Donate furniture, other items to Helping Hands and benefit the West Haven Community House

WEST HAVEN (Jan. 2, 2013) – The West Haven Community House is now a participating organization with the Helping Hands Community Thrift Store and Furniture Bank, LLC. The closest Helping Hands thrift store to the city of West Haven is located at 334 Boston Post Road, Orange. A second nearby Helping Hands store is located at 77 State St., North Haven.

More than 100 local not-for-profit organizations, including the West Haven Community House, are partners with Helping Hands and can receive 18% of the sale price of any items donated to Helping Hands in that charity’s name.

The thrift store stocks a variety of household and other items including clothes, appliances, furniture, jewelry, antiques, knick-knacks and more. Individuals and businesses that make donations to Helping Hands can designate their favorite participating non-profit agency to benefit from a portion of the sales proceeds. Once the item is sold, 18% of the sale price automatically is forwarded to the charity.

It works like this: say, for instance, a donor gives Helping Hands a color television to sell, with the donor designating his/her favorite charity – in this case the West Haven Community House – as the benefiting non-profit. The thrift store then puts the item out for sale.

If the donated television sells for $100, then Helping Hands will forward a check in the amount of $18 (18% of $100) to the West Haven Community House. It’s that simple.

The Helping Hands Thrift Store is open to the general public Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Furniture Bank is designed to assist low income families only, with families needing a formal referral from a participating agency in order to receive furniture including beds, dressers and more.

Viola Waldo, family services manager for the Community House’s Head Start pre-school program, has been encouraging everyone to donate to Helping Hands. “They will even pick up furniture at your house or business if you call them at 203-782-4800,” Waldo said. In addition, there is a direct drop-off location in West Haven at 52 Richards St.

So please clean out your attics, closets and basements and bring your items to Helping Hands. They only ask that you items be gently used, clean and free of rips or tears, as the better the quality, the more the participating charity will benefit.

For more information, call the Helping Hands in Orange at (203) 298-0499.

And please when you donate, designate the West Haven Community House as your benefiting charity.