

Helping Hands Project Lends Support

Staff Article



The Helping Hands Project, a collaboration of Vernonia community members, is planning their next project. Helping Hands gets together volunteers and local contractors to assist those in our community who need help with home repairs, renovations or other household projects that they are unable to complete themselves.

“We reach out and help people who need an

extra hand,” said project organizer Lisa Edgar who with her husband Ben, helped start Helping Hands. “Originally Ron and Sandy Welch were the organizers, but Ben and I have sort of taken over now,” said Lisa. “It is so great to be able to assist these families and help make their lives better in some small way.”

The next project is being planned for late July or early August and will take place on a Saturday. Helping Hands is planning to work at Sue Jenkins’ house, painting inside, replacing a bathroom floor, landscaping the yard, and putting in new flooring. Sue’s husband David recently passed away, and Helping Hands hopes to give Sue and her family a new start in their home.

The last Helping Hands Project had 48 volunteers show up to help. If you would like to volunteer with Helping Hands, make a financial contribution or would like more information, please contact Lisa Edgar at 503-429-7387.



An intimate group of about fifty people, mostly from out of town, enjoyed Shimshai in concert at the Cedar Ridge Retreat Center on July 7. Larry Steele and his wife Britt welcomed guests with a vegetarian meal prior to the evening concert, featuring the spiritually influenced world music of Shimshai and his musical partners.

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