**CUMC Clean out the Closet – 2021 Outreach Project**

**Focus on Helping Hands**Helping Hands Children’s Home provides children with a safe place to live as well as food, clothing, access to an education, healthcare, and counseling. Helping Hands is licensed to care for children from through-out the state of South Carolina, but the majority of the children come from Anderson, Greenville, Oconee and Pickens Counties. Abused and/or neglected children who have been taken into care by the SC Department of Social Services (ranging from age 7 to age 21) may be at the home for as little as over-night or up to a year or more. The center can care for up to 40 children at a time and has cared for more than 8,500 children since opening the doors in 1984.

**How CUMC can help:** CUMC provides financial support to Helping Hands each year and some of our church members have been instrumental in the leadership of the organization. This new Outreach Project will enable us to provide donations that can be sold at the Helping Hands Thrift Store (100% benefits Helping Hands) and will help us provide essentials for children who are entering this safe home.

**Wish list items for Helping Hands:**

* *For children at the home:*
  + - * Hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, soap)
      * New clothing – all sizes (socks, underwear, shoes, shirts, pants/shorts)
      * Activity items (books, balls, electronics, notebooks, pens/pencils, etc.)
* *For the Helping Hands Thrift Store (100% of items sold benefit the children’s home):*
  + - * Gently used clothing (casual & business attire for women & men, children’s, shoes)
      * Sports equipment
      * Kitchen wares & seasonal decorative items
      * Working electronics
      * Toys
      * Furniture

**Donation options for Helping Hands:**

* If you have furniture or a large amount of donations, please contact CUMC Outreach Chairs, Amy or Kate, to see if we can schedule a time to pick up items up from your home. (Kate: 704-213-3792; Amy: 864-640-9653)
* Drop off at the Helping Hands Thrift Store (311 East Main Street, Central), hours are Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm. Call the store if you have questions at 864-639-6533.
* Bring it to CUMC and place it in one of the marked boxes (CLC, office, or main sanctuary entry). Donations accepted between April 11 and April 28!