

PERSPECTIVE

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF HOPE



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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How to Change the Future?

CCM serves homeless families, the vast majority of them single moms, by providing housing stability that offers safety and encouragement. Since establishing a three phase housing continuum, CCM's programs have delivered several newborn babies and received many more infants and toddlers.

Most pregnant homeless women do not receive adequate education or prenatal care. Tragically, there are many nutritional and behavioral factors that directly impact the developing child in utero. When CCM's housing program accepts a homeless woman who declares or discovers her pregnancy, prenatal care is immediately established and maintained. The mother's personal and nutritional health is stabilized through improved rest, hygiene, diet and emotional stability. The future of our youngest resident is already being impacted.

For the mother of a newborn or very young child who faces the seemingly impossible task of providing her children a future; this is **hope**.

Parenting skills are another hallmark of CCM's housing programs. Care and nurture of infants and toddlers begins to set into place the framework of early childhood development.

Experience attests that the first three to five years of a child's life is a critical period for physical, emotional and cognitive development. Behavior specialists identify adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) as pivotal in setting the course for adolescent behavior and performance in school and play.

For the school system that seeks to elevate performance in a way that leaves no one behind; this is **opportunity**.

CCM's housing continuum:

My Father's House

Mothers & Children Housing

Teaching Housing & Stable Housing

Offers three to five years of rehabilitative, transitional and stable housing. These programs provide financial education, parent and family counseling, life skills training and academic tutoring. During the lifetime of a five year old child, CCM's program can help a mother maintain stability, provide good nutrition and health screening, establish financial independence, build a network of support and prepare herself and her children for a positive future.



For the child who is years away from being able to make decisions regarding his/her own future; this is **God's love in action**.

People who **VOLUNTEER**

are **42%** more likely
than people who don't to
say they are

"VERY HAPPY"



Over **1,200** families will receive
assistance at **CCM's** Crisis Center
during July and August!

FACING the **FUTURE**



Cabarrus County Nonprofit Workshop
August 24, 2017

8:30am — 1:00pm

[Click here to view our Session Topics!](#)



Kids
CAN too!

Hey Kids! You CAN make a difference too!

This summer, at camp, Vacation Bible School or just in your neighborhood, challenge your friends to a 100 can contest to see who can collect 100 cans of food for Cooperative Christian Ministry. Once your food contest is complete, take your food to the CCM Crisis Center (246 Country Club Dr. NE, Concord) and let them know you participated in the Summer Food Drive.

Summer

FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable food items, including canned and boxed goods, can be brought to the Crisis Center or any of our CCM food pantries. Click the link below for more info.

[Food Pantry Locations](#)

Food Deserts:

Lack of access to healthy foods

1 in 7

visitors to food
pantries in Cabarrus
County indicate
transportation is a
barrier for them to get
to a store.

Food Insecurity:

Struggling to avoid hunger

85%

said they worried often
or sometimes about their
food running out before
having money to buy
more.



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