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# Faith & Two Hands



**MY OLDEST DAUGHTER (8) FAITH HAS ALWAYS** had a heart for giving. Empathetic to the point of occasional heartbreak, she always talked of having yard sales so we could give all of the money to people who needed it. We were at a stop light on Division early last summer and Faith questioned about the man holding the sign. Someone in the car said most of the people holding those signs were too lazy to find a job. To which Faith responded, 'I think standing there holding that sign while people talk about how sad you are, is probably one of the hardest jobs in the world. If they are standing there, they must need something.'

Understanding the reasons why people need an outstretched hand should be our only concern. Faith later asked me;

"Where can people go to get help and where can people who want to help go?" Her questioning was very persistent and included questions about making a website. I had no solid answer except the usual 'shelter' type response. Her questioning was very persistent and included questions about making a website.

2Hands is now in its sixth month of operation and has been a portal for over three thousand people needing assistance. People have posted their need and have been pulled up by now over 700 people who have had a hand to give. 2Hands now covers 97% of the United States and has moved into Canada, Mexico and Australia.

Out of the thousands of transactions that have taken place on 2Hands, we

have received only 1 report of someone with ill-intention. People have to fill out an Assistance Request Form online or through the mail and we review each posting before it is made live on the web. Alternatively, people who want to help have to fill out a form that we review before releasing the information to the party wanting to help.

Each story of someone assisted by another on the 2Hands site is a wonderful piece of humanity in itself.

- From the single mom in need of special formula... people helped.
- For the family in need of firewood for the winter.... people helped.
- For the overweight woman looking to get her life back by finding a job.... people helped.
- The parents of a military man looking to fly to see him before he left for Iraq... people helped.
- An elderly woman about to have her power turned off... people helped.
- The story of a woman who posted for assistance because she was about to lose her house after her abusive husband left her with their four children.... people helped.

The stories go on and on with people hosting entire families for Christmas.

2Hands is growing everyday with about 150,000 hits a month. We are a non-profit and our one and only desire is to join those who have fallen with those willing to help them up.