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New Executive Director For Lending Hands

After the announcement that Executive Director, John Hilliard, was going to retire Lending Hands has taken a 4.5 month search for a replacement. Lending Hands is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Executive Director. The new ED is Lucinda M. Stinson, MPA. The position change will take effect on Monday, June 26th. Retiring ED Hilliard will stay on for three months to assist in the transition.

Ms. Stinson has extensive experience in the public sector with many years working in health care systems. She takes charge of a twelve year old non-profit that lends out basic home medical equipment for free for 7 months. Lending Hands serves six counties in Southwest Michigan.

The new Executive Director will supervise a cadre of over 50 volunteers, along with day-to-day operations, fund development, marketing and public relations. Lending Hands has served over 19,300 clients and saved those clients over \$9.2 Million in out of pocket expenses.

"We feel Lucinda is a good fit for Lending Hands," said Board Chair, Julie VanderNoot. VanderNoot continued by saying, "We expect she will continue our growth as a non-profit organization and continue to move it forward in assisting others in their time of need."

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Governor Awards LH Volunteer as MI Senior Volunteer of the Year

Senior Volunteer of the Year Award: honors individuals age 65 and older who have taken action to make their community a better place to live through service.

MAGNOLIA BODLEY of Kalamazoo sees volunteering as a way of life and has spent nearly her entire life helping others. Maggie has served more than 5,000 hours with Lending Hands and other community organizations.

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On the back page—What Our Clients Say About LH.

***Saving Clients Over \$9.2 Million Since 2005
Over 19,500 Clients Served Since 2005***

Lending Hands of Michigan, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit 501-c-3 tax-exempt organization.



Lending Hands Assisted 11th Talons Out Honor Flight

On Saturday, April 22nd, Lending Hands assisted 90 veterans on the Talons Out 11th Honor Flight. The flight left Kalamazoo for Washington DC for the veterans to visit memorials. For the first time, this flight will include veterans from the Korean War.

Lending Hands assisted this flight as it has done for all the Talons Out Honor Flights. LH provided 90 transport chairs for the mobility and comfort for the veterans during all their activities on this flight.

There was a Welcome Home celebration for the veterans on their return to Kalamazoo. It took place at the Christian Middle School on 12th St. in Kalamazoo. A couple hundred of family and friends welcomed the veterans with flags and signs. Some entertainment was provided.

What Clients Say About Lending Hands

1. "Thank you so much for the use of the medical equipment. It was so helpful after my back surgery. We had a lot of financial costs and your services were such a help to us. The equipment was put to good use and was very much appreciated". J. R.-Richland.
2. "This service was a wonderful surprise.... We didn't know you could borrow equipment. This was extremely helpful during a time when medical expenses stretched our budget. We greatly appreciated 'Lending Hands' medical equipment and the folks were outstanding". L. K.-Mattawan.
3. "I would recommend Lending Hands to others and I have many times. I was so happy to find out about Lending Hands, for my husband, that I listed it as the charity of choice after he passed away. Thank you for helping fill the gap". L. B.-Kalamazoo.
4. "Recommend Lending Hands to others and already have. They were very helpful and kind to my husband in his needs". I. D.-Kalamazoo.
5. "It not only saved considerable money, but was great to be able to dispose of it when I no longer needed it." J. S.-Paw Paw.

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