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**CABARRUS
COUNTY**

CAPACITY TO LIVE



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“Capacity” by definition: Ability - actual or potential; Position - function or role;
Electricity - maximum possible output (I like this one best)

I was running a race in junior high when I began my kick in the last turn. I passed the guy in front of me in the final stretch to finish fifth. The cheering from my fans (parents) was as though I had won the race. To them it was about giving my best and finishing well. More than fifty years later, that’s how I want to be measured.

Capacity can be measured in resources, influence, energy, talent, even athletic ability. The apportionment of these is as varied as there are people. While capacity is broad, it is always limited, like gemstones. The more limited it is, the more precious and valuable it is to give away.

Time is the capacity that levels the field. “Three score and ten” is what is expected, “yet strength might extend it to eighty years.” Psalm 90:10

Billy Graham once explained three score and ten (70 years) as the standard for productive life. Over seventy years, 15 years as adolescents, the



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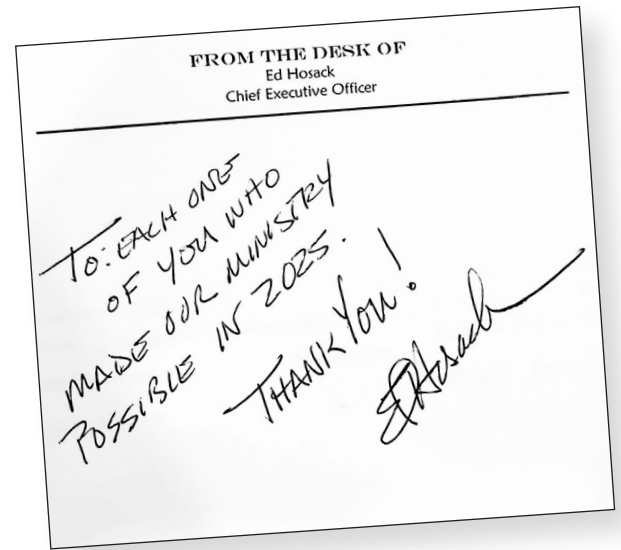
last 5 years spent winding down, 20 years are given to sleep and then there's eating. So, each of us has roughly 30 years to determine the impact of our lives. Regardless of how nutrition, science, and medicine may have extended those years, they are merely a window of opportunity.

We all have capacity to live; limitations only make the gift more precious.

The Rebuilders Campus and Grace Place @ Caremoor are about increasing capacity; our maximum possible output. To do that, we need your help. In return, we will do our best to help others do their best. That's how we want to be measured.

“Great leaders are not measured by what they accomplish in their lifetimes. Great leaders are measured by what others accomplish because of their life's work.”

We each may have 30 years of CAPACITY to LIVE, so live it well. We will be measured by the CAPACITY we GIVE.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES: BROWN MILL 2025 RECAP

The year 2025 provided significant activity and progress for the Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill Commons. Here are a few, but certainly not all, key highlights of that progress:

The Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) — Tremendous progress was made across multiple areas of the campus, notably within the future CHA footprint. Construction milestones included completion of the rear auditorium wall in November and CHA's transition into the final phase of its construction project by December. December '25 marked a particularly active month, with several infrastructure and site improvements completed. Interior bridges connecting CHA to the Community Services Building were relocated to prepare for a new egress platform, while construction crews installed a new transformer and utility lines at the front of the Education & Wellness Building. A new retaining wall and base for the CHA entrance ramp

were also completed, and site clearing began for a gravel lot on the Andrews Street side. The campus eagerly awaits CHA's opening of their space in early 2026, giving CCM (and CHA) the opportunity to showcase the partnership potential that the campus encourages.

Community Bulk Food Warehouse (CBFW) — Within the Community Services building layout, planning and development of the Nonprofit Collaborative Center (NPCC) advanced in 2025 through discussions with the Greater Cabarrus Foundation. We explored design concepts for locating the Center on the top floor of the Services Building and secured contractor quotes to support fundraising efforts. Concurrently, major progress was made on the Bulk Food Warehouse, with the floor system installed and finished between July and November 2025, completion of lead paint abatement and interior painting in November, and final egress improvements completed in December 2025. CCM received and is storing 5 pallets of Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE's) from the Cabarrus County Emergency Management department as an effort to distribute these meals to those in need prior to expiration. CCM will begin utilizing the renovated space at the CBFW in the first quarter of 2026.



Brown Mill Bike Ministry — located in the basement of the Community Services Building, this local bike ministry rebuilt or restored more than 200 bicycles and provided them to the YMCA's Toy Closet in December and delivered more than 60 bicycles for individuals needing a bicycle for transportation in 2025. This hands-on ministry invites volunteers and donations of used bicycles year-round. The Bike Ministry will be an integral part of the Rebuilder's Campus and CCM's transitional housing ministry, providing opportunities for children and young

adults to develop skills and positive relationships that will translate into educational and workplace benefits.

For more information on the 2025 progress at the Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill Commons, click the button below!

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NEW "RUN OF THE MILL" VIDEO: THE CABARRUS HEALTH ALLIANCE

In the latest installment of our Rebuilders Campus Run of the Mill video series, we take you behind the scenes with the Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) as they prepare to open their doors soon. See how this vital community space is coming together and get a glimpse into the work that's transforming it into a hub for health and wellness.

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.



Don't forget to follow @RebuildersCampus on Facebook and Instagram for more behind-the-scenes updates and impact stories.

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MINISTRY UPDATES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Please join us in celebrating and wishing a very happy retirement to Kris Edscorn and Lorie Williams, two of our beloved leaders who have shaped Cooperative Christian Ministry in lasting ways.

After 11 years with CCM, Kris retires after serving as our Food Program Manager and Lorie retires after an extraordinary 17 years as our Volunteer Program Manager.

We are deeply grateful for their dedication, leadership, and the care they showed to both neighbors in need and those who served alongside them, and we wish them both every blessing, joy, and fulfillment in this well-deserved next chapter.



Last month marked the end of my nearly eleven-year tenure on the staff of CCM. I worked in various areas, culminating in nearly six years as the Food Program Manager. Those have been wonderful years as I got to know and work with many of you in our community, as together we have served our neighbors in need.

—Kris Edscorn

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As I prepare to step into retirement, my heart overflows with gratitude for each of you. Serving alongside this volunteer community for the past 17 years has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. While this moment is bittersweet, I feel a deep sense of peace and fulfillment as I enter this new season.

— Lorie Williams

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the **Cabarrus County Emergency Management team** for an incredible donation of more than four pallets of Meals-Ready-To-Eat (MREs). CCM was able to utilize the recently renovated floor space at our Community Services building on the Brown Mill campus to store the palletted donation. We've been able to bless other charitable food nonprofit partners in the county by allocating a number of MRE cases to their efforts. Partners include: 1Can, Our Community Closet & Opportunity House.



MONTHLY MINISTRY AREA UPDATES

FOOD Following the EBT/SNAP benefit deferral, the Cabarrus County community stepped up in a powerful way with **food donations increasing by 58% in Nov 2025** compared to the previous year. During the month, **1,933 households** were served reaching **6,199 individuals** and distributing **94,237 pounds of food**—slightly more than Nov 2024—reflecting both continued need and strong community support. Additional assistance from **the David Tepper Foundation, through Second Harvest, provided more than 10,000 extra pounds of food**, helping ensure families had reliable access to meals during a critical time.

FINANCIAL Our team continues steady progress supporting clients through the application process. We're encouraged by the continued engagement and movement toward next steps.

HOUSING This month brought encouraging milestones across our housing programs—including families enrolling in counseling, residents addressing critical transportation needs, paying off debt, securing healthcare and community supports, earning certifications, gaining employment, building savings, and improving long-term stability through reliable transportation.

UPCOMING EVENTS



COMING SOON! ANNUAL REPORT



CHRISTMAS REPORT

Senior Care & Share Shoebox Program:

- A total of 323 shoeboxes and gift bags were received this year from our community.
- 293 were delivered to Meals on Wheels (Shut-Ins)
- 30 were delivered to Caremoor Assisted Living

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Program:

We received 162 applications for assistance. Applicants—including our housing clients—received support through adoption or sponsorship by individuals, local businesses, churches, local schools, and community-donated gift cards. Just to note that a few families transferred from their schools and moved out of area.

CCM was given an extended deadline to send families to the Cannon YMCA Toy Closet, where they were given toys, clothing, and bicycles for their children.

Thanks to **Crossroads Church** for sponsoring 50 names and **Northeast Digestive** for donating gift cards.

THANK YOU



A heartfelt thank you to **Speedway Children's Charities** for awarding our ministry with a \$25,000 grant! Their partnership will help us bring stability, nutrition, education, and hope to thousands of at-risk youth in Cabarrus County. We are grateful for Speedway Children's Charities' continued commitment to uplifting children throughout our community.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FOOD DRIVES

Central UMC	408 lbs.
Centerview Baptist	417 lbs.
Kimball Lutheran.....	429 lbs.
Speedway Harley-Davidson	450 lbs.
Bethel Wesleyan.....	453 lbs.
Poplar Tent Presbyterian.....	467 lbs.
Girl Scouts	572 lbs.
Center UMC	597 lbs.
Gilwood Presbyterian	658 lbs.
Harris Road Middle School	729 lbs.
Farmers and Hunters	
Feeding the Hungry (FHFH)	901 lbs.
Sensory Spectrum	1,178 lbs.
All Saints Episcopal.....	1,225 lbs.
West Point Baptist.....	1,350 lbs.
Pitts Baptist.....	434 lbs.
Michele Luoma	536 lbs.
Leafguard.....	567 lbs.
Cabarrus Wildlife Alliance	567 lbs.
Union Church	790 lbs.
Connect Christian	4,196 lbs.

CCM expresses our genuine gratitude to **The Harvard Business School's Management Development Program** for your generous donation of \$3,500. Your continued support will help strengthen our ability to serve neighbors in need throughout the Cabarrus community.



CCM's CRO, Jeremy Burleson also had the opportunity to participate in and graduate from the Harvard Business School advanced business studies course in 2025.

The program provided valuable insights and practical case study analyzation tools that will directly benefit CCM as we continue to expand our impact. Thank you for investing both in our mission and in the professional development that helps nonprofit leaders better serve their communities.

Mobile Food Pantries

In 2025 Cooperative Christian Ministry, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, conducted six Mobile Food Pantries at four sites. We served an average of 184 households each time (in 2 hours!), and that represented 635 individuals who received food each time. Through the year we distributed a total of 62,300 lbs. of food, which averaged 56 pounds per family.

We were very blessed by having four wonderful hosts for our Mobile Pantries, all of whom also sponsored or co-sponsored at least one of them:

- Elevation Church Concord

- St. James the Greater Catholic Church (the Knights of Columbus sponsored!)
- Bethel Baptist Church in Kannapolis
- Bethel Church of Midland

Other churches who sponsored or co-sponsored the events:

- Connect Christian Church
- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Emmaus Church

We are so grateful for each of these congregations who shared of their resources and provided lots of great volunteers. We look forward to 2026 and another great year of serving our neighbors in need in locations closer to where they live.



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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