

Helping Handles

Empowering Northeast Ohio's less fortunate with bicycles.

What is Helping Handles?

Helping Handles is a mission created by three Jackson High School students who want to **collect, repurpose, and redistribute used bicycles**. Helping Handles has partnered with Jesus Said Ministries, a non-profit organization based in Akron that provides food and clothing to the less fortunate. Although Jesus Said is evangelistic, there is no preferential treatment to those of any faith.

How can you help?

We are looking for **donations** of new and/or used bicycles. You can drop off the bicycle(s) at our drop-off location on specific days, or if this presents an inconvenience, **contact us** and we can pick up the bicycle(s) directly.

Drop-Off Location: Jackson Friends Church
7945 Portage St NW, Massillon (front door)

Dates and Times: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2-5pm
Saturday, Mar. 9 & 23, 2-5pm

Why bicycles?

Bicycles provide inexpensive and efficient transportation. For someone living in poverty, a bicycle can be the difference between employment or unemployment, shelter or sleeping outdoors, and access to food or being hungry. Helping Handles was inspired by Bicycles Against Poverty (BAP), a non-profit that operates in Uganda. BAP has adopted a similar model, providing bicycles to Ugandans rural communities, which has proven to be quite effective.

Meet the founders

Alex, Michael, and Neb are seniors at Jackson High School. "Helping Handles" was their idea for the Jackson Academy for Global Studies Capstone Project. They wanted to make an impact in their local community and saw Helping Handles as something that has the potential to be truly beneficial.

For any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us!

We can pick up your bike(s)!

Contact us at:

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Mission Statement: To positively impact our local community with the tool of transportation.