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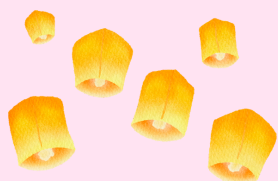
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As we approach the end of April, the Grace Helping Hands team would like to **thank everyone who has supported our mission**, including volunteers, donors, and kit-making volunteers. Your **contributions** have a **positive impact** on the women and children in the **community**.

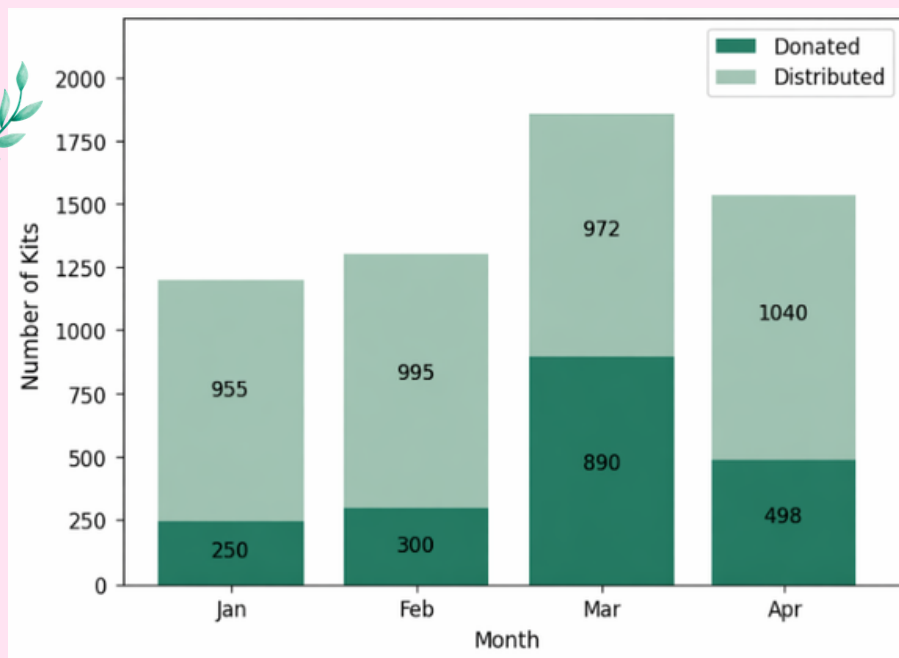
Hope in Every Kit: Supporting Through Every Donation

Imagine **3,962 people**. Now count from one, and every time you reach a new number, imagine someone **feeling hope**. At one point, you will truly feel the weight of it - and you will stop counting. Now imagine that each of those 3,962 lanterns was lit by someone who gave - a kit, some money, their time. It was **lit by the hands in between**.

Last year by May, 3,035 lanterns had been lit. **This year**, in less time, **3,962**. But the night is **not over**.



Every kit traveled from one pair of hands to another until it reached **someone who needed it**. None were lost along the way - **1,938 donated, 3,962 distributed**. Every single one found someone. Because that is what happens when people come together around something that matters.



If you only see numbers in this graph, **look again. Count slowly**. There are far more people here than the data can hold.

Good News Story: A Night of Hope Fundraiser



Sasha Bruce Youthwork's goal is to raise \$600k to assist homeless youth in the DMV. The nonprofit helps homeless youth in D.C. and Prince George's County. Flo White, a case manager at Sasha Bruce Youthwork, describes how she was working and attending school at the same time. Sasha Bruce Youthwork helped her with housing and employment after she discovered the nonprofit on Google.

8,000 youth were served last year. George Johnson, Program Manager at Phillip Reid House and Reach, says that the youth from ages 18-24 and can stay in the program for 3 years. These individuals may need mental health services or employment assistance.

Debby Shore, Founder and Executive Director of Sarah Bruce Youthwork, says that these fundraisers and other forms of giving "make a huge difference in the life of every single young person we touch" and emphasizes how community support is necessary for these programs to continue. If you would like to donate or learn more about A Night of Hope, which took place on April 23, 2026 at the Hamilton Live, visit their website at sashabruce.org.

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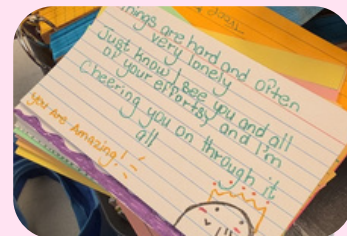
Kit Making Event on May 9th

We're gearing up for **our next kit making event on Saturday, May 9th!** Around 25 volunteers are already signed up, all of whom have helped out at past events, so it should be a smooth and efficient day. With April's event reaching close to 770 kits, we're expecting a similar turnout and impact this time around!

Location: People's Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20905

Date: May 9th

Time: 11am - 2pm



Recognizing our Volunteers



Many of our volunteers balance busy life schedules, such as students, professionals, and caregivers, yet still manage to show up consistently and ready to contribute. Their dedication reflects a shared belief, being that meaningful changes often begin with showing up for others, even in ways that many may feel insignificant.

If you are somebody who has ever considered getting involved and making a difference in bridging the hygiene gap in our Maryland, DC, and Virginia communities and local neighborhoods, this week is a reminder that volunteering is never about having the extra time, it's about making time to make a difference.

Closing

As April comes to a close and the season of renewal continues, we are reminded of the quiet power of hope, generosity, and new beginnings. The spirit of Easter reflects the heart of our mission at Grace Helping Hands, the belief that even the smallest acts of kindness can bring light into someone's life. Each kit assembled, every hour volunteered, and every donation given represents more than support; it reflects care, dignity, and the promise that no one in our community is left behind. Through your continued compassion, we are able to uplift women and children across our local counties and create a meaningful impact. Thank you for being part of this journey with us—together, we are building something rooted in hope, strengthened by community, and made meaningful by every small contribution.

Support Our Work

- Scan the **QR code** to donate via **PayPal**
- Or support us on **Givebutter**

Donate to us through the **CFC** using our charity code **#27498**



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GHH's mission is to build stronger communities by empowering homeless women and children through access to essential hygiene products, fostering improved health, dignity, and overall well-being.