

## HHOOT's Distribution Center HDC Form #100 (Revised 31May21)



Don Hawkins started working with Indiana's Prisons, Work Release Centers, Community Corrections Corp., GEO, Liberty Hall, Jails (Staff, Inmates, and ExOffenders) in 2002. He has volunteered and worked on Community Advisory Boards, prison ministries, clothes drive's, electronics drives, mentoring, etc. In 2008 founded Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. (HRH), in 2011 Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team (HHOOT) and has been serving/helping Indy's Homeless, ExOffenders & Veterans. In 2011 HRH Partnered with the Mayors' Advisory Council for Veterans (MACV) to help with the Mayor's first "Veterans Appreciation Day" event held at the American Legion Mall. In 2014, the Veterans Support Council, Inc. (VSC) was formed, HRH was its second Partner (MACV was the first). Since then, VSC & HRH-HHOOT have shared and maintained warehouse space to help meet the needs of Indy's Veterans, Military, and their families.

### HRH-HHOOT & VSC Have Teamed Up to:

#### Serve Veterans, ExOffenders & our Homeless Friends.

**HHOOT's** *Distribution Center also supports Professional & Faith-Based Street Outreach Teams.* We have an ongoing need to collect, store and distribute the below items for our friends in need:

- 1) Men's Clothing (especially large sizes): Jackets, Coats, shirts, pants, socks, shoes, underwear, sweatshirts, hoodies, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags, etc.
- **2) Hygiene Items, such as** shampoo, soap, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, Chapstick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.
- **3)** Non-perishable food products, such as package cookies & crackers, fruit & pudding cups, potato chips, small cans of meat, water, sodas, etc.
- **4)** Paper and cleaning products, such as large paper plates, small paper plates, cups, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, plastic forks & spoons, trash bags, to-go containers, cleaning supplies, etc.

If you have any of the above items that you can help us with; you can drop them off at our "Drop Box" located at 2457 E Washington St, Suite F, or call (317) 632-0500, or email me at <u>Hawkins@VSC.ooo.</u>

#### Our Mission Statement is to Network, Partner, and Support:

Agencies & Organizations that service those in immediate need, including our Homeless Friends, ExOffenders, Veterans, Active Military, and their Families. If there is anything we have learned in our 18+ years of helping people, it's a fact that the more we give to those in need, the more donations we receive back.

#### If you are one of those donors, Thank You

Not exactly Luke 6:38, but we believe it's a God thing! | Download PDF File on Giving

HHOOT's Distribution Center receives most of its donations from the below supplies and people like you.









Anyone found to be selling anything given to them from HHOOT's Distribution Center will not be allowed to return.

Authorized Agencies Only - Hours of Operation Monday - Friday - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm | Saturday & Sunday – Closed We are also closed on all city, state & federal holidays. By Appointment Only and It would be best if you verify with Don or Charlie, you are coming to HHOOT at least one hour in advance.

### We Are Not a Food Pantry.

To find a food pantry near you, please call 2-1-1. We can only serve Agencies or individuals accompanied by an Agency. We do not have perishable food items like bread, milk, eggs, cheese, butter, meat, Baked items, vegetables, or fruit of any kind.

### Agencies & Organizations Picking Up Thank You for Partnering with Us.

We have people, organizations & agencies that donate clothing, non-perishable food, hygiene & pharmaceutical items expect us to distribute those items to those in immediate need.

- It is not our goal to supply Food Pantries. Food Pantries should be getting most of the items they need from Second Helpings, Midwest Food Bank, Gleaners, etc.
- 2. Our goal is to act like a short-stop or a stopgap for small amounts of items the larger suppliers may or may not have.
- 3. <u>We ask that you only take what you need, in small</u> <u>quantities.</u>

Remember, we are now serving over 70 different agencies & organizations monthly.

Our goal is to get a little of each item in the hands of many of those in immediate need.

# Please Don't Be Greedy:

Take only what you need for the short-term.

### Volunteers Sorting our Donations Guidelines. We appreciate our Volunteers.

When people or organizations donate non-perishable food, clothing, hygiene & pharmaceutical items to HHOOT, they expect us to distribute them to those in immediate need.

#### Please remember the following guidelines:

- 1. Volunteers can take items home if they are using them for themselves or their immediate family.
  - a. Please limit what to take home to fit in one of our client boxes.
- 2. Volunteers should <u>not take anything out of the building</u> unless they ask someone from HHOOT in advance.
- 3. Remember, we are here for those in immediate need, not ourselves.

### Under No Circumstances is any of our Plastic Tubs to Leave this Building.

They are not donated; we must buy them.

We usually have bags & boxes for the items you want to take with you.

Anyone removing anything from this building without first asking

someone from HHOOT will be asked not to return.

# **Donations Needed**

We need your help. HHOOT's Distribution Center DOES NOT receive grants from anyone.

All donations received will be used to pay our operating expenses; rent, building maintenance, insurance, electricity, gas, auto/truck expenses, etc.

> No one working at HHOOT's Distribution Center is being paid for what they do,

### WE ALL ARE UNPAID VOLUNTEERS.

### Partner with

# **HHOOT's Distribution Center**

#### 2457 E Washington St, Suite F, Indianapolis, IN 46201

Go South on S Temple Ave to the end of the street and turn right inside the gate.

- If you are interested in partnering with HRH, VSC, or HHOOT's Distribution Center, please contact us using the below information.
- If you need assistance obtaining information on goods, services, programs, or benefits for Veterans, the Military, and their Families, please call 317-917-0500 (VSC) or 317-635-0500 (HRH-HHOOT) or visit our website at <u>www.Veterans.ooo</u>.
- To donate, please visit <u>www.IndyHelpers.com</u> and click on the PayPal logo at the bottom of the page or make you check out to "HHOOT's Distribution Center" and mail it to 2457 E Washington St, Suite F, Indianapolis, IN 46201 or just drop it off at our warehouse.
- To view HHOOT's Distribution Centers webpage, please visit <u>https://www.veterans.ooo/hhoots-distribution-center.html</u>
- Don Hawkins contact information: President & CEO of HRH & VSC | <u>Hawkins@VSC.ooo</u> at 317-632-0500.

# Remember, you do not need to get everything at once, we will be here later when you need us.