



Serving Glenview's Seniors for over 30 Years

Spring 2020

We have been heartened by the wonderful community response to the COVID-19 virus and the number of people reaching out to help neighbors. We need to remember that once this virus has passed, the need will still be there. Since 1988 **Helping Hands of Glenview** has worked to ensure to meet the needs of Glenview's senior community by providing transportation to doctors, dentists, therapy sessions and other important appointments. Like so many other organizations we rely on volunteers to do the work and to drive our seniors. Even though we have temporarily halted driving clients, once this has passed we look forward to resuming our services. In the meantime, we are reaching out to our clients with wellness checks. They really appreciate hearing a friendly voice. Now more than ever, the services **Helping Hands of Glenview** provides are necessary to keep Glenview a vibrant and caring community.

Members and Donors

Last year our annual appeal looked to be falling short of our modest goals. By reaching out through the social media app, "Next Door" we were able to extend our message to the wider Glenview Community and with the help of *David Kremann and the Glenview State Bank* matching challenge we were able to raise over \$3,000. It is our hope that those community members that answered the call last year will continue to provide support in this and coming years. We also want to thank our long time partners at *Rotary Glenview Sunrise* for their support of many organizations that make Glenview a special place to live and work. The *Glenview Community Church* through their *Women's Association and Outreach Missions* has helped us in many ways and their support is critical to our mission. This year we were also

selected by the *Glenview Methodist Church* to be the recipient of the collection at their annual Christmas Choir Service and by the *Glenview New Church School* to receive the proceeds from the students bike-a-thon. Of course, our many individual donors keep us going year in and year out. Thank you to everyone!

Volunteer Driver of the Year

It is always difficult to pick just one driver to be our *Driver of the Year* as so many go above and beyond to ensure our clients are able to visit doctors, dentists and other appointments. This year Peter Grant has been selected. Peter and his wife Ann are long-time residents and are always willing to help a neighbor in need.

Our Phone Coordinators

This year we said good-bye to Janet Pomillo as one of our outstanding telephone coordinators. Janet joined us in 2013 and for the last 7 years has been one of the friendly voices of Helping Hands. She always went out of her way to ensure the driver and clients were a good match and would drive new clients first to better understand their needs and concerns. Janet will be greatly missed.

We are very lucky to have Barbara Pollak help us for the last 15 years. Barbara is persistent calling drivers until she is able to fulfill a clients' request. She holds each and every driver in high regard and strives to assure them how valuable they are to our mission.

We are pleased to welcome Nancy Richter as our new coordinator. Both clients and drivers are finding Nancy to be a cheerful voice and she is eager to get to know each one. Nancy has the benefit of being one of our clients so she truly understands the importance of our services. We hope to have Nancy on board for many years to come.

If you know someone in need of our service, contact Barbara or Nancy for information at **847-729-8181**, or go to our website:

www.HelpingHandsGlenview.org

Annual Fall Yard Cleanup

It seems a long time ago but you should remember the early winter snows last October and November. This caused us to re-schedule the annual yard clean-up from the November 16th to the 23rd. We were still able to enlist the services of *The Inter Act Club* from *Glenbrook South High School*, *Hoffman/Henking School Cub Pack 59*, *West Brook/Springman Schools Cub Scout Pack 555* and the *1st Korean Church*. It was again a cold and windy day but we are pleased to report 18 yards were cleaned. We know the *Glenview Community Church* will return next year to once again help the seniors of Glenview. A special thank you to *Weiss Ace Hardware*, *Jewel Osco on Patriot*, *Home Depot on Willow* for supplying the yard waste bags and *Groot Recycling* for picking up all the yard bags at no charge.

Snow Removal

As noted previously the early snows of October and November created a need for the *Snow Angels* from the *Inter Act Club of Glenbrook South High School* to get into action early. They were able to help five families by cleaning up the sidewalk and driveways of their homes. **Thank you Snow Angels.** Those older residents really appreciated your help.

Board Member Needed

If you would like to be an active part of *Helping Hands of Glenview*, we are looking for members of the Glenview community to join our board and help us to continue to provide services to the senior members of our community. Please contact us at 847 729-8181 and a board member will be in touch to tell you more about the organization and board.

Annual Meeting Cancelled

Due to the ongoing national emergency *Helping Hands of Glenview's* Annual meeting has been postponed until later in the year. You can still participate by returning your membership/proxy form to vote on the slate of candidates and show your support for the ongoing services provided by us.

Please support Helping Hands of Glenview by renewing your membership, volunteering to be a driver or join the board so that our services can continue to be offered for many years to come.

Board Nominations for 2020-2021

Officers:

Joe Szwiec, President

Diane Silca, Vice President

Lauren Szwiec, Secretary

Dick Mann, Treasurer

2020-2022 Directors

Richard Mann

Joe Szwiec

Joyce Holler

Gail Kamura

Shannan Wilson

2019-2021 Directors continue their terms:

Bob Anthony

Diane Silca

Lauren Szwiec

Samantha Smith

Thank you for being part of Helping Hands of Glenview