

# PERSPECTIVE

## FROM THE FRONTLINES

CELEBRATING OUR 43RD YEAR OF RESTORING HOPE



**CABARRUS  
COUNTY**

## RELEASING COMPASSION



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CEO

**COMPASSION:** is the feeling of wanting to help someone who is suffering, combined with a desire to relieve their pain. Putting yourself in another persons shoes might lead you to act with **COMPASSION** and **DO** what you can to improve their situation. It is an awareness that causes a stirring in us.

### Compassion Has at Least Three Components

**#1 RECOGNIZE SUFFERING:** is to notice when someone is suffering; whether it is physical, mental, or emotional. It is hard enough today to “notice”; traffic, schedules, our phone, or their phone - avoiding eye contact. We are a drive thru, pick up, delivery culture. It is harder to catch the road signs at 70 mph than at 35 mph. Noticing might require slowing down! Maybe that is why some have compassion, but no action. **SEEING** is not **RELEASING!**

**#2 CARE DEEPLY:** is to feel sorrow or pity for their situation. Not judgement, criticism or condemnation. Like in the case of the Good Samaritan, but it is not always first aid, or food or clothing or shelter that is needed. It may be a family who is struggling, new moms who are exhausted, children who are facing a world of uncertainty, a man who lost his job, a young person who feels rejected, a frightening diagnosis, or suddenly facing life alone.



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## Releasing Compassion Means

**#3 TAKE ACTION:** to be kind, understanding and do what you can to help. Television commercials tell us; That's what DOERS DO! We know that's what compassionate people do! We call them VOLUNTEERS.

When we say; "Well... I just don't get the opportunity." we are not being honest.  
When we say; "I don't have the ... (whatever)." We are WRONG again!  
It is true you can't give what you don't have, but what you do have is from God.  
You have enough to give some away! That is how God works.

Do you have faith? wisdom? physical strength? knowledge? encouragement? skill? resources? time? I encourage you to find a place and time to give some away.

Practitioners have established the benefits of releasing compassion go both ways.

It helps people **CONNECT** with others.  
It **MENDS** relationships.  
It generates more **WELL-BEING**.

**WELL-BEING** "is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health factors. It is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction. In short, well-being could be described as how you feel about yourself and your life." Otherwise stated... the one who benefits the most from compassion is the giver.

The apostle Paul wrote; "If you have any compassion, then put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand." Phil.2:1-4 (MSG)

**Prov. 11:25 - "he who refreshes others, will himself be refreshed."**

# HE IS RISEN!

*Happy Easter*



# THE REBUILDERS CAMPUS UPDATE

## CHA AT BROWN MILL

Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA), Cabarrus County's public health agency, is well into construction with their new space at Brown Mill Commons with a target move in date of January 2026.

"CHA and CCM have worked collaboratively for decades. Many of the clients we serve in our programs also receive services from CCM," shared Erin Shoe, Cabarrus County Public Health Director. "After looking at our client data, Brown Mill Commons presented an ideal opportunity to be in and around neighborhoods where we can serve people where they are. Additionally, those living on the campus are well positioned for our support," she continued.



CHA currently provides services in their Kannapolis location located on Mooresville Road, at the Dream Center in Concord, and via a mobile unit around the community. Additionally, School Nurses in all the Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools are part of the CHA staff.

"Brown Mill Commons will provide job opportunities, vocational education & training, wellness services and space to support local nonprofits," says Ed Hosack, CCM's C.E.O. "Cabarrus Health Alliance is an important partner to CCM as we seek to serve this county. They will be a valuable presence on Cabarrus Avenue and to the surrounding communities."

## Watch for monthly updates of CHA programs located at Brown Mill:

- **CASE MANAGEMENT:** CHA has a number of Care Management programs which provide wrap-around services and services to address the social determinants of health of our patients. CHA's nurses and social workers provide comprehensive case management through Care Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC) and Care Management for High Risk Pregnancy (CMHRP).
  - **MAY:** Behavioral Health
  - **JUNE:** Adolescent Health Programs
  - **JULY:** Environmental Health
  - **AUGUST:** School Health Leadership
  - **SEPTEMBER:** WIC

YOUR WINDOW OF  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**LEARN & GIVE**



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



**Volunteering** can be one of life's most rewarding experiences, offering many benefits for the volunteer and the community. By volunteering, not only can you make a real difference in the lives of people who are struggling but you get the chance to give back to your community, and build meaningful relationship with people that share your passion for helping others and gain valuable skills that can help you in other areas of your life. Volunteering is a great way to learn about **teamwork**. You work with others

towards a common goal, with each person playing an important role. Teamwork teaches you how to work and communicate more effectively while providing support. Volunteering can teach you the value of **empathy**. Witnessing the difficulties that people are facing can be a humbling experience. It helps you comprehend their struggles and can lead to you becoming kinder and more considerate of others' hardships. Volunteering can help you understand the significance of **selflessness**. Giving your time and committing to putting others first can foster personal growth. By volunteering you gain insight about the collaborative power of **community** and the difference it can make in the lives of others leading to tangible outcomes. Volunteering can also teach you about **gratitude**. Witnessing the impact of the gift of your time can be a rewarding experience and is a helpful reminder of what truly matters in life. Volunteering is an experience that teaches you many valuable lessons, from the importance of teamwork, empathy, selflessness, community & gratitude. These skills carry over into many areas of your life, becoming one of life's most memorable experiences and blessings! When we invest our time in service towards others, we enrich our own lives with meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.

If you have the time to give back, why not consider volunteering with CCM? Not only will you be making a difference in your community, but you will also be growing as a person and the rewards will make it memorable and a life-changing experience!

“Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”

- Matthew 25:40

## Lorie Williams

VOLUNTEER MANAGER

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## URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Spring is a season of renewal, but for many families in Cabarrus County, it's a season of uncertainty. Right now, the need for food, shelter, and financial assistance is at an all-time high, and Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) is facing difficult choices to meet the growing demand.

We invite you to [watch our Spring Appeal video](#) to see firsthand the crisis affecting our neighbors and the impact your generosity can have. Your support can be the difference between stability and hardship for families in need. Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you for standing with us to support our community.

[Watch the Video & Donate Today](#)

WATCH HERE

# THANK YOU

## A BIG THANK YOU TO CANNON SCHOOL!

Big thanks to Cannon School for sending out a great group of young and eager Volunteers to help us kick off our spring cleaning at the soon to be Rebuilders Campus. Within just a couple hours they were able to collect over 45 bags of trash, weeds, and debris from all along the front of the facility. We are so beyond grateful for the students and chaperones who came out to be a part of everything going on at the Rebuilders Campus!

## MARCH FOOD DRIVES

- Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church - over 400 lbs.
- All Saints Episcopal Church - 700 lbs.



## REFLECTING ON THE 2025 CCM BUSINESS BREAKFAST

On Tuesday, March 18, we gathered for a powerful morning of connection, conversation, and community impact at the 2025 CCM Business Breakfast. We were honored to share updates on two key initiatives—The Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill and Grace Place @ Caremoor—both of which will expand our ability to serve individuals and families in crisis.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors, who made this event possible:

**Gold Sponsors:** Ike's Construction, Carlos J. Moore, Architect, Liles Construction

**Bronze Sponsor:** Duke Energy

**Tech Sponsor:** Impact Technologies

**Breakfast Provided By:** The Smoke Pit

**Event Host:** City Club @ Gibson Mill & EPIC Rentals

Thank you to every attendee, partner, and supporter who continues to stand with us. Your commitment to building a stronger, more compassionate community is truly inspiring. We look forward to the work ahead—together, we are making a difference!

## THANK YOU TO OUR VENISON DONORS!

This hunting season, generous donations helped provide nutritious, lean protein to many of our clients. For the 2024-25 season, we received:

**898 lbs.** of venison from the **Concord Wildlife Alliance's Hunters Feed Cabarrus County** program

**2,374 lbs.** of venison from **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry** (Mark Jasmine)

We are incredibly grateful to CWA and FHFH for their continued support and commitment to feeding our community. Your generosity makes a real difference!

## CORNING

Thank you to **Corning Incorporated** for awarding CCM with a \$6,000 grant! Their partnership will help us sustain our expanding programs to address food, financial, and housing crisis throughout Cabarrus County.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

**Attention all Nonprofit  
Leaders, Staff, and Volunteers!**  
**JOIN US!**

## SHAPING THE **FUTURE** TOGETHER

CABARRUS COUNTY  
NONPROFIT WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 28, 2025

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM AT CROSSROADS CHURCH  
220 GEORGE W. LILES PARKWAY, CONCORD

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ANNUAL REPORT!

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## DRIVING TRANSFORMATION

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## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUESTS

Join with us in supporting our community through prayer. Watch as God works around us through our faithful prayers.

PRAY WITH US



## FOOD RESOURCES

The 'Cabarrus County Food Resource Map', which was created by the Hunger Task Force, is available on our website. Please share this valuable resource with the community.

VIEW MAP



## SENIOR RESOURCE GUIDE

We provide resources for housing, health, transportation, and more. Click the button to see all the resources we provide.

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## HELP with HOUSING

Our housing programs provide the opportunity for families with children, senior adults, and other adult individuals to stop the cycle of loss, establish sustainability, and achieve housing stability.

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Sign up to round up your monthly City of Concord Utility bill to the nearest dollar and help keep the air, heat, and lights on for hundreds of families in need.

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