



Hands Across Mathews

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Dear Neighbors,

Hands Across Mathews' new financial year and the start of our annual fund drive began October 1st. We are again asking for your support. Your donations will allow Hands Across Mathews (HAM) to help the neediest of our neighbors in Mathews County.

Our Food Distribution Program, which provides food every Wednesday, is feeding over 95 families each week which equals 4,940 families for the year. Unfortunately, the Food Bank has not been able to supply us with sufficient goods, so we have resorted to purchasing canned and dry goods, eggs, and bread from local stores to adequately stock our shelves. This has cost us \$32,239.91 to date.

The Fuel and Utility Program assists eligible clients by paying a portion of their fuel and utility bills directly to the supplier. During the last 12 months, this program has paid \$26,105.23 for over 100 clients.

Our Home Repair Program helps Mathews' families stay in their homes. We make electrical, plumbing, HVAC, drywall, roof repairs and replacements, and install ramps to keep clients' homes safe. In the last 12 months, this program has paid out over \$53,626.18. The cost of these repairs has increased considerably.

These are our three most expensive programs, and we expect each to increase in the coming months. In addition to these programs, for eligible families, we aid with rent payments and distribute clothing and household items at no cost. We contribute to and help coordinate the Fresh Start Program, and we have initiated student snack packs for the summer months. All of this adds up to \$189,678.15 for the past 12 months.

We want to thank our churches, businesses, families, individuals, and foundations for their continued generous support.

We hope you will join us and offer your support so that we can continue to give a helping hand to those in our community who need it the most. Please be as generous as possible. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Jan Mohr
President