

Hand in Hand Scholarship Program

Hand in Hand is designed to enable the community of Aiken to provide summer camp experiences for local foster children

Who is involved?

- Helping Hands, Inc., a United Way agency that provides 24 hour residential care to child victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Learn more at www.helpinghandsaiken.org.
- Camp Gravatt, located in Aiken County and affiliated with the Episcopal Church, offers elementary and middle-school aged boys and girls a Christian-centered, community-based summer camp experience. Learn more at www.bishopgravatt.org.
- Sponsors: businesses and individuals from Aiken County.

How does this work?

- Sponsors make tax deductible contributions to Camp Gravatt.
- Camp Gravatt communicates with Helping Hands to let them know how many scholarships are available.
- The leadership at Helping Hands selects which children will receive the scholarships (based on criteria such as grades, community involvement, character, etc.).

How do I get involved?

- Decide how much money you want to contribute. Businesses are asked to give a minimum of \$50 but are encouraged to give more. Together with Helping Hands 25% match, \$500 will send a junior high child to camp for 10 days.
- Make your check payable to "Camp Gravatt." Write "Hand in Hand" in the memo line.
- Mail your check to Camp Gravatt, 1006 Camp Gravatt Road, Aiken, SC 29805.

What are the benefits?

- You are helping make a difference in a child's life by sending them to camp where they will learn to live in community, to build self confidence, to develop their character, and to have fun in the outdoors.
- You are making a difference in the Aiken Community by positively influencing the life of a child.
- In the spring or fall, you will be invited to a gathering where you will meet some of the children you have helped and see the effect you have had on their lives. More details later.

What else do I need to know?

- Helping Hands is contributing a fourth of each scholarship because they have seen the difference camp has made for those students who have attended Camp Gravatt in the past.
- This scholarship was started to create a way for the community of Aiken make a difference in the lives of her children. By investing in our children, we invest in our future.
- Any other questions can be directed to Hope Spruell or Lauri Yeargin at Camp Gravatt, 803.648.1817; or to Carmen Landy at Helping Hands, 803.648.3456.