AUGUST 2026

PERSPECTIVE

FROM THE FRONTLINES

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF RESTORING HOPE



CABARRUS COUNTY

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER



ERIN SHOE AND FAMILY

As Cooperative Christian Ministry celebrates another milestone anniversary, I invite you to join me in recognizing an organization defined by grit, determination, and an unwavering commitment to its mission. For decades, CCM has refused to accept the status quo, continually evolving to meet the changing needs of our community while staying grounded in compassion, dignity, and service.

My first connection with CCM began when I was a junior at Central Cabarrus High School, where I had the opportunity to learn about the incredible work being done to support neighbors in need. I vividly remember visiting the crisis center with a U-Haul truckload of blankets our Civics class collected. Years later, that connection deepened when I began my first professional job at Cabarrus Health Alliance and was embedded at the Pillowtex Service Center. During that time, I had the privilege of working shoulder to shoulder with CCM staff and volunteers as they responded to the needs of individuals and families impacted by the closure of the mill. I witnessed (and learned) firsthand what defined CCM's approach. They did not simply provide assistance — they walked alongside people during one of the most difficult chapters of their lives.

CCM COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
CRISIS TO RESTORATION

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Our paths crossed again through a simple invitation to their strategic planning process. Little did I know I would soon serve on a committee and the board. These opportunities gave me an even deeper appreciation for the intentionality that makes CCM such a remarkable organization. The same laser focus and mission driven heart I observed years ago remain at the heart of CCM today: a commitment to serving. Period.

CCM continues to demonstrate their fiscal stewardship (or shall I say miracle workmanship), by turning every dollar invested into many multiples. I know my donation equates to impact and that's why I continue to give.

CCM is truly a foundational organization in Cabarrus County. We will never be able to quantify the impact but I suspect tens of thousands of lives have been changed because of CCM. Children fed, mothers supported, shelter provided, hope restored.

Congratulations to CCM on this incredible anniversary. Thank you for decades of faithful service, for the countless lives touched, and for being a shining example of what is possible when people come together with compassion and purpose. I am grateful for the many ways our paths have crossed, thankful for how my life has been shaped by the organization, and excited for all that lies ahead.

- Erin Shoe, Cabarrus Health Alliance

45 YEARS OF CRISIS TO RESTORATION

CELEBRATING 45 DAYS OF GRATITUDE
AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

We're celebrating 45 years of CCM's impact in Cabarrus County, and we want to celebrate with you! From August 1 through September 14, we'll be sharing 45 days of stories, milestones, and gratitude — and there are lots of ways to be part of it.

Here's How to Join In:

- **Follow us on social media and turn on notifications so you don't miss a day.**
- **Like and share each post — every share helps more neighbors discover CCM.**
- **Watch for our emails every Friday with highlights from the week.**
- **Check out the videos featuring the people, partners, and stories behind 45 years of service.**
- **Share your story or testimony about how CCM has touched your life, your family, or your community — email jrichardson@cooperativeministry.com.**

Your voice could be part of this milestone celebration. Follow along starting August 1st — be part of it!

WE'VE BEEN HERE!



ED HOSACK
CEO

Celebrating a 45th Anniversary means CCM has been a part of the fabric of this community since 1981. Some say "The measure of greatness is not what you accomplish during your existence. The real measure of greatness is what others accomplish as a result of your existence."

- In 1981, inflation, interest rates, and unemployment were all 10% or higher.
- In 1997, Cannon Mills sold for the third time, creating uncertainty
- In 2003, we experienced the largest mass layoff in the history of North Carolina.
- In 2008, we persevered together through the Great Recession.
- In 2020, the COVID economic disaster shook our community once again.

Through all of the tragedy and personal struggles that have occurred between the newsworthy events, Cabarrus County has trusted CCM with viable solutions for our most vulnerable neighbors.

FROM 1981 at 78 Union Street South and a $35,000 operating budget	TO	2026 with more than 30 locations and a $4.8 million operating budget
FROM 1989 Building the Crisis Center in Concord	TO	2026 Developing Grace Place @ Caremoor and the Tucker Rebuilders Campus
FROM 2003 with the loss of our manufacturing-based economy	TO	2026 with uncertainty and a national housing crisis

CCM exists by the grace of God and because the people of Cabarrus County have responded to the planning and execution of proven solutions to validated crises.

Today, as the need becomes greater than ever, we can be certain of this:

We have been here before!

Every generation will face its challenges, and every community will build upon the foundations of trust, collaboration and achievement established before them.

Today the people of Cabarrus County need CCM more than ever, AND

CCM needs the people of Cabarrus County more than ever.

The future is right in front of us. LET'S BUILD IT!

In recognition of all our Executive Directors:

Rev. Richard Burkhart	1981–1986	Mary Margaret (Peggy) Cleveland	1992–1996
Lee Crane	1986–1987	Betty Jean Prewitt	1997–2005
Rev. Earl Woodall	1987–1991	Ed Hosack	2005–Present

PROGRAM AREA UPDATES

Food Program



June was an incredible month at the Crisis Center Food Pantry. Between the Crisis Center, our Satellite Pantries, and our other food assistance programs, we served 1,512 households representing 5,154 individuals, and distributed 86,735 pounds of food to neighbors in need. Thanks to the generosity of our community and partners, we received 132,637 pounds of donated food - 38,616 pounds of which went straight into our new Bulk Food Warehouse.

What a blessing that warehouse has already become. Without the additional space, we would not have been able to act on an opportunity to purchase a large quantity of food at an exceptionally low cost. It is already proving to be an invaluable investment in serving our community.

June also closed out our 2025-2026 fiscal year. Across the year we served 22,167 households representing 70,061 individuals – including 24,705 children and 8,714 seniors – while receiving 1,006,279 pounds of donated food. While most of our numbers were slightly lower than the prior year, the number of seniors served increased.

On July 30 we hosted our fourth Mobile Food Pantry of the year at Elevation Church in Concord, and for the first time we closed both Thursday shifts at the Crisis Center so our entire team could serve together. We were thrilled to have 33 volunteers join us that morning, with special thanks to our honorary "Foodies Barry and Michelle, who once again showed up to lend a hand. Our next Mobile Food Pantry is September 24, hosted and sponsored by St. James the Greater Catholic.



Housing Program

Our housing residents reached a remarkable set of milestones this month. On the financial side, one mother purchased a vehicle while still maintaining a healthy savings account, another is just one payment away from owning her vehicle outright and expects to have it in August, and one resident has now saved more than $5,000.

Residents also made significant strides toward independence and wellness. One secured full-time employment and is eager to build valuable experience in her career, two began counseling this month as a commitment to personal growth, and one received approval for a year-long housing extension with stable housing. Another resident has applied for housing and has an appointment scheduled.

Our families' children are set up for a strong year ahead as well: one child has been enrolled for the upcoming preschool year, and all of our CCM school-aged children have been registered for the Boys & Girls Club after-school program. We are incredibly grateful for this partnership and the opportunities it provides for our families.

Finally, we are celebrating with a resident as she prepares to transition out of the MaC+ program at the end of the month after securing permanent housing. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her all the best in this exciting new chapter..

THANK YOU

UNION CHURCH – SERVE DAY

Big thanks go out to **Union Church** for serving with CCM again during their annual Serve Day! In just a couple hours, this hardworking group made tremendous progress clearing a large floor at CCM's future nonprofit workshop. Volunteers swept debris, salvaged reusable flooring, sorted materials, and removed several loads of trash. Their energy, teamwork, and servant-hearted attitude helped move this important project forward in a meaningful way.









A GIFT FROM THE HEART

A heartfelt thank you to **Diane**, one of our clients, who surprised us with this beautiful handmade wreath. In her words, CCM has done so much for her that she wanted to do something for us in return. It now hangs proudly at our door — a daily reminder of the generosity and warmth of the neighbors we're privileged to serve.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the **Mt. Moriah VBS Group** for bringing VBS to our families at one of our housing facilities! We are so grateful for the delicious dinner, the meaningful devotional, and all the fun games and activities you shared with our families.





THANK YOU

SUMMER FOOD DONATIONS

Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry	**1,069 lbs.**
YMCA, Share the Harvest Farm	**971 lbs.**
Lomax Farms	**830 lbs.**
Brewington Farms	**282 lbs.**

We also continue to be blessed by the **Society of St. Andrew**, whose watermelons, eggplant, tomatoes, and other fresh produce have been a wonderful addition for the families we serve. Summer truly is a special season at the pantry!



CAREMOOR UPDATE

Santa Danny brought some cooler weather just in time for our Christmas in July celebration! We enjoyed a delicious snack, wonderful fellowship with our friends from Elder Orphan Care, and everyone left with their very own summer stockings filled with cheer.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special. It's moments like these that remind us the best part of any season is spending it together!







UPCOMING EVENTS

THE DIAMOND DIG

Saturday August 22nd

Ellis Jewelers
(29 Union Street S, Concord, NC)



YOU COULD WIN A
1 CARAT LAB GROWN DIAMOND

$25 per scoop

Proceeds from the sale of these scoops will benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry.

UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DATE

Sept 24th
10am to 12pm

St James the Greater Rectory
130 Manor Ave SW
Concord, NC

You must be present to receive food

Limit one per household. This is a drive-through event. Registration will begin about 30 minutes before the start time.

At registration we will ask for:

- Your Name
- Number of people in your family
- Your Address
- Number of family members by age group

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THE MOBILE PANTRY WILL BE CANCELLED

save the date

30TH ANNUAL
celebrate HOPE

CROSSROADS CHURCH
220 George W. Liles Pkwy,
Concord, NC

Monday October 5, 2026
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner and Program | Registration is required

SHOE SHOW INCORPORATED
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RBC Wealth Management

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

REGISTER NOW!

CABARRUS COUNTY
NONPROFIT WORKSHOP
AUGUST 27, 2026

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

OUR 2026 SPEAKERS AND TOPICS INCLUDE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Candice Kane
SENIOR TRUST PROGRAM OFFICER
THE CANNON FOUNDATION

TOPIC
People, Not Just Portfolios: The True Foundation of Philanthropy



Lisa Adkins
SR COUNSEL, moss+ross



Kristina Bowman
PARTNER, moss+ross

Co-Presenters
TOPIC
Four Components of Successful Fundraising



Jerri Grant
TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR, APPARO



Todd Reavis
TECHNICAL LEAD, APPARO

Co-Presenters
TOPIC
AI Governance for Small Nonprofits: A Practical 'Good Enough' Approach



Jenn Delaney
DIRECTOR OF CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES
GREATER CABARRUS FOUNDATION

TOPIC
Building a Stronger Nonprofit: An Organizational Capacity Checkup



Hollie Gregory
SENIOR DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION

TOPIC
5 Voices: Discover Your Voice... For the Sake of Your Team



Wilmenia Gripper
CEO/ENGINEER OF IMPACT, W.E.G. CONSULTING & TRAINING

TOPIC
AI Social Media Lab: Create, Schedule, and Automate a month of Content Using AI



Willmarie Austin
SR MANAGER OF REGIONAL PHILANTHROPY, CABCO
UNITED WAY OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

TOPIC
From Participation to Partnership: Engaging Communities for Lasting Impact

ONLY AVAILABLE AT 9:00AM SESSION



Andrew Holbrook
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMPACT PARTNERS

TOPIC
Leading Teams into Wellness

ONLY AVAILABLE AT 10:30AM SESSION

REGISTER

OUR PARTNERS LOOK LIKE YOU

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.

LEARN MORE

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.

LEARN MORE



CONCORD NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

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.

Visit: https://concordnc.gov/Departments/Customer-Care/Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor

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