate pudding according to the directions on the packages. Use a little less milk than called for on the package.
- Spread vanilla pudding on one half of the Cream Cheese layer. Spread chocolate pudding on the other half.
- Spread second tub of Cool Whip on pudding layer.
- Spread one cup of Oreo and butter mixture reserved from step one on Cool Whip layer.
- Place sliced strawberries on chocolate pudding half and sliced kiwi on vanilla pudding half.
- Refrigerate for thirty minutes until dessert becomes firm
- Ask your family which half is their favorite and make that in the entire 13x9 inch pan next time!

ENJOY!

If you have a recipe that you would like to share, e-mail it to Cheryl at:
clw_handsgrace@fulton-net.com
or you may mail it to the Office.
Thanks!

Hands of Grace...SUMMER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Hands of Grace Faith in Action **SUMMER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** has begun. We need your continued support more than ever. We ask that you consider supporting our **SUMMER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** so that we may continue providing services to the over 400 Fulton County Residents who look to us to maintain or improve their quality of life.

The mission of Hands of Grace Faith in Action is to assist the elderly and disabled in Fulton County to maintain their independence at home as long as it is safely possible for them to do so. We do this by offering a wide range of services to them in their homes, such as; shopping, light housework, friendly visits, yard work and errand services to name a few. We also offer help with transportation in our Handicapped Accessible Vehicle as well as volunteers transporting in their own vehicles. A unique service that we provide that helps families is our Adult Day Center. The Center is designed to be a safe, homelike environment where adults can receive social and therapeutic programming to improve their quality of life. In 2010, volunteers provided 9,747 hours of services to the elderly and disabled in Fulton County and drove 70,511 miles providing these services. Here are a couple examples of needs that were met through Hands of Grace:

- **Karen is on dialysis and needs transportation help getting to her appointments. Volunteers help her to and from her treatments three times a week. Hands of Grace sends a volunteer to meet her needs!**
- **Gladys, who wants to remain independent, needs help going to the bank and getting groceries each month. A Hands of Grace Volunteer takes Gladys to run these errands and this helps Gladys be able to remain in her own home!**
- **The Hands of Grace Adult Day Center is a wonderful alternative for Joe who cares for his wife, Sue, around the clock. He feels confident in the care Sue receives and is able to rest, run errands and play golf while she is at the Adult Day Center. This refreshes him and helps him to better care for her at home.**

Please join us in helping the elderly and disabled in Fulton County by supporting our SUMMER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Donation Amount:

\$25 ___ \$100: ___

\$50 ___ \$200: ___

\$75 ___ Other: ___

Please mail donation to:

Hands of Grace 104 Monroe Street Suite 2 Delta, OH 43515 THANK YOU!

Looking for Board Members

Hands of Grace is looking for people who would like to serve on our Board of Trustees. The Board meets 8 times a year on the third Tuesday of the month. The meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Open Door Complex. Board Members serve in an advisory role and are responsible for helping Hands of Grace maintain its fiscal responsibility. The Board does fundraising, public relations and other activities as needed to help ensure the integrity and sustainability of the Hands of Grace Ministry. Board members can serve 2 consecutive three year terms. If you have a commitment to serve, compassion for the elderly and disabled and would like to make a positive impact in your community, please call Cheryl at the Hands of Grace Office today to discuss this opportunity at 419-822-3556.

Here is what some current Board Members have to say about serving on the Board and volunteering with Hands of Grace:

Hands of Grace is a way for people to touch the lives of those in the community that you would not know about unless you are part of this organization. As a volunteer, I meet and serve people first hand, as a Board Member I assist in making sure Hands of Grace continues to be financially responsible, so that this "caring of others" continues until Jesus comes again. ~Charlene Warner

We often use the phrase, "I am part of the community". I imagine this phrase has a different meaning for anyone who hears or uses it. To me, being part of a community is much more than an address on a street, the home where you live, or the business that employs you. In order to be part of a community, you need to give something back for the privilege of living there. In my case, I feel a need to volunteer for organizations such as Hands of Grace and other United Way partner agencies. There are occasions where your time is much more valuable than your checkbook. My reward comes from having a positive impact on the life and well being of someone else. ~Terry Kieswether

My decision to become a Board Member of Hands of Grace was one of the best decisions I could make for myself. This is a great organization that gives back to our community and serving and helping the elderly and disabled here is very rewarding and gratifying to me. ~Nicki Nitschke

The reason that I became involved with Hands of Grace is to have a closer link to the needs in our own area/county. ~LaRue Short

The Hands of Grace Board is a wonderful, dedicated group of people committed to enhancing the lives of the elderly and disabled in our county. If you feel that this is a way to serve your community, make the call today to discuss this with Cheryl.

**Prayerfully serving
God's people with
passion and love.**



If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us through the above address, phone number or through e-mail.
Thank you!

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Hands of Grace Faith in Action

Adult Day Center

DELTA: Delta United Methodist Church
101 Northwood Drive-Delta
9-3

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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