

PERSPECTIVE

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF HOPE



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Making the Impossible Possible

The fact of the matter is 1 in 5 kids still live with food insecurity in our community; 1 in 7 people are trying to get by living below the poverty level; and over 200 families are identified each year by our school systems alone as homeless or in housing crisis.

And after food and clothing, housing is the basic human need that is the foundation for all of the effort and investment that is made in rehabilitation and recovery.

CCM's "Path to Stability", consisting of My Father's House, Mothers & Children Housing and the Teaching Housing program, provides up to 3.5 years of supervised housing and case management for a family to restore their ability to move forward and regain stability.

Romans 5 tells us; ... we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, HOPE.

It is a long and difficult road from homelessness to housing stability. The path is filled with missteps and setbacks. To walk along that path with someone is to make a commitment to start over multiple times, and to persevere.

HOPE is not a strategy; it is an outcome. The result of the hard work and discipline it takes to persevere.

During the next few months, 3 more of our families, who began this path as homeless, will become homeowners. One family through our Teaching Housing program, another directly from the Mothers & Children Housing program, and a third who progressed through both of these programs and has just broken ground for her Habitat home.

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

We celebrate with our families who have achieved home ownership and we commend them for their hard work and discipline – but know this: our ministry is not about the "American Dream" however some choose to define it.

Our Vision at CCM originates from an understanding that the God who loves you so much that He sent His son to die for you, ALSO created you for a PURPOSE and is fully committed to seeing His purpose fulfilled in you.

God has guided CCM to a model that moves people from relief to recovery; transforming lives – not only to resolve an existing crisis, but to equip individuals to move beyond crisis and to persevere through the challenges that lay ahead.

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity within CCM to respond to the magnitude of need in our community. The answer requires ADDITIONAL resources and facilities, but first - the necessary staff to engage these families and fully support those services.

When you invest in our community through CCM, you can be assured that our commitment is to pour ourselves and your support into the infrastructure and the programming that will both glorify God and transform the lives of men, women and children right here in your community.

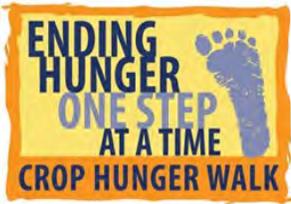
Thank You, for helping CCM to make the impossible possible! Please consider making CCM a part of your generosity this holiday season.

Have you seen it yet?

Click the link below to WATCH

["Finding Home" by Jennings Burchfield](#)





Sunday October 15th

Forest Hill UMC, Concord
CROP Hunger Walk

Registration: 1:00 pm / CROP Walk at 2:00 pm.

www.crophungerwalk.org



Her name is Karen and her story is one of Hope, Redemption and Restoration. Day by day, she is getting stronger not only physically but in her faith. When we talked with Karen, the word she used to describe herself was 'broken'. She would repeat "I was broken." Prior to CCM, Karen had turned to alcohol to take away the hurt and pain. After the passing of her precious mother, she became homeless. Without a place to call home, Karen's condition quickly deteriorated. On her own, she contacted CCM and the rest of her story is now unfolding. We are witnessing God heal Karen and restore her hope in Him. She recently stated that God is using CCM and the resources available to help put her "broken pieces" back together.

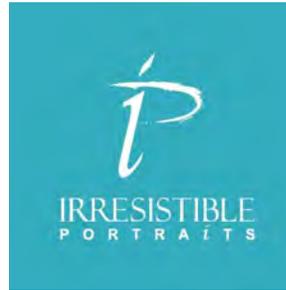
What she thought was impossible, she has learned is possible with God. A new chapter is beginning and we feel blessed to be a witness of it all.

Praise God!! To Him be all the glory!!



For more details
about volunteering
with CCM's programs,
click the link below.

www.volunteerCCM.com



Since starting in the basement of Karen's home 28 years ago, Irresistible Portraits by Karen Goforth has always given back to our community.

Tithing has always been an important part of the Irresistible Portraits business model. "God has blessed us with a wonderful

business and amazing clients that we treat like family. With having a successful business, we want to make sure we give back to our community in any way we can," said owner Karen Goforth.

CCM thanks Irresistible Portraits for photographing the Celebrate Hope dinner and CCM/SHOE SHOW Golf Classic. This year, Irresistible Portraits worked with CCM to photograph during documentary filming and also donated family portraits for our new homeowners.

Irresistible Portraits continues to be a leader in the community through their charitable donations and non-profit work. The portrait studio is actively involved with several charities and non-profits including Focused on a Cure which was founded by Irresistible Portraits nine years ago.

Karen Goforth says; "Giving back is something we always plan to incorporate in our business."

[Click here to view some of their work!](#)

CCM's housing programs have the capacity to address 43-45 families each year (135 beds). Last year, these programs received 44 families from homelessness into a safe and stable environment where they had the opportunity to develop plans and make progress toward stability.

44 families; consisting of 123 people / 66 children

- 71% progressed toward stability
- 78% improved household income

Children of these families participated in our after-school tutoring program, youth enrichment programs and 100% of the children improved school attendance.



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