

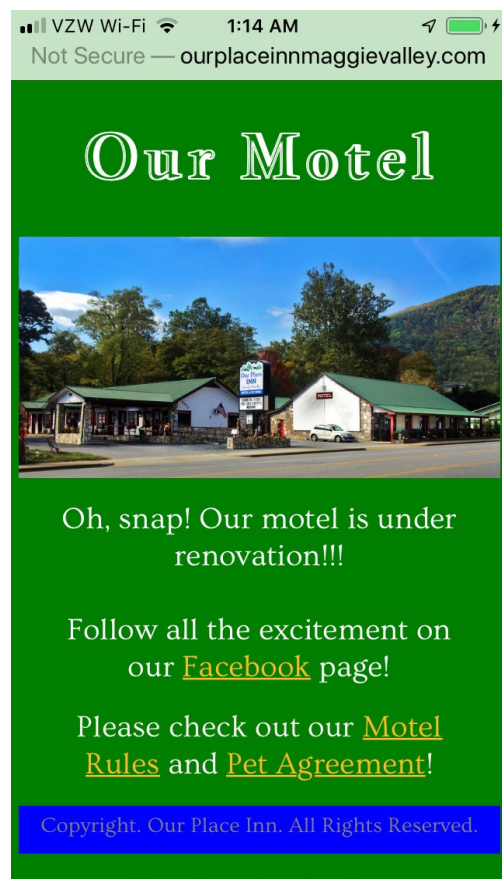
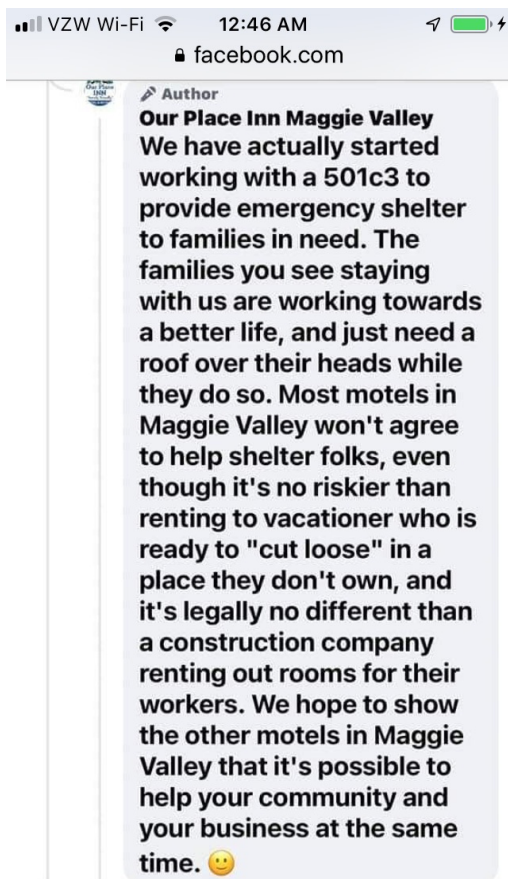
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
January 13, 2022

Subject: Connection between Helping Hands of Haywood and Our Place Inn? Let's Follow the Money.

Not a fan of Facebook, various posts on Facebook were brought to my attention which couldn't be ignored. The implications are disturbing and merit further inquiry. The players are:

- The Town of Waynesville Aldermen
- Helping Hands of Haywood - Nicole Kott
- Our Place Inn - **Kitty** and **Cody Currin** ("All Cops are Bastard's" posted on their marquee Inn sign).

Let's start with some posts, then we will Follow the Money.



This was posted by Our Place Inn Maggie Valley, date unknown. Owners are **Kitty** and **Cody Currin**. They indicate they have started working with a 501c3 (a non profit corporation), but don't identify the entity. They are providing an emergency shelter in their Inn (a low barrier homeless shelter in disguise?).

From the other side of the county, we have some posts from Helping Hands of Haywood...



These are posts from Nicole Kott, President of Helping Hands of Haywood. Again, undated screen images. Kott is doing an all-call on Facebook for contractors to make more shelter for people in need. One of the responses is shown from Kim Gillespie. Kott does not identify the name of the shelter.

Both of these businesses are identified on a handy flow diagram on Haywood IS Happening. <http://haywoodhappenings.org/flowdiagram/flowdiagram.htm>

Well, that's enough for me to get my interest peeked [just like Sarges scam operation - <https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T190922.pdf>]

First, verify that Helping Hands of Haywood is a 501c(3) corporation. From the North Carolina Secretary of State website, the only document found is the Articles of Incorporation, incorporated as a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation on 12/16/2019. There are no annual reports.

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● Non-Profit Corporation

Legal Name

Helping Hands of Haywood

Information

SosId: 1927106

Status: Current-Active ⓘ

Date Formed: 12/16/2019

Citizenship: Domestic

Annual Report Due Date:

Registered Agent: Kott, Nicole

Addresses



Mailing

217 Assembly St
Waynesville, NC 28786

Principal Office

217 Assembly St
Waynesville, NC 28786

Reg Office

217 Assembly St
Waynesville, NC 28786

Reg Mailing

217 Assembly St
Waynesville, NC 28786

Officers



State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to §55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

1. The name of the nonprofit corporation is: Helping Hands of Haywood

2. (Check only if applicable.) The corporation is a charitable or religious corporation as defined in NCGS §55A-1-40(4).

3. The name of the initial registered agent is: Nicole Kott

4. The street address and county of the initial registered agent's office of the corporation is:

Number and Street: 217 Assembly St
City: Waynesville State: NC Zip Code: 28786 County: Haywood

The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the initial registered agent's office is:

Number and Street or PO Box: _____
City: _____ State: NC Zip Code: _____ County: _____

5. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Name	Address
<u>Nicole Kott</u>	<u>217 Assembly St., Waynesville, NC 28786</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. (Check either "a" or "b" below.)

a. The corporation will have members.

b. The corporation will not have members.

7. Attached are provisions regarding the distribution of the corporation's assets upon its dissolution.

8. Any other provisions which the corporation elects to include are attached.

9. The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation is: _____
 Principal Office Telephone Number: 828-508-3420
 Number and Street: 217 Assembly St.
 City: Waynesville State: NC Zip Code: 28786 County: Haywood

The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the principal office is:
 Number and Street or PO Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____


10. (Optional): Listing of Officers (See instructions for why this is important)

Name	Address	Title

11. (Optional): Please provide a business e-mail address: _____
 The Secretary of State's Office will e-mail the business automatically at the address provided at no charge when a document is filed. The e-mail provided will not be viewable on the website. For more information on why this service is being offered, please see the instructions for this document.

12. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a future time and/or date is specified: _____

This is the 3 day of December, 2019.

 Incorporator Business Entity Name


 Signature of Incorporator
Nicole Kott, President

 Type or print Incorporator's name and title, if any

NOTES:
 1. Filing fee is \$60. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION DIVISION
 (Revised August, 2017)

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622
 Form N-01




Helping Hands of Haywood is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The addresses on this form appear to be a home address in Waynesville.

Okay. Now let's check into their financial background, namely the required IRS Form 990 (just like we did with Sarge's). Things get a little sketchy here.

Helping Hands Of Haywood - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/844013135>

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Nonprofit Explorer
Research Tax-Exempt Organizations

HELPING HANDS OF HAYWOOD


ARDEN, NC 28704-3165 | TAX-EXEMPT SINCE FEB. 2020

EIN: 84-4013135

Classification (NTEE)
Community Mental Health Center (Mental Health, Crisis Intervention)

Nonprofit Tax Code Designation: 501(c)(3)
Defined as: Organizations for any of the following purposes: religious, educational, charitable, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition (as long as it doesn't provide athletic facilities or equipment), or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

Donations to this organization are tax deductible.

More Resources:  GuideStar

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No Financial Data Available

Nonprofit Explorer has no Form 990 data for **HELPING HANDS OF HAYWOOD** and this organization may not appear in the Nonprofit Explorer search.

This website only contains IRS digitized Form 990 data (dollar-figure amounts) for filings processed in 2012 and later. Only organizations which filed a full Form 990, Form 990PF, or Form 990EZ are included — small organizations (less than \$50,000 in gross receipts) which file the shorter Form 990N postcard are not included in this data.

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The summary data contains information processed by the IRS during the 2012-2019 calendar

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Helping Hands of Haywood

Waynesville, NC | EIN: 84-4013135

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\$0

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Cashmere, WA | EIN: 83-4593575

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Helping Hands Of Haywood

EIN: 84-4013135 | Waynesville, NC, United States

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes

Deductibility Code: PC

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

> Tax Year 2020 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

> Tax Year 2019 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period:

2019 (01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019)

EIN:

84-4013135

Legal Name (Doing Business as):

Helping Hands Of Haywood

Mailing Address:

2361 HENDERSONVILLE RD
ARDEN, NC 28704
United States

Principal Officer's Name and Address:

Nicole Kott

217 Assembly St
ARDEN, NC 28704
United States

Gross receipts not greater than:

\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

Website URL:

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Well, this was a big dead-end. Absolutely no financial information at all.

We'll get to the NC SOS results on Our Place Inn at a later time [two 501c(3) operations]

- Meals for Mills Inc.
- Currin Brothers, LLC

So, where is the money coming from to support this little enterprise? See an article in the Mountaineer back in June 2021.

https://www.themountaineer.com/news/waynesville-antes-up-to-house-homeless-people-in-hotels/article_24c3b208-cd98-11eb-a173-63093b646f0e.html

or, on www.haywoodtp.net

[FLASHBACK. Waynesville antes up to house homeless people in hotels, By Becky Johnson, Jun 16, 2021. Helping Hands of Haywood pledged \\$70,000 by Waynesville Aldermen. "The money will be used for temporary lodging in hotel rooms, ...". 6/16/2021. 1/12/2022...](#)

Here starts an email dialog with Rob Hites, Town of Waynesville City Manager, with my making a Request for Public Information.

Subject: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 11:01:09 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: Chuck Dickson <cdickson@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Julia Freeman <jfreeman@waynesvillenc.gov>, Anthony Sutton <asutton@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jon Feichter <jon@newmeridiantech.net>, Martha Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Nicole Kott <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

Mr. Hites,

Please see attached.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
January 11, 2022

Subject: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.

This is a Request for Public Information. Please provide any and all donations made by the Town of Waynesville to a 501c(3) corporation, Helping Hands of Haywood (EIN: 84-4013135) since the company's inception December 3, 2019. Please include the exact amount and dates of any contributions/donations to this entity.

Nicole Kott is named the President, and her principle office (filed with the NCSOS) is located at:

217 Assembly Street
Waynesville, NC 28786

and her mailing address provided to the IRS is:

2361 Hendersonville Road
Arden, NC 28704

and her Principle Officer's Address provided to the IRS (a non-existent address) is:

217 Assembly Street
Arden, NC 28704

It would be appreciated if you were able to provide this information prior to this evenings Board of Alderman meeting.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer

Within ten (10) minutes, I received an email from Nicole Kott. Not a record, but a pretty prompt response.

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 11:12:41 -0500
From: Helping Hands of Haywood <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>
To: Monroe Miller

Hi Mr. Miller

Our office address has changed to 258 North Main Street, Suite B, Waynesville NC 28786.

Thank you, have a great day.

Nicole Kott

Then, at 5:25pm, 35 minutes before the start of the Alderman meeting, I received the following requested information from Robert Hites.

Subject: Fwd: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 22:25:40 +0000
From: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>
To: Monroe Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Misty Hagood <mhagood@waynesvillenc.gov>
Date: January 11, 2022 at 3:18:41 PM EST
To: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.

Rob,

The payments that Gail has in the system to Helping Hands are as follows –

8/4/2020	\$5,041.00
7/9/2021	\$7,500.00
10/12/2021	\$8,750.00
1/11/2022	\$8,750.00

Misty

Well, this is a little confusing. At first glance, hard to determine what these payments were sent for. Time for more Requests for Public Information.

[Editors Note: These requests are pending, i.e., they have been sent, but no response as of this date.]

Evidently, the first two payments listed here are not related to the \$70K pledge by the Board of Aldermen.

The \$70K is apparently divided into eight payments of \$8,750 each. Given that this money was supposed to go to hotels for the homeless to sleep for 1,000 nights, each payment of \$8,750 would support 125 stays.

It is not known what the first two (2) payments to Helping Hands of Haywood by the Town of Waynesville were for.

This can all be cleared up with additional Requests for Public Information. Here we go...

Subject: Request for Public Information - Confidentiality Agreement, #1

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2022 09:19:08 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: Chuck Dickson <cdickson@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Julia Freeman <jfreeman@waynesvillenc.gov>, Anthony Sutton <asutton@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jon Feichter <jfeichter@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Nicole Kott <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

Mr. Hites,

It was brought to my attention (by Jesse Fowler in last nights Alderman Meeting after I left) that there exists a confidentiality agreement between the Town of Waynesville and Nicole Kott of Helping Hands of Haywood. Therefore, the Town of Waynesville could not disclose what Nicole Kott was spending the \$8,750 on, her first installment of \$70K.

Please provide a scanned copy of the executed confidentiality agreement between the Town of Waynesville and Helping Hands of Haywood.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Request for Public Information - Helping Hands Quarterly Reports

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2022 13:41:53 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: Chuck Dickson <cdickson@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Julia Freeman <jfreeman@waynesvillenc.gov>, Anthony Sutton <asutton@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jon Feichter <jfeichter@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Nicole Kott <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

Mr. Hites,

Helping Hands of Haywood was given a financial pledge of \$70K by the Town of Waynesville back in June 2021, the reason being "The money will be used for temporary lodging in hotel rooms, with the \$70,000 covering roughly 1,000 room nights for homeless people over two years."

This quote is from an article in the Mountaineer:

<https://www.themountaineer.com/news/waynesville-antes-up-to-house-homeless-people-in-hotels/article/24c3b208-cd98-11eb-a173-63093b646f0e.html>

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The article also states:

"For the first year, Helping Hands will receive a quarterly allocation. As a condition of the funding, Helping Hands will have to make quarterly presentations to the board on its activities. It will get a lump sum of \$35,000 the second year."

You indicated that the first installment for Helping Hands of Haywood was 10/12/2021 -

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Misty

Please provide the quarterly report, as a condition of continued funding, submitted by Nicole Kott.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

In a quest to verify that Nicole Kott spend the hard earned Town of Waynesville taxpayers money on what it was supposed to be spent on, I posted an open letter to Nicole Kott requesting that she provide copies of 125 hotel receipts for the first installment of her funding from the Town of Waynesville Alderman. It should be noted that Nicole Kott is under no obligation to supply me this information, but what the heck - it never hurts to ask.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
January 12, 2022

Nicole Kott, President
Helping Hands of Haywood
258 North Main Street Suite B
Waynesville NC 28786.

Subject: Open letter to Nicole Kott - Request for copies of Hotel receipts for temporary lodging.

Helping Hands of Haywood was given a financial pledge of \$70K by the Town of Waynesville back in June 2021, the reason being "The money will be used for temporary lodging in hotel rooms, with the \$70,000 covering roughly 1,000 room nights for homeless people over two years.", [re: the Mountaineer].

Helping Hands of Haywood was provided \$8,750 for this purpose on 10/12/2021, and payment scheduled for another \$8,750 yesterday, which means that the Town of Waynesville Aldermen must be satisfied with your work.

The first \$8,750 should cover 125 nights for homeless people. Please provide me a copy of those 125 receipts, and I will be happy to post them on www.haywoodtp.net to show everyone in Haywood County the good work you are doing.

You can either send scanned copies via email, or let me know, I can pick them up and scan them for you.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer

Don't go away, you can trust that there will be much, much more. Stay tuned...

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer

LetsGoBrandon