



LOVING HANDS



The Manos de Cristo Newsletter
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HEALING HANDS

You can help!

Our featured story this month involves a man whose story has touched us all and we wanted to share it. This man worked around paint and thinner for the last 10 years, he always wore a mask but never realized the lasting effects that occupation would have on him. He no longer works with paint but the damage is done! He is currently unable to work because of frequent infections; extreme temperatures cause severe headaches and debilitating pain. His wife is the only breadwinner in the home and he would like to go back to work but is unable, until his oral health improves. His teeth have semi-dissolved and disintegrated and that is why he has come to Manos. The total cost to repair the damage is **\$16,027**, the clinic can cover **\$9,479**, but that still leaves **\$6,548** that he and his family will have to pay in order to restore his oral health. Cases like these walk into our clinic everyday and the incredible doctors down there do everything in their power to restore these client's mouths. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation on behalf of this patient to help him get his oral health back, so he can resume his life; please send a check with "newsletter case" in the memo line or call our offices (512) 477-7454 and ask Victoria how you can help today!

GIVING HANDS

Back-to-School

We need you to volunteer for our Annual Back-to-School Program. There is a full week of sorting/organizing from **July 16–20**, then there is the actual program where you will be able to interact with the children **July 23–27** or **July 30–August 3**. Let us make this year's Back-to-School the most successful yet! Bring your teenagers for a few hours to give them an opportunity to give back to the community. A few hours or a few days will change their perspective completely!

FUNDRAISING CORNER

CHOCOLATE, ART & OPERA

Yes, we said, "Chocolate, Art and Opera." We are gearing up for a three-part series of fundraising events. Over the next few months, we will be bringing in various musical guests along with remarkable artists, topping it off with chocolate and inviting you to evenings that will be enjoyable for the entire family. Our first evening, **June 21**, will feature Austin Lyric Opera's Liz Cass, a

renowned opera singer who is sure to make you an opera lover for life! Event starts at **6:30 PM**, drop by at your convenience. Liz will be singing at **7:15 PM** and again at **8:15 PM**. Adults: \$25, Students/Kids: \$10, special discounts for more than one ticket: please contact Victoria Gutierrez via email, fdevelopment@manosdecristo.org to reserve your spot today!

HELPFUL HANDS

Food Pantry Needs

Our Food Pantry is supported primarily by Capital Area Food Bank and the ministries that bring us donations each week. We are extremely grateful for this and hope for their continued support as our program is expanding. Recently, our Food Pantry has changed its operations, as we serve all six families and then some. The clients no longer have to wait until the afternoon to collect their groceries; once the intake is done, the orders are prepared, and the clients are out the door within the hour. This “express service,” has the clients very excited! This news has made its way back to other clients, and our numbers are higher than ever. With the increase in clients, the need for food donations increases. Presently volunteers are needed from **9 AM–11 AM** to help fill the orders. We will be posting a weekly list on the website which will update everyone on the items we lack in the pantry. We hope you will join us in our efforts to lend a hand to the underserved individuals in the Austin community.

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS

Powdered Milk

Eggs

Flour

Sugar

Cooking Oil

Cereal



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SUCCESSFUL HANDS

ESL Teachers

As the spring session ends, about **60%** of the students who started out in January will be completing the semester. Some will take a break from ESL during the summer months but will use the time to further their computer knowledge and skills. We want to remind you that Julie Ballesteros is always looking for more teachers for her morning or evening classes. If you are a volunteer teacher in the education program and have any ideas on how the program can be improved please contact Julie via email, educationalpc@manosdecristo.org as she welcomes input to increase attendance, class size or overall efficiency. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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