

# PERSPECTIVE

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**CABARRUS  
COUNTY**

## A FOOD SECURE COMMUNITY



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CEO

*“Insecurity”* is an emotional response driven by fear or lived experience or both. Food insecurity exists because people, adults and children, experience hunger in our community.

Not knowing if there will be enough food, or not knowing where the next meal will come from creates an anxiety that diminishes performance at work, robs learning at school and leads to poor decisions made in the home. Of all the struggles facing our community and neighbors, fear of not having food should not be one of them. The challenge is coordination and distribution. CCM has launched two initiatives to further strengthen the Cabarrus County Hunger Task Force and our commitment to **becoming a food secure community.**

**The Community Bulk Food Warehouse** will provide space for receiving and storing of larger quantities of food available through corporate donations and bulk purchases. CCM will staff the operation to coordinate distribution to food pantries, meal programs and shelter operations throughout Cabarrus County. **You can help** furnish the warehouse with storage racks, refrigeration units and handling equipment. Your financial support for the Community Bulk Food Warehouse can make it happen in the months ahead.

CCM’s Crisis Center in Concord operates five days per week with daytime and evening access. The location is over-whelmed on a regular basis; creating logistics challenges and traffic disruptions that



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jeopardize safety. Furthermore, the Crisis Center lease will expire before the end of 2029 requiring the operation to relocate.

**A Kannapolis Crisis Center** is the first step toward a long-term solution for Cabarrus and southern Rowan Counties. The USDA identifies three food deserts in North Kannapolis. **More than 1,500 Kannapolis**

**area addresses visited the Crisis Center in Concord last year, averaging 435 household visits per month.**

CCM has initiated an effort to operate a Food Pantry / Crisis Center in Kannapolis as soon as a location and plan can be established. Relieving the volume at the Concord Crisis Center will allow CCM to develop a plan for Concord and southern Cabarrus County households before the 2029 closure.

The vital first step for a Kannapolis Crisis Center is to **establish a partnership to secure a suitable high-volume location**. From there, we can help the Cabarrus County Hunger Task Force make Kannapolis, Concord and Cabarrus County a Food Secure Community.

“If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

**Isaiah 58:10 NIV**

## GRACE PLACE @ CAREMOOR 2025 RECAP

2025 marked a year of major milestones for **Grace Place @ Caremoor**, as the program welcomed its first families six months ahead of schedule. This early launch was made possible by two families with middle school-aged children, whose ages did not require immediate bathroom or child-safety modifications or completion of the playground, allowing families to move in sooner than anticipated.

The first six months of hosting families have been foundational, solidifying both the program structure and the case management model. All three households transitioned into Grace Place from CCM’s Path to Stability housing program, creating space for additional families to begin their own journeys. During this period, each mother navigated significant medical procedures—challenges that would not have been possible to

manage without the program’s support or could have resulted in further housing instability. At the same time, each parent experienced employment changes and demonstrated resilience through transition, moving steadily toward improved financial stability.

Today, Grace Place @ Caremoor proudly supports three working single-parent families with elementary, middle school, and high school-aged children. Collectively, these mothers have secured new and more stable employment, earned certifications that increase employability and advancement opportunities, reduced overall debt, addressed critical car repairs, eliminated tax debt, and maintained personal savings. Our first program graduate, after obtaining stable employment in Charlotte, successfully established permanent housing near her workplace—an encouraging



testament to what stability, support, and perseverance can achieve. The greater Caremoor campus also experienced significant upgrades in projects in order to receive families with children:

- Upgraded kitchen equipment and renovations
- upgraded hot water system
- new security system
- conversion from septic system to city sewer
- additional washer / dryer capacity
- removal of old structures for child safety
- installation of playground and outdoor fencing (in progress)

Elder Orphan Care (EOC), CCM's partner in Ministry, has been instrumental in uplifting our

residents through senior related activities, building beautiful relationships along the way. EOC has established on-site office space on campus, allowing for hands-on support.

Early in 2026, the Caremoor leadership, alongside CCM's Engagement team, introduced a new and improved Caremoor website (Caremoor.com) in an effort to attract new assisted and independent living residents to this incredible community.

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## NEW "RUN OF THE MILL" VIDEO: HISTORY OF BROWN MILL PART 2

In Episode #7 of Run of the Mill, CEO Ed Hosack sits down with former mill employee Dan Foley for a fascinating conversation about the history of the former Cannon Plant 10. Drawing on firsthand experience, Dan shares stories from his time at the mill, offering insight into daily operations, the people who worked there, and the plant's role in the community. The discussion highlights the legacy of Cannon Plant 10 and preserves an important piece of local industrial history.

[Watch now](#) and see this powerful look at our past as we work together to rebuild a stronger future. Watch all 6 videos at [RebuildersCampus.com](https://RebuildersCampus.com).



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# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

## The Cabarrus County Hunger Task

**Force** continues to meet quarterly, with representation from more than 20 charitable food organizations across the county. This team, alongside our partners at the Cabarrus Health Alliance, has developed a data collection system via a 'scorecard' in order to truly understand not just the growing food insecurity need, but also how to address those needs. The infographic included here incorporates several of the tracked data points to help give our community a better understanding the overall needs this group aims to address.

If you're interested in learning more about the work of the Hunger Task Force, please reach out to CCM's Jeremy Burleson at [jburluson@cooperativeministry.com](mailto:jburluson@cooperativeministry.com).

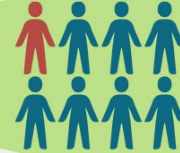


## Why Food Access Matters

Food Insecurity is defined as "when at least one member of a household lacks access to enough food for an active, healthy life because of limited money or other resources"

### Food Insecurity

An estimated 28,800 Cabarrus County residents are food insecure, which is 1 in 8 residents including children and seniors.



### Food Access

47%

Nearly half of those who are food insecure are not eligible for SNAP/EBT benefits.

10.8%

About 1 in 10 households in Cabarrus County receive SNAP/EBT benefits.



1 in 5 Cabarrus County residents report that it is somewhat or very difficult to obtain fruits and vegetables.

### Your support CAN make a difference

Addressing food insecurity and hunger is a shared responsibility that affects the well-being of all members of our communities.

### School Lunch

More than half of students in Cabarrus County are eligible for free or reduced school lunch.

54.5%



### Food Pantries

There are 24 active food pantries in Cabarrus County. In 2024, more than 1.7 million pounds of food were distributed by a third of these food pantries alone.

#### References

- For more information about [food insecurity](#) in Cabarrus County:
- For more information about where you can access local [emergency food resources](#):

# PROGRAM AREA UPDATES

## Food Program

In response to the EBT/SNAP benefit deferral, the Cabarrus County community showed incredible support, increasing food donations by 58% in November 2025 compared to the previous year. During the month, we served 1,993 households—reaching 6,199 individuals—and distributed 94,237 pounds of food, slightly surpassing last year's numbers and highlighting both the ongoing need and the community's generosity. We are especially grateful to the David Tepper Foundation, through Second Harvest, for contributing more than 10,000 additional pounds of food to help ensure families had reliable access to meals during a critical time.



## Financial Services

A recent rental assistance denial due to excessive non-essential spending ultimately led to positive change. Two months ago, Michaele Ann denied a client's request after reviewing a bank statement showing over \$400 spent on eating out and more than \$350 on shopping in one month. Although the client explained the higher food costs were related to her pregnancy, Michaele Ann provided the Cabarrus County Resource Guide, including local food pantry information, to help offset expenses. This week, the client proactively reached out and requested a review of her up-dated bank statement to determine eligibility for future assistance. Notably, she significantly reduced her non-essential spending—cutting eating out to \$36 and shopping to \$100—demonstrating increased financial awareness and responsibility.



## Housing

Emmalea Richard has joined the team as a PDP Coordinator. In Admissions, a family of four who had been living in a hotel for several months has now secured stable housing at a low market cost. CSR successes include two MFH residents completing public housing applications with Rowan County; one resident increasing her work shifts while receiving transportation support for childcare, child services appointments, therapy, and employment; and another resident improving her vehicle maintenance with family support. PDP highlights include a resident advancing to the MAC+ housing level at her six month evaluation; two MAC residents each transferring \$500 into savings in January; one MFH resident reaching \$1,000 in savings since joining in November 2025; and one MAC+ resident securing full-time employment at Caremoor. For PDP Kids, three day tutoring sessions were launched in January to group students by grade level and better utilize volunteers, and Taylor Reilly joined the CCM Tutoring Program as a hired tutor.



# THANK YOU

## A Huge Thank You to Hendrick Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Concord!

We are incredibly grateful to **Hendrick Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Concord** for their generosity and kindness in helping our food pantry get our van back on the road. When our pantry van was out of commission, their team went above and beyond—having the van towed to their location, installing four new tires, repairing a transmission leak and a coolant leak, reattaching the rearview mirror, and checking and topping off all fluids. Even more amazing, they completed all of this work at no charge. Because of their servant-hearted support, our van is safely back in service, allowing us to continue serving our neighbors and sharing God’s love through this ministry. We are truly thankful for their partnership and generosity.



## JANUARY FOOD DRIVES

VFW #6480 .....	261 lbs.
Church of Latter Day Saints .....	1,461 lbs.
Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry .....	869 lbs.
Michele Louma .....	491 lbs.
Connect Christian .....	4,196 lbs.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Hickory Grove Christian School** for partnering with us for a wonderful volunteer project at the Crisis Assistance Center. Through their beans and rice packing event, students and volunteers generously gave their time and energy to help provide essential food items to families in need.



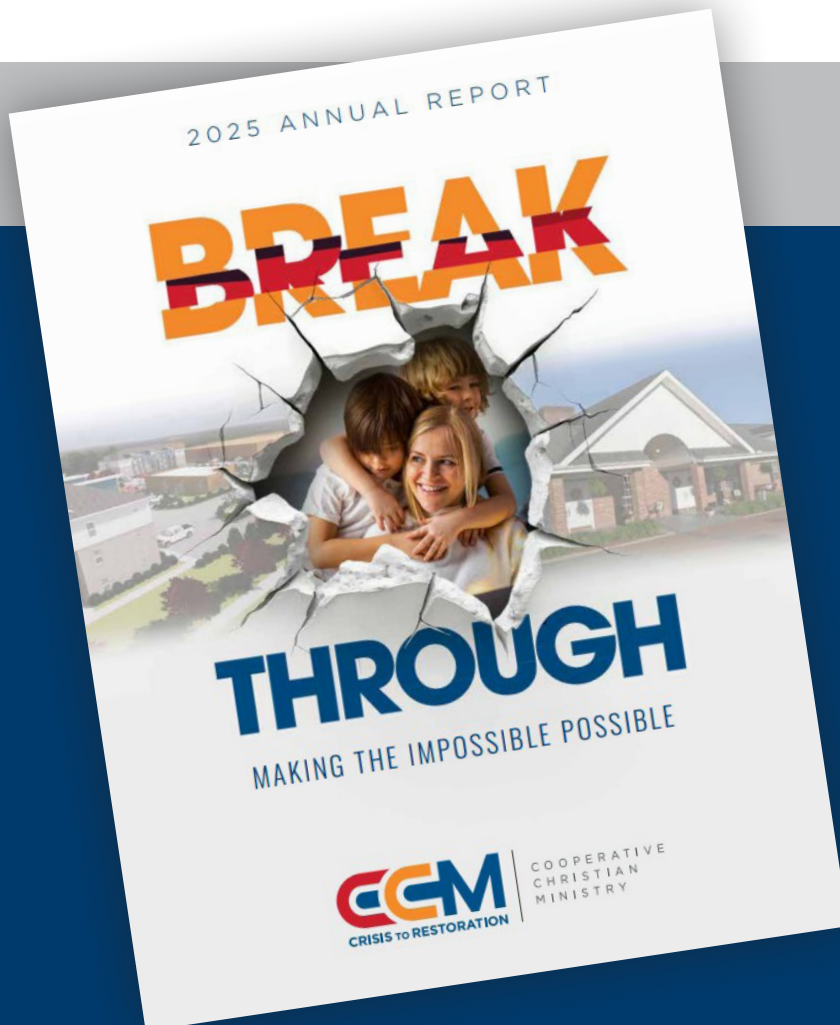
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**CCM** | BUSINESS  
CRISIS TO RESTORATION | BREAKFAST

MARCH 17, 2026  
7:30-9:00am

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# 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.

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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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