



handstolove

“where difference does not equal disability”

2025 in Photos



OT Tip of the Month

Wrapping and unwrapping presents can be tricky, but they don't have to be!

Have you heard of The Little Elf Wrapping Paper Cutter? Slide it down a roll of wrapping paper for a quick and smooth cut. This tool makes the frustration of keeping a roll of paper in place while managing scissors a thing of the past!



For a more accessible unwrapping option, tuck a ribbon under the wrapping paper! Start by taping one end of the ribbon to the gift, then wrap the ribbon once around the gift, finishing with a loop of ribbon that pokes out of the wrapped gift. With a pull of the ribbon loop, the paper will tear to reveal your special gift.



Send any questions to
kara@handstolove.org



Volunteer Spotlight

"Hello! My name is Leila King, and I am an occupational therapy student at the University of Florida. I have volunteered at Hands To Love for the past two years and am incredibly grateful for these meaningful and gratifying experiences.

Being able to witness the power of accessibility and adaptation through real, human interaction opened my mind to an entirely new way of thinking. Modifying standard crafts, games, or tools to create more accessible approaches opens up a world of possibilities for individuals with limb differences. Hands To Love also fosters a safe, shared space that allows children, teens, and parents to relax, connect, and have fun. There is no fear of being held back by exclusivity, because it simply does not exist at Hand Camp. The community created is radically unique and special.

Volunteering as both a family pal and an age-group pal was an experience like no other. My perspective on accessibility has shifted profoundly, and I owe that growth to Hands To Love and the incredible people who attend and make it possible each year."

Click [HERE](#) to apply to volunteer at Hand Camp 2026

2025 End-of-Year Giving Statement | Hands to Love

Because of you, this year has been one of the most impactful in Hands to Love's history. Together, we created life-changing moments for children with upper limb differences—and the numbers below tell only a fraction of that story.

Total Raised in 2025: \$126,336.91 (thus far)

Your generosity came from every corner of our community:

- Amazing Give: \$38,491.31
- Contributions & Gifts: \$67,230.06
 - This includes check donations, employee matching gifts, and Walmart Round-Up contributions
- Online Donations: \$11,015.54
- Grants Received: \$9,600.00

We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in our mission. Every dollar moves us closer to ensuring that every child with an upper limb difference feels seen, empowered, and celebrated.

Growing Monthly Support

This year, we welcomed two new recurring donors—a powerful reminder that giving consistently sustains the heart of our work. Monthly gifts allow us to plan confidently and expand access to our programs, especially our beloved Hand Camp.

New in 2025: Sponsor A Camper Program

We launched our Sponsor A Camper Program—a new way for donors to make a direct, lasting impact.

For \$42/month, you can sponsor a child's full camp experience, providing:

- Adaptive activities
- Peer connection
- Resources like access to new adaptive equipment innovations
- A supportive community that celebrates every child's unique ability

This program opens the door for more children to access Hands to Love—without financial barriers.

How You Can Help Before the Year Ends

If Hands to Love has touched your heart, we invite you to consider:

- Mail your end-of-year check to PO Box 140572, Gainesville, FL 32614, made out to Hands to Love
- Sponsoring a child with a \$42/month commitment or becoming a recurring monthly donor
 - [Click Here to Give the Gift of Camp to a child with an upper limb difference](#)
- Sign up for the Walmart Round-Up Program: Donate spare change by automatically rounding up your orders to the nearest dollar at checkout on walmart.com or in the Walmart app by [clicking here](#)

Thank you for making 2025 a year of hope, possibility, and connection. We cannot wait to share what we will build together in 2026.

Hands To Love Team

About H2L

Hands To Love is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We strive to provide all H2L events and activities at the lowest possible cost to our families. We rely on the donations of generous supporters like you in providing services to upper limb different youth and their families.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

To give, click [here](#)



EXCITING NEWS

HANDS TO LOVE RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO GRANTS

1



Hanger
FOUNDATION

\$4,100 from the [Hanger Foundation](#) for Hand Camp

2



\$1000 from Walmart DPS in Alachua, FL to obtain activity supplies in preparation for Hand Camp

BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION

Florida Fun
Mini Match



When: February 8th, 2026

Where: BALLROOM DANCE ACADEMY
[13170 Atlantic Blvd Ste 24, Jacksonville, FL 32225](#)

Contact: Email Craig Acton (AULD/Hand Camp Volunteer) at craigacton@hotmail.com for more information

This year, the Florida Fun Mini Match event is being hosted in support of Hands To Love and raising money to help fund Hand Camp 2026!

Interested in attending this event and sharing your Hand Camp story?
Contact Craig Acton (craigacton@hotmail.com)