

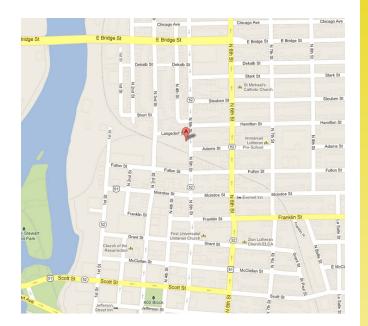
# Items usually available in our H.E.L.P. closet:

- Hospital beds and mattresses
- Wheelchairs
- Commodes
- Toilet seat risers
- Bath benches/shower seats
- Standard walkers
- Canes and crutches

### Occasionally available:

- Lift chairs
- Rollators
- Motorized wheelchairs
- Various other items

It is best to stop by our warehouse and preview our current stock, as it changes on a daily basis.



We are located at 1106 Fifth St, which is four blocks south of Bridge Street.

Our entrance is on the south side of the building, right next to the railroad tracks.

Good News Project is funded by generous donors, foundations and fundraising events. All participants who travel internationally pay their own air, room and board fees. Additionally, our mission is supported by our state certified e-cycling program.



Volunteers serving at home and abroad

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# Health Equipment Lending Program



# What we do (besides our HELP closet)

# We provide opportunities for short-term direct personal service.

Many people who are unable to spend years in the Peace Corps or similar volunteer



organizations are very willing to share their time and talents in short term service. Our opportunities appeal to a wide range of adults from college age to retirees. Most of the volunteers who travel with us spend two weeks in the West Indies in January or February.



# Our electronic recycling does a lot of good.

- 100% of the proceeds support the work we do locally here in Central Wisconsin and in the West Indies.
- Computers, monitors, TVs and electronics are disassembled and disposed of properly, which keeps toxic materials out of our landfills and drinking water. Our website provides more details, visit www.goodnewswi.com.
- Your data security is guaranteed.

## We serve the local communities of north-central Wisconsin.



In addition to our HELP closet, we offer volunteer opportunities locally, such as helping our office staff, bulk mailing, volunteering at our annual benefit dinner, grounds beautification, picking up in-kind donated goods and Friday e-cycling.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Q. Who can use your medical equipment?

**A.** There are no age, disability or residency restrictions to take a loan from our closet.

# Q. How does a person go about getting these items from you?

A. Items can be picked up at our warehouse Mon-Fri between 9am-5pm, and can be returned between those hours. Please do not leave the items outside our doors 'after hours'.

### Q. Do you deliver HELP items?

**A.** No, sorry. You will need to make your own arrangements for items to be picked up during our normal business hours.

### Q. Why do I need to fill out a contract?

A. A signed legal document informs the borrower that all our equipment is used and releases us of liability for the loan of the equipment.

### Q. How long can I keep the equipment?

**A.** We offer short-term loans for 6 months or less. Occasionally a borrower needs an item for longer. This need can be discussed upon taking out the loan.

### Q. Is there a cost?

**A.** We offer these items to the community at no charge, but we suggest a taxdeductible donation to assist with overhead costs.

The HELP closet began in 2005 as our way to serve the local community. The gently used pieces of medical equipment slated for our humanitarian shipment program would sit in our warehouse for 9 to 11 months of the year. People in the community began asking if they could borrow an item for a short period of time. Slowly, because of our large warehouse, we absorbed other lending closets in the community. In the last two years, the demand for our services has increased. Now we lend an average of 30 pieces of equipment each month to people on a short-term basis.

We suggest a tax-deductible donation for use of each item from our lending closet. This helps us maintain and sanitize our inventory while we continue to provide this service to our community.

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