



LOVING HANDS



The Manos de Cristo Newsletter
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FEATURED HANDS

It's that time of year again...

...when each child receives two sets of clothing, including socks and underwear, and a backpack with grade-appropriate school supplies. Through our Back-to-School program, Manos de Cristo helps meet the needs of impoverished families by providing them with the necessities to begin the new school year. From the year 2000 through 2006, Manos de Cristo has prepared **7,648** children for school. In 2007, we expect to provide at least another **1,500** children with the supplies and the confidence they need to begin the year. Remember your volunteer opportunities are just a phone call away: 477-7454.

Sorting Week: July 16-20

Back-To-School: July 23-27 or July 30-August 3.

GIVING HANDS

Back-to-School

Amy's Ice Cream is partnering with Manos to make our Back-to-School Program the most successful ever, it is a two-fold project. As you will notice, in **all 11 of Amy's Ice Cream stores** there are collection bins for school supplies for our program: binders, notebooks, markers, crayons and white glue. They will deliver all of the school supplies to us during our sorting week and they will leave one coupon in each backpack so that all **1,500** children can visit their nearest Amy's and enjoy free ice cream! What a beautiful testament to our program! Make sure you enjoy some ice cream from Amy's during these hot summer months and thank them on behalf of Manos!

FUNDRAISING CORNER

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP @ FLEMING'S

Fleming's Steakhouse, 320 E. 2nd St., is opening its doors on **Sunday, August 5th** from **11-2** to welcome the Manos de Cristo crowd. We can all enjoy brunch and fellowship with one another! Everyone goes out to eat after church, why not sample the amazing brunch buffet that the chef at Fleming's is putting together for us?

Tickets are **\$35** and proceeds will benefit the Back-to-School Program. Please contact Victoria Gutierrez via email fdevelopment@manosdecristo.org by July 31 to make your reservation. Don't miss out on Food, Fun & Fellowship @ Fleming's!

HELPFUL HANDS

Clothes Closet Needs

Our Clothes Closet is nicknamed **“Mari’s Store,”**

because she doesn’t stock anything that is not up to store standard (no torn, stained or heavily worn clothing). Manos

needs summer clothing; as we all know summer is a lot longer than three months in Austin! The Clothes Closet is supported by our churches and donations from throughout the community. We encourage you to clean out your closets and bring us your gently used clothing; your donations impact up to **18 families a day!** As you travel this summer remember to bring in your travel-sized, hotel toiletries that end up at the bottom of the suitcase, those are extremely useful for our hygiene kits.

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS

Men’s Pants

Men’s Shirts

Underwear for all ages

Socks for all ages

Travel-size items



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SUCCESSFUL HANDS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chocolate, Art & Opera went so well that we are clueing you in on the second event in the fundraising series. All of the proceeds from the ticket sales and 30% of the art sales will go directly to benefit the Education Program at Manos. There will be a brand new group of artists featured, a curious spin on chocolate and amazing music for our, **“Chocolate, Art & Salsa,”** event which will take place **Thursday, October 18.** Event starts at 6:30 pm, drop by at your convenience. Adults: \$25, Students/Kids: \$10!

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