



2020-2021 IMPACT REPORT | July 2021

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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.** Thank you for powerfully joining us to **Let Hope Fly** in a year we will never forget!

With a grateful heart,

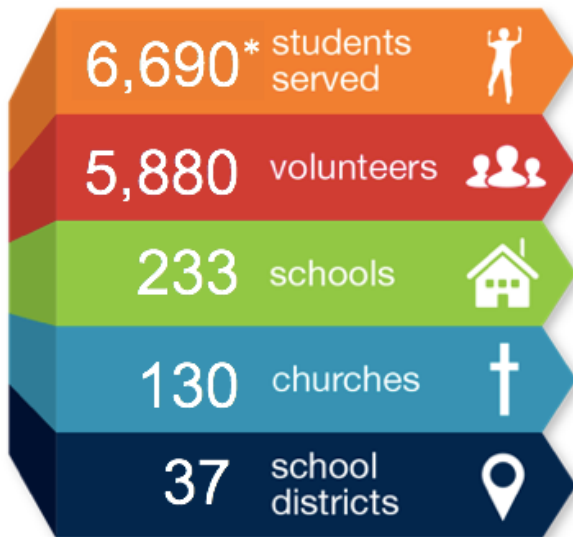
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FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2020-2021 | GROWTH & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



*Even with temporary COVID-19 relief programs in place, 6,690 West Michigan students still relied on our support this year.

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.

2020-2021 | FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

CURRENTLY SERVING THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Also includes Private and Charter*

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

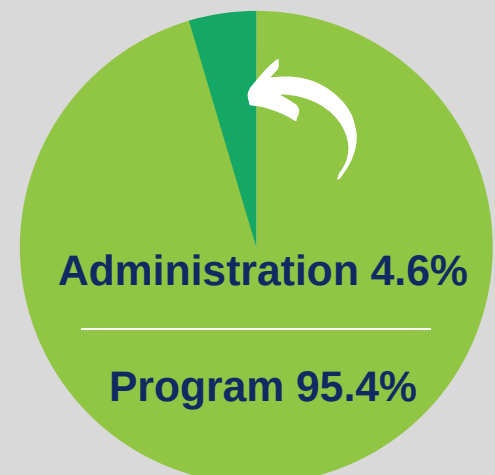
Hand2Hand is an organic movement that relies on the financial donations of individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations but also relies on volunteer hours and food donations.

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!

**This does not include our Capital Campaign donations. Please contact us to receive our 990, cheri@h2hkids.org*

*EXPENSES



TOGETHER



#WeAreHand2Hand

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



Some of the hurdles...

- Large quantities of food and our staple items were difficult to find but our team came up with creative ways to ensure students received the same quality of food this year.
- Some churches needed to temporarily close, due to a COVID breakout, but together we linked arms and stepped in where needed to ensure all students received their weekend food and prayers!



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!



PACKING AT HOME

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!

100
BUSINESSES
THAT *Care*

100 Businesses That Care, a group of West Michigan-based companies, chose Hand2Hand for their inaugural \$50,000 donation. Many of the 100 businesses also engaged by packing the food with their employees.



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

SAYING 'YES' TO FEEDING MORE KIDS OVER THE WEEKEND

We can now say YES to
10,000 New Students



"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

Before

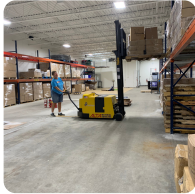
After



Offices



Packing Room



Warehouse



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!



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

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

A special thank you to our Legacy Donors

- 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/Zeland
- Frey Foundation
- Jim and Nancy Meyer
- Anonymous

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

OUR *dreams* AND *needs* FOR THE FUTURE...



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.



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

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.

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



Tom TenBrink retires as the Superintendent of Jenison Public Schools and as a charter board member of Hand2Hand. We are grateful for his commitment to our students since 2008 and excited to partner with Tom in a new way - as he volunteers with us to build even stronger school relationships throughout West Michigan!

"Hand2Hand helped us stay positive. We were thankful for this food." A Hand2Hand family

Our Mission

Hand2Hand delivers nutritious food to students over the weekends and on extended school breaks by mobilizing churches, schools, individuals, and businesses to join together, providing hope and opportunity to thrive.



2.5 million

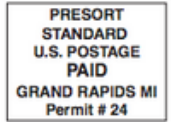
individual food items
went into the backpacks
of students this year!

Take a look inside to see
how you are impacting kids
in West Michigan!



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Jenison MI 49428

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



An elementary child couldn't contain his excitement when he received his first-ever bag of Hand2Hand food, so he made a Tik Tok video to share his joy and to thank his teachers and principal!! Joy was spread all around!



Tik Tok

Join us!

Ribbon Cutting and Open House

August 31

10 am Ribbon Cutting

10am-12pm and 7pm-8pm Open House

Please celebrate with us!

Hope For Kids Dinner

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.

