Dear Friends,

Your continued support and generosity through an unusual year have been inspiring. In a year like no other, you have continued to lavish love to our students in need of weekend food, prayers, and love.

Anticipating what the 2020-21 school year could look like, *Let Hope Fly* was chosen as our rally cry. It was a year of virtual learning and quarantine but we believed shining God's banner of hope to the community was more important than ever. Our church partners embraced this theme (*pictured above*) and continued to step out in faith to serve their local students. Because of additional government-funded food, our numbers of students are fewer this year, but we continued to help those who needed it the most.

Indeed, we have *Let Hope Fly* as our students experienced new levels of anxiety and frustration and depended even more on their weekend food packed with love and prayers. I especially stand amazed at all God has continued to accomplish through us this year— including entering into **27 new schools**, reaching **750 new kids** in need of weekend food.

We also stepped out in faith to purchase and renovate a building this year. After much prayer, we saw God blowing down walls for us to have the building. He is preparing us to say “yes” to more students in West Michigan.

What began as an old grocery store has been transformed into a space that will allow us to be more efficient, effective and procure more donated or reduced-price food. The **generosity of our contractors** has also blessed us immensely. **Truly, He can do more than we ask or imagine according to His power at work within us!** *(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

I can’t wait for you to open the pages of this report to see what God has done through our combined efforts. May you be **encouraged, inspired, and blessed** as you realize how much YOU have impacted students.

With a grateful heart,

Cheri Honderd

**FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
CONTINUING TO FEED MORE KIDS!

During this past school year, Hand2Hand has seen the following growth.

- **750 MORE STUDENTS** currently serving 6,690!
- **1 MORE SCHOOL DISTRICT** currently in 37 school districts in West Michigan!
- **27 MORE SCHOOLS** currently serving 233!
- **15 NEW CHURCHES** total of 130 church partnership!

Hand2Hand successfully launched in ALL of Wyoming district schools and ALL Kentwood district elementary buildings.

CURRENTLY SERVING THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

*Also includes Private and Charter

- Allendale
- Bloomingdale
- Byron Center*
- Caledonia
- Cedar Springs
- Comstock Park
- Coopersville
- Fremont
- Godfrey-Lee
- Godwin Heights
- Grand Haven
- Grand Rapids*
- Grandville
- Hamilton
- Hastings
- Holland
- Hopkins
- Hudsonville
- Jenison*
- Kelloggsville
- Kent City
- Kentwood
- Mason County
- Central
- Mona Shores
- Muskegon Heights
- Northview
- Oakridge
- Ravenna
- Rockford
- Sparta
- Spring Lake
- Thornapple-Kellogg
- Wayland
- West Ottawa
- Wyoming*
- Zeeland*

Hand2Hand is an organic movement that relies on the financial donations of individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations but also relies on volunteer hours and food donations.

For every $1 given, Hand2Hand received an additional $5 through volunteer hours, food donations, donated warehouse space, and other in-kind contributions.

Your continued financial donations are needed and appreciated as we expand into more schools!

*EXPENSES

- Administration 4.6%
- Program 95.4%

*This does not include our Capital Campaign donations. Please contact us to receive our 990, cheri@h2hkids.org
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130 church partners
Went above and beyond to care for students and their families this year!

Our Hand2Hand church has overcome the obstacles of some of our students learning from home and our families are appreciative. It is working!
-Principal

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Meet Ella...

Ella's school is a new Hand2Hand partner this year. When she heard kids were hungry, she tried to bring her piggy bank to donate to Hand2Hand, but her parents talked her into putting it into a Ziploc bag. Although it's been a difficult year for her family as small business owners, Ella's parents were so moved by her generosity and compassion, they decided to make a donation too.

I love how Hand2Hand connects churches and schools to work together to help feed kids!
-Principal

"Thank you for your love, support, and kindness." A Hand2Hand student
Stepping out in Faith

Before knowing about a need and before COVID-19, I drove past Discovery Elementary in Kentwood on my way to work every day. I felt drawn to the school and prayed for the kids as I drove by, and I often wondered if they were blessed with Hand2Hand.

Shortly after, Jodi Joseph, the Director of Growth at Hand2Hand, contacted us about a need in the Kentwood district. We were already serving about 80 students at 3 schools, so we told Jodi we would need to pray about it because this would double what we were currently doing. She said there was grant funding for us if we agreed. I asked her which school needed a partner, knowing God placed Discovery School on my heart months ago. When she said it was Discovery School, I was amazed at how God had prepared me in advance for this school.

I reflect on what God has done for our church through Hand2Hand, and how focusing on Caring for Community has inspired more involvement of loving our neighbors and simply giving more. The Gospel grows at the speed of relationships, and I trust God will continue to create and cultivate relationships through Hand2Hand.

Cindy Geglio
Hand2Hand Coordinator, Corinth Reformed Church
Serving schools in Byron Center, Wayland, and Kentwood

A Community that Cares

Many individuals and community groups came together to care for students during this uncertain year!

David’s House Ministries and Georgetown Harmony House blessed students by packing breakfast and snack packs!

Zach ran 45 miles for his 45th birthday to raise $1,748 for Hand2Hand

The Calvin University Volleyball team raised $3,007 by planning a "Miles for Meals" (Fun)draiser. On July 25 they biked a marathon to help raise awareness and funds for Hand2Hand students in need of weekend food!

Students Supporting Students

Seniors at Jenison High School raised $29,160 from their Senior Survivor Competition to support Hand2Hand students! One Senior Survivor and former Hand2Hand student shared with tears in her eyes how much Hand2Hand has meant to her and her family through the years. She was so happy to give back by raising funds for other kids.

A kindergarten class at South Elementary collected 182 food items. Little hands can sure make a BIG impact!
Receiving donated food and packed food during COVID-19 meant engaging many new volunteers! This year our community supported Hand2Hand by signing up to pack food from their homes. Friends and family members of all ages spent time together collecting and packing food!

**145** self-packings hosted from home this year!

"I like packing food bags for kids because that is what Jesus would want us to do!"
- Greta, age 8

**54** Businesses hosted packing events for Hand2Hand this year!

The FOAMit team hosted packing events, packed 8,000 snack packs containing 32,000 individual food items and gifted us with a generous donation of $75,000. Thank you for helping students, FOAMit team!

**Did You Know?**
- You can donate appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds
- The total value of the stock upon transfer is tax-deductible
- There is no obligation to pay any capital gains taxes on the appreciation

"There is an angel who brings me my food every week!" A Hand2Hand student
More space means feeding more students!
As more schools reach out to partner with Hand2Hand, a larger warehouse was necessary. After prayer and discernment, in December we purchased the former Aldi building in Jenison, which is centrally located to the 233 schools we serve. We began working with First Companies and AMDG Architects to renovate nearly 16,000 square feet of space which provides a large warehouse, offices, and a community packing room to invite our community to experience how God is working at Hand2Hand.

We are excited to announce...
Our new building is almost completely paid for!
In seven short months, with our savings of $300,000 and the help of generous individuals, churches, businesses, foundations, we have raised $1.4 million needed of our $1.9 million budget. We have also received many in-kind donations from our contractors. Because of your giving hearts, we are near to reaching our goal! If you would like to close the $200,000 gap, please designate your gift towards our new building. Thank you!

We celebrate the kindness of all who have generously given. Although we aren’t able to list everyone individually, each gift is highly valued and appreciated!

"I have a student who BEAMS when she sees her food in her locker. She shouts ‘YAY! MY FOOD IS HERE!’ It makes her heart explode with love every time!" -Teacher

"When I see my food each weekend I feel happy and grateful." A Hand2Hand student

Saying ‘YES’ to Feeding More Kids Over the Weekend
We can now say YES to 10,000 New Students

Before

After

Offices

Packing Room

Warehouse

This cabinet was used to feed our first 19 students in 2008.

New address
306 Chicago Dr.
Jenison, Mi 49428
Come Visit Us!

Anonymous $250,000 Challenge
The Peter C. & Emajean Cook Foundation
The Ed and June Prein Family
Amway Corporation
FOAMit
Fair Haven Church
Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland
Frey Foundation
Jim and Nancy Meyer
Anonymous
We believe that together we can ensure every school in West Michigan, early childhood through high school, has a weekend food opportunity - so that no child is hungry over the 68-hour gap of the weekend.

Our goals for the 2021-22 school year are:
- Grow into 25 new schools
- Procure more low-cost and donated food
- Grow our community partners by 20%
- Host multiple packing events at our new location - Sign up at h2hkids.org.

A Special Thank you to:
- Fair Haven Church for the donated office space that allowed us to grow from 19 kids in 2008 to over 8,000 kids today! We are so grateful for your commitment to students through the years!
- SoundOff Signal for the donated gift of warehouse space that allowed us to grow from feeding 5,200 kids in 2018 to over 8,000 kids today.

Upcoming events - see h2hkids.org
- August 1-31: Fill the warehouse! Drop off suggested items at our new warehouse!
- August 7: Whitecaps Game
- August 31: Ribbon Cutting & Open House 10am or 7pm
- October 1-31: Child Hunger Awareness Month
- October 11&12: Hope for Kids Dinner
- October 23: Amway RiverBank Run
  Featured charity - Join our Hand2Hand team amwayriverbankrun.com

Thank you to our retiring board members, Tim Cumings and Tom TenBrink. We are so grateful for your service!

“Hand2Hand helped us stay positive. We were thankful for this food.” A Hand2Hand family
You're invited to our new building on Monday, October 11, or Tuesday, October 12 for our Annual Hand2Hand Dinner. The funds raised at this dinner will allow us to grow into new schools and reach more kids in the West Michigan community who may experience weekend food insecurity.

Hand2Hand has moved! Visit us at our new address:
Hand2Hand
306 Chicago Drive
Jenison MI 49428

Hope for Kids Dinner
Ribbon Cutting and Open House
August 31
10 am Ribbon Cutting
10am-12pm and 7pm-8pm Open House
Please celebrate with us!

Monday, October 11
Tuesday, October 12
Join us at our new building!
The funds raised during October will allow us to grow into new schools and reach more kids in West Michigan who experience weekend food insecurity!
visit h2hkids.org for more information on events

We are looking for businesses and individuals to help us by becoming matching sponsors for our dinner! Contact katie@h2hkids.org

WEEK[END] CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN WEST MICHIGAN
What about the weekend?
Hand2Hand exists to eliminate the 68-hour gap where kids are at a real risk of food insecurity. We dream of every child having weekend food so they have a greater opportunity to reach their full God-given potential.