

PERSPECTIVE

FROM THE FRONTLINES

CELEBRATING OUR 43RD YEAR OF RESTORING HOPE



**CABARRUS
COUNTY**

TRANSPARENCY



ED HOSACK
CEO

Our crisis financial relief services are overwhelmed. In 2024, the volume of our online applications far exceeded our capacity and frustrated our ability to respond in a timely and effective manner. We know now we cannot keep doing what we are doing at these levels!

Financial and housing crisis are escalating at an alarming rate across Cabarrus County. Existing mortgage payments are increasing, in some cases by hundreds of dollars per month due to changes in property taxes and insurance in escrow calculations.

- *One single mother reported her mortgage payment increased over \$170 per month.*
- *A married couple with three children reports their mortgage payment increased \$200 per month.*
- *A senior female living alone experienced her mortgage payment increasing \$300 per month.*

The single mom indicated the \$170 per month “will have to come out of groceries; there is nowhere else to take it.” Volume at CCM’s food pantries continues to skyrocket quarter over quarter. CCM spent \$93,000 in a 12-month period purchasing groceries to supplement donated food, an amount almost double the anticipated level.



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According to the North Carolina Housing Coalition (NCHC) fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Cabarrus County increased in 2024 to \$1,824 per month. The hourly wage needed to afford that is \$35 per hour. The NCHC ranks Cabarrus County #6 out of 100 North Carolina counties for evictions among renter households and reports more than 20 families per month faced foreclosure last year.

The burdens of changes in the economy are affecting virtually everyone. While some are shrugging it off and others are making the necessary adjustments to carry on, far too many in our community are suffering a cycle of loss that they cannot overcome on their own. Combine this reality with the worthwhile attention given to our Western North Carolina neighbors this fall, and you can see that resources are strained. Among the many places this is evident is in the charitable support for local nonprofits. CCM's revenue from community support is at eighty one percent (81%) of anticipated levels while demand for assistance grows at 15% to 20%.

CCM needs the support of Concord, Kannapolis, Harrisburg, Midland and Mount Pleasant households, churches and businesses who are able to help. MANY in our community are in crisis and need help! If you are in a position to help our neighbors in crisis, WE NEED YOUR HELP to help them! **PLEASE CONSIDER A SPECIAL GIFT DURING THE EASTER SEASON. THANK YOU.**



THE REBUILDERS CAMPUS UPDATE

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The need for financial assistance within our community is greater than ever, as we continue to receive a high volume of applications for support. In January 2025 alone, we received 310 applications for financial assistance. Despite the challenges, including staff transitions and an increased workload, **our dedicated team managed to award financial relief to 47 qualifying households, distributing over \$22,000 in funds for rent and utilities in January alone.** This growing demand highlights the importance of refining our reporting and service processes, ensuring that we accurately capture the scope of need and our ministry's efforts to meet it.

While the increasing volume of cases has strained our team, there is hope on the horizon. We are actively working to improve our systems, from revising the application process to introducing new volunteer support. These changes will help alleviate the pressure on our staff and ensure more efficient service delivery, allowing us to better serve the community. We are excited about the growth and progress we are making and are hopeful that with continued support, we will be able to provide the relief needed to those who are struggling. Please join us in prayer as we continue to strengthen our team and capacity to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Leanne Gilleland
Director of Relief Services

THE REBUILDERS CAMPUS UPDATE

CHECK OUT THE “RUN OF THE MILL” VIDEO SERIES AND REBUILDERS CAMPUS UPDATES

Episode 2 of *Run of the Mill* is Here!

Step Inside the Transformation of Brown Mill!

The Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill is coming to life, and in Episode 2 of our *Run of the Mill* video series, you're invited to take a **behind-the-scenes tour** with **Phil Tackett, CCM's Director of Facilities & Maintenance**. See firsthand how this historic mill is being transformed into a place of **housing, stability, education, and growth** for our community!

Watch Now: [Episode 2 of *Run of the Mill*](#)

But we can't do this alone. **WE NEED YOU.**

To complete this vision, we're calling on 10% of Cabarrus County to step up with a Promise gift to help bring this campus to life:

- \$1,200 one-time
- \$100/month for 12 months
- \$35/month for 3 years



Your support makes this possible! Together, we can provide families with a path to stability and create opportunities that will impact generations.

BE PART OF THE 10%. JOIN US TODAY! [The PROMISE LEVEL](#)

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OPPORTUNITY
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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THANK YOU

KIDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CCM!

Meet **David and his daughter, Julia!** On her snow day from school, Julia took the initiative to put up signs around her house asking for food donations for CCM. Thanks to her efforts, she and her dad were able to drop off 27 pounds of food! Meanwhile, we also picked up a pallet of Rice and Veggies meal kits from Lifeline Charlotte Centre, and the boxes were beautifully decorated by kids who participated in the “meal pack.” It’s incredible to see young hearts stepping up to help fight hunger in our community—thank you, Julia and all the kids making a difference!

FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVES

- **Boy Scouts** – over 7,700 lbs.
- **Gilwood Presbyterian** – 389 lbs.
- **Kimball Lutheran** – 663 lbs.



A BIG THANK YOU TO FOOD LION FOR THEIR GENEROSITY!

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to the incredible executive and **management teams from Food Lion** for their amazing support at the CCM Food Pantry!

After a tour and quick briefing, they jumped right into the action, pitching in wherever needed—sorting and bagging fresh produce, boxing up USDA food, assisting shoppers in the pantry, loading cars, cleaning and sorting eggs, and so much more! In addition to their hands-on help, they also dropped off a generous \$4,600 donation from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation!

We are so grateful for their time and effort. Thank you, Food Lion, for being a CCM partner!



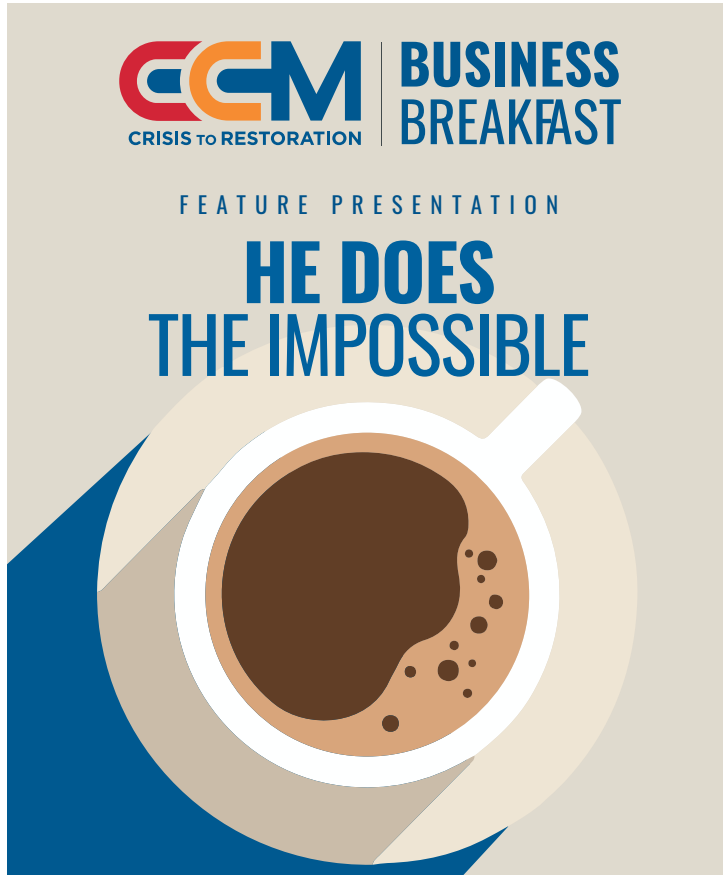
TUTORING PROGRAM

The tutoring program extends its sincere gratitude to **Summer Yarbrough** for visiting and reading her latest book, Pippin, You Are Just ALL Right! The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, eagerly following along and later expressing their creativity by making Valentine’s cards for their loved ones.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CCM BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) invites business leaders to our annual Business Breakfast at the City Club @ Gibson Mill. This special event provides a chance to hear ministry updates and learn how CCM continues to address hunger, financial crises, and homelessness in our community. This gathering is a meaningful way to connect with local leaders and discover how your business can be part of a positive impact.

Event Details:

Date: March 18th, 2025

Time: Doors open at 7:15 AM
Starts at 7:30 AM

Location: City Club @ Gibson Mill

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required for entry. There is limited seating available so RSVP by March 12th. Register [HERE!](#)

Reserve your spot today and be part of the conversation that helps shape a stronger, more compassionate community.

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2023-2024
ANNUAL REPORT!





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the full Strategic Plan

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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.

LEARN MORE



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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