

Helping Hands of Dayton

*Helping Families Caring for
Critically Ill Children*

March 2017



Dayton Children's Care Kit Delivery



A Welcome Partner

We are very pleased to announce our new corporate sponsor, **CompuNet Clinical Laboratories**. CompuNet's unique combination of comprehensive testing capabilities and local, personalized service is a perfect match with Helping Hands' mission of helping families during a health emergency. Read more about this wonderful opportunity at:

www.helpinghandsdayton.com



A heartfelt Thank You



The Board members of Helping Hands of Dayton would like to extend a very heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the generous supporters, donors, and volunteers, who helped to make 2016 our best year yet! It has been 10 years since our founding and this anniversary year provided tremendous support from our community.

With your generous support, we were able to deliver over 1,000 care kits to the NICUs and PICUs of three local hospitals – Dayton Children's Hospital, Miami Valley Hospital, and Kettering Medical Center. We lovingly provide these kits of personal care items to help parents of children rushed to intensive care to get through the first hours of an emergency overnight stay.



The Helping Hands of Dayton Board of Directors



Giving Strings volunteers



Ethan & the Giving Strings orchestra

Ethan's generous heart

Many children save their pennies to buy candy or perhaps a toy, but not eleven-year-old Ethan Salve. Ethan saved his pennies for the chance to conduct the **Giving Strings Orchestra** in Oakwood this summer. Why would he do that? Quite simply, because he loves music and he loves helping others.

Giving Strings is an annual concert where over 100 musicians in the Miami Valley donate their time and talent in support of a local charity. This year **Helping Hands of Dayton** was the group's chosen charity and we couldn't have been more proud.

Donations at the door and auctioned items are the event's main fundraiser but the coveted prize of the evening is the opportunity to conduct the orchestra in its final song.

Many donors placed bids and awaited the announcement naming the winner but none were more anxious than Ethan. All year Ethan saved his pennies and by the night of the concert he'd raised over \$200!



Ethan has a special connection with Helping Hands. He was born prematurely at 5 ½ months, weighing just 2.6 pounds. As a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) baby, Ethan's family is exactly who Helping Hands of Dayton strives to support every day.

Despite his early struggles, Ethan has overcome many challenges to become a musician and a generous person who puts others before himself.

We're happy to report that prior to the final performance it was announced that the eleven-year-old had outbid all others winning the right to conduct the orchestra.

Thank you Ethan, your generosity is truly an inspiration



Together,
we're making
a difference



Our year in review

Some of the unique events that occurred this year included:

- **Dayton Daily News** highlighted Helping Hands. Read it here: <http://bit.ly/2lk7pwX>
- Elementary schools, Bible schools and Girl Scout troops from across the area contributed colorful, cheerful, and lovingly drawn Get Well cards.
- We discussed the Helping Hands of Dayton program at **Junior League of Dayton** and **Centerville Noon Optimists** meetings.
- **Auto Owners Insurance** celebrated their 10th anniversary by donating to local charities including Helping Hands.
- **Wilmer Hale**, a local law firm, selected us to receive the proceeds from a charity day.
- We closed out the year with the **Centerville Washington Township Parks** annual **Luminary Walk**, which brought additional community awareness to our program and its mission.



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Ten years of helping over 9,700 families with children in critical care.

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Three hospitals supported:
- Miami Valley Hospital
- Dayton Children's
- Kettering Medical Center

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One EVERY donation makes a difference.

Looking Ahead

In 2006 Helping Hands of Dayton was born out of love and gratitude for the health of my youngest son, Nathan. Back then I would have been astonished to know that Helping Hands would eventually support more than 9,700 ICU families by the year 2017.

Ten years ago we were an idea that was just starting to take root. The success of this program only solidifies the power of generous people, organizations and companies in our community. All of **YOU** are the reason we remain here supporting ICU families today.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for your support and I look forward, with joy, to what the next ten years and more will bring for Helping Hands of Dayton

With sincere gratitude,
Leslie

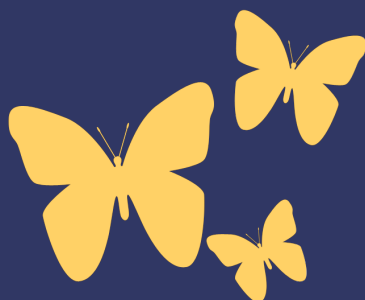
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How Can You Help?

- **Purchase** travel size items from the Care Kit list
- **Volunteer** to assemble Care Kits or help a child make a get well card for our kits
- **Ask** for Care Kit item donations from your local dentist or doctor
- Make a **Secure Online Donation** through PayPal today by visiting www.HelpingHandsDayton.com
- Visit Our **Wish List** through Amazon by typing Helping Hands of Dayton in the wish list search.
- Make purchases using **Amazon Smile** to donate a percentage to Helping Hands of Dayton
- Sign up for **Kroger Community Rewards** by selecting Helping Hands #40780 at: krogercommunityrewards.com

