ANNUAL REPORT REPORT HORIZONS



COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY





Unique Challenges, Innovative Solutions

While much of the adversity our community is facing has a national footprint, there are factors that impacted our community twenty years ago and have weakened the foundation of our local economy; our workforce. Those

factors left many households facing financial and social/emotional challenges they cannot overcome without intentional assistance or training.

The economic shutdown related to the pandemic directly impacted the most vulnerable workers in

our community as their jobs were idled. The prevailing residential property management structure placed many more households in jeopardy and began a cycle of loss for thousands of low-income seniors and families with children. The loss of employment supports; like child care and stable housing, made a return to the workplace difficult for many. High inflation added to the burden of all household-related costs.

There are many households in crisis in our community who possess the desire and the work ethic to overcome the barriers facing them. The programs of Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) provide comprehensive services and opportunities for training and encouragement to those households who are willing to persevere.

While affordability is a national crisis and our local housing market faces the dual drivers of economic development and population growth, affordability is not the only barrier to stable housing. Our Cabarrus County history lends to the specific need for Transitional Housing capacity.



For a greater understanding of our local experience and the transformative purpose of transitional housing follow this link...

Our New Horizon Strategic Plan

focuses on Five Goals to achieve positive and meaningful outcomes for these populations and priority areas.



Our Priority Populations are

- Individuals & Families in Crisis
- Children Age 0-5 Years
- Working Age Adults
- Senior Adults

Our Strategic Priorities address

- Housing Stability & Recovery
- Early Childhood Development
- Employment Transitions
- Senior Adult Well-being









GRACE PLACE: Grace Place is designed to provide the basic needs of food, housing and community for extremely low-income Seniors in an environment that allows an individual to establish stability and connect with vital resources while promoting personal responsibility and community engagement.

This strategy is built around extremely affordable, ultra-efficient, easily accessed, community-based, pet friendly "carriage homes" that have been designed for independent living. The program is sensitive to the desire for independence, and the need to restore dignity and purpose. This asset-based program will include comprehensive services to assist residents to regain stability in an environment built upon affirmation, accountability, and personal responsibility.

Grace Place represents a multi-year commitment on the part of participants. Participants engage with trained staff to develop their own Personal Development Plan (PDP). The PDP sets priorities on personal responsibility, engagement and healthy lifestyles. It also encompasses priorities in physical, emotional and spiritual health. The program is designed to adhere to CCM's proven Path to Stability model.

Persons accepted into the program must be capable of living independently and maintain self-care. The program will serve extremely low income senior adults in our community. Extremely low household income ranges from \$800 to \$1,250 per month.

Multiple units are strategically positioned around a community center which provides access to prepared meals, laundry facilities, transportation services, counseling, activities, educational opportunities, and life skills training. Qualified daytime and resident staff will coordinate partner agencies and volunteers, ensure onsite support and facilitate campus communication.



Grace Place will maintain dignity and restore purpose in the lives of individuals as they establish stability and reconnect with vital relationships that will allow them to engage in community life.

THE REBUILDERS CAMPUS & BROWN MILL COMMONS:

The Rebuilders Campus will provide stable housing, nutritional support, and access to resources that support positive outcomes. The encouraging community environment will provide resources for adult and child education, healthy habits and activities, connection to vital resources, access to public and other transportation, job training, career coaching and employment opportunities.

The Rebuilders College represents a multi-year commitment on the part of adult and youth participants to pursue a rigorous plan for personal growth and development. Participants engage with trained staff to develop their own Personal Development Plan (PDP). The PDP sets priorities on educational, vocational and workforce training to expand career choices and increase potential for financial stability. It also encompasses priorities in physical, emotional and spiritual health. The program is designed to adhere to CCM's proven Path to Stability model.



Debt Reduction Employment Family Stability Academic Stability Credit Score Improvement **Savings Account Healthy Lifestyle Nutrition Habits Established Transportation Financial Education**

Childcare **Healthcare Resources Personal Responsibility** Life Skills **Social Connectivity**



A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO CREATE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Cooperative Christian Ministry's bold new initiative will create two new transistional housing campuses to provide a path to stability for

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EDUCATION & SUPPORT, SERVICES

PROGRAMS WE PROVIDED

13 graduates - Breaking Free Class

8 students served, CCS Tutoring Program partnership for 2021- 2022 year

10 children participated, Mini-Summer Camp at Providence Presbyterian Church

8 staff trained/certified, Mental Health First Aid

20 participants (4 were community partners) RCCC Info Session training for staff and pantry volunteers

20 staff served, Self-Care Training by Mental Health America

10 staff trained & certified, CPR training for staff

CABARRUS HEALTH ALLIANCE DENTAL GRANT PARTNERSHIP

318 community members registered for dental services program

2 Mobile Dental clinics (*Grace Lutheran & Second Presbyterian*)

"CCM plays a major role in where AYA House is today and we wouldnt be where we are today without them and other agencies in this County. I want them to know that I do, from the bottom of my heart, appreciate everything that they do for us."





HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED GROCERIES

13,279 household visits,

representing

39.275 individuals

14,759 children, 0-18 4,826 older adults, 65+ (up 10% from 2020-21, while total numbers are down 10%)

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

982,540 lbs. - through CCM Food Programs (not counting what was shared with partners) **1,081,274 lbs.** - total non-waste food



FINANCIAL CRESIS

CHALLENGE IN CABARRUS COUNTY 2021-2022

21% Population Growth (10-Year)

7.9% Living in Poverty - 17,099

17,099 of Households living in poverty

788 Recorded Evictions - Homelessness Dashboard spreadsheet

614 Homeless Students - Homelessness Dashboard spreadsheet, PRE-COVID: 500+ Students: CCS & KCS for 3 years running

353 Applications received for Housing

1,685 Applications received for Financial Assistance (contains duplicates) 1,250 (unduplicates)

FINANCIAL CRISIS

1,221 Needs addressed/total times of assistance (# of checks written)

843 individual households

\$2,798,887 DISTRIBUTED **\$2,483,157** ERAP* **\$315,730** CCM Funds

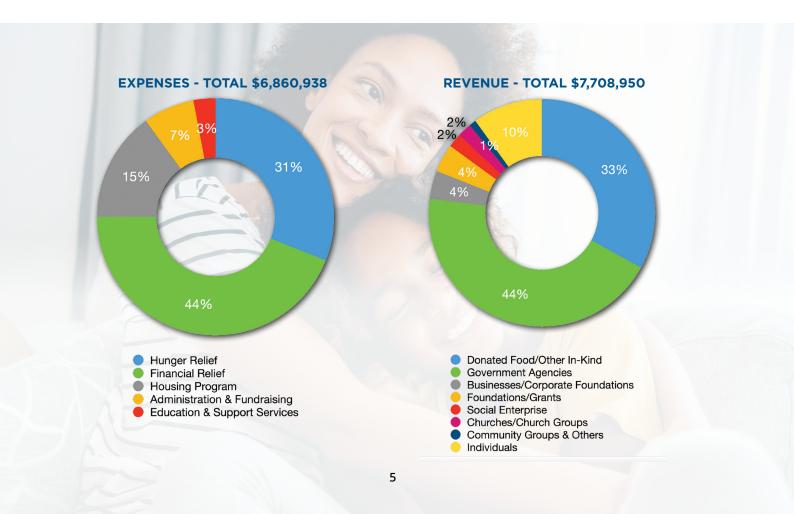
661 Evictions avoided

556 Utility cut-offs avoided

2 Medication Assistance

4 Lodging Assistance

*Emergency Rental Assistance program







Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!

On Monday evening October 3rd, CCM held its annual "Celebrate HOPE" event, which was broadcast virtually via livestream on the Ministry's website and social media channels. If you were not able to join the livestream on 10/3, we encourage you to watch it by clicking **HERE**!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to SHOE SHOW, INC., namely Bob & Carolyn Tucker for their continuous generosity towards CCM. To the extended Tucker family, we offer our gratitude as well!

CCM is blessed to have an incredibly supportive Board of Directors, whose prayerful guidance and direction have laid a solid foundation for our Ministry in the years to come.

To our faith community partner, Crossroads Church, we THANK YOU for once again hosting us in your beautiful worship center. To our partnering agency at Cre8tve, we're grateful to Ritchie Elkins and his team for all the graphical and branding support behind the event. To **Jennings** Burchfield at Unlocked Films & Marketing, we also say THANK YOU for the superb video content product that we were able to deliver through our broadcast. And to our event partner Angela Skeen at Eventfully Angela, we are so very appreciative of our partnership and for your work in the planning and execution of this event year after year!



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OUR PARTNERS...



- Interviewer
- Data Entry
- Mobile Food Pantries
- Van Driver
- Meal Provider
- Office Assistant
- Host a Food Drive
- Childcare
- Tutor
- Class Facilitator
- Photographer
- Painter
- Repairs
- Yard Work
- Helper



Total Volunteers = 788 Total Hours = 30,264

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive an inheritance as your reward." -Colossians 2:34-24





Click Here To

CCM in the Community

Find these community offerings and more on our website.

Cooperative Ministry.com



The Adopt-A-Family Program is designed to help those that are in the most critical need this holiday season and is coordinated by CCM. The program pairs referred clients/families with groups or individuals who have volunteered to "Adopt" a family for Christmas.

Senior Care & Share Shoeboxes

Many seniors live on fixed incomes and find themselves very much alone. A Senior Care & Share Shoebox or Bag spreads holiday cheer to someone who may not have much to look forward to this time of the year.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



The City of Concord offers an easy way for you to participate in a program called **Neighbor Helping** Neighbor. Donations can be made by rounding up your utility bill to the nearest dollar amount.



Churches, businesses, community groups, families, individuals and local **government** rally together to make a positive impact on our neighbors through local service projects and by serving each other.



Non-Profit Workshop

This workshop is an opportunity for nonprofit executives, staff, and FUTURE volunteers to engage in professional **TOGETHER** development that will strengthen their impact in our community.



Business Breakfast

Business leaders in our community hear current CCM ministry updates and learn about partnership opportunities that will impact our community.



Pastor/Leader Breakfast

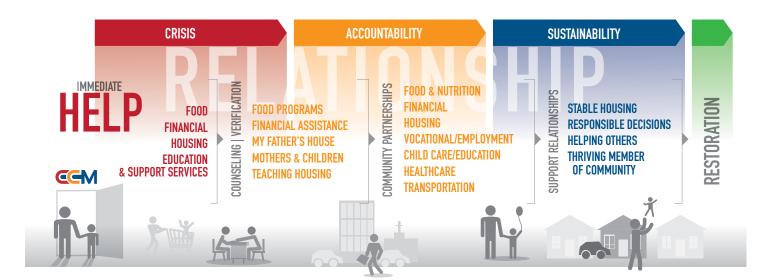
This is a time for the faith community to come together to share their voice, insight, and passion concerning the issues facing our community.

Daily Initiatives

- The Homelessness Task Force
- The Hunger Task Force
- The Unsheltered Impact Group
- Healthy Cabarrus Advisory Board
- The Housing Coalition
- The Cabarrus H.U.B.B. Steering Committee
- Dream Center Partners

Our Commitment

CRISIS TO RESTORATION



Delivering Crisis Resources Expanding Transitional Housing Engaging with Supportive Communities Providing Resource Navigation Creating Volunteer Opportunities

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BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

In areas that directly affect outcomes for the people we serve, CCM will...

- Strengthen our efforts to ensure access to appropriate early child care & nutritional resources
- Incorporate computer and technology training for students in our program
- Expand on-the-job training opportunities and apprenticeships within our own programs and pursue job placement, career education, vocational training and re-training for adult populations in transition
- Expand partnerships for primary care, health education and mental health & substance use resources for vulnerable populations

Help Your Neighbors In Need!

- Learn: become informed about CCM and who we serve
- **Get Involved**: we encourage you to volunteer
- Give: so we can do more to help our neighbors in crisis

WAYS TO GIVE

- ONLINE: CooperativeMinistry.com
- **Venmo** @CCMConcord
- Check mailed to: PO Box 1717 Concord, NC 28026

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