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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.

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Vicksburg Foundation Grant Helps Improve Equipment Storage

A \$2,800 grant from the Vicksburg Foundation has provided the funds for Lending Hands to purchase 15 storage shelving units. The new shelving greatly improves the storage of all kinds of bath chairs and seats and various sizes of toilet commodes.

The shelving provides for better use of vertical space and eliminates the usual clutter of equipment. Also, there is improved visual sighting of the different types of equipment and to know current inventory.

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**Saving Clients Over \$7.8 Million Since 2005
Over 18,800 Clients Served Since 2005**

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

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.

How We Help Those In Need

Recently a client called us to say she needed several pieces of equipment that her physical therapist recommended. She also said, she needed to get out of the rehab facility in two days, because her insurance would run out and she did not have the personal finances to pay for a longer stay. Further, her insurance did not cover the equipment she needed and she did not have the funds to rent or buy the items.

The Lending Hands volunteers were able to give the client the equipment she needed. This saved the client the cost of an expensive rehab stay and the cost of having to buy or rent equipment. The client received the equipment on time and went home on the day of her normal discharge.

Over 3,800 Clients Served In 2016

Demand for our free medical equipment loan program continues to grow at a pace of **15% per year**. Lending hands served more than **3,800 clients in 2016** and over 18,800 clients since our start in 2005. LH has **saved clients over \$7.8 Million** since our start in 2005. Our **volunteers** have provided over **61,000 hours of service** to others at a value of over \$1.2 Million.

Our donors, some clients and others, continued to help Lending Hands meet the need of others. Over **1,000** individuals, companies, community groups and foundations **donated over \$89,000** in 2016. In addition, donors provided LH with over 1,200 pieces of medical equipment and supplies. **We THANK them all!**

For Those Who Did Not Return Equipment to Lending Hands, YOU have COST us a LOSS of \$300,000!

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