Understanding the Problem...

One Pastor wrote: “The person who is searching for a shovel does not desire a shovel, they desire a hole somewhere.”

In Matthew Desmond’s New York Times bestseller; EVICTED, he entitled the epilogue; “Home and Hope.” He draws these three conclusions:

The home is the center of life...
The home is the wellspring of personhood...
The home remains the primary basis of life...

The challenge we face is a growing Cabarrus County population, causing an increase in housing prices where even “affordable housing” is not affordable. We face families that are in 2nd & 3rd generation housing crisis, requiring more training in basic life skills, and a growing presence of mental health issues that exceed the capabilities of most homeless service providers. Many of our families in housing crisis are single moms, for whom we are helping to find a way to overcome impossible odds.

The Path to Stability begins as we connect with homeless families or individuals, either from an emergency shelter, a domestic violence shelter, a motel, a basement, a car or the streets; to programs designed to stabilize health and safety and give the parents a chance to breathe—and think past today.

Our response should allow them the opportunity to gain stability and a sense of direction, develop a plan and begin implementing that plan. Services must address the complex issues that develop during the cycle of loss and allow sufficient time to establish stability, support systems and resources to progress to market level affordability.

Desmond says, “When people have a place to live, they become better parents, workers, and citizens.”

CCM recognizes the fact that no rehabilitation, no recovery, no improvement will be sustainable without stable housing.

Perhaps the person who is searching for stable housing is truly desiring something deeper; HOPE.

By giving them a place to call home, we open up a world of possibilities!

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Gone Fishing!

One outdoor outfitter says; “teach someone to fish...and you may never see them again.”

At CCM...that’s the point!

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“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” 1 John 3:16-18

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