

Helping Hands Committee

Our church is surrounded by hospitals, senior centers and many other groups that offer help with various social services and targeted programs addressing a variety of needs.

The Helping Hands committee will be providing information about some of these organizations as well as information on how to contact them. If requested, a committee member will assist with contacting the appropriate service for a parishioner. A message should be left with the church receptionist in the rectory (212)-744-4880. A designated committee member will then contact the parishioner.

Resource Referral List:

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 331 East 70 Street (212) 744-5022

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House was formed in 1894 to provide community based services for people of all ages. There are programs for children as well as adults.

The Senior Center on 70th street is the only senior center open 7 days a week. The center offers more than just meals. Music, art, cards, bingo and discussion groups are activities designed to give seniors an opportunity to socialize and exercise their minds and bodies and lessen their sense of isolation.

Where is a senior to go when threatened with eviction or a questionable rent increase. At Lenox Hill House there is an Advocacy and Organizing Dept. on the premises. It has a staff of eight including four lawyers. The great majority of civil issues referred to them involve housing and medical insurance problems. Medical escorting services, assisted grocery shopping and transportation to the center or to religious services are also available.

Project SCOPE is one of many programs which enables a person to remain in his or her home rather than have to go to assisted living or a nursing home. Case managers and social workers assess individual needs and coordinate social services for over 300 neighborhood residents.

Carter Burden Center for the Aging Inc. 1484 1st ave. (bet 77 -78 Sts.) (212)-879-7400

This center has a walk-in policy for information and registration. The homebound should telephone the center and ask to speak with someone about homebound services. They will be connected to a trained attendant who will conduct a basic needs assessment interview. If the Carter Burden Center cannot assist the caller, appropriate referrals will be made.

Carter Burden has a Luncheon Club and Senior Program. After lunch, various activities take place similar to those at Lenox Hill House. Also, Cultural Connections is a unique program in which, at reduced cost, seniors can attend events at Lincoln Center or Merkin

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Concert Hall as a group. Other services include money management, budget assistance, adult day services and Meals-on-Heels for clients who are unable to leave their home.