

PERSPECTIVE

FROM THE FRONTLINES

CELEBRATING 42 YEARS OF RESTORING HOPE



From Our Chief Executive Officer, Ed Hosack

OUT OF THE RUBBLE...

*"Out of the rubble of past lives to build anew."
- Isaiah 58:12 (MSG)*

HOMELESSNESS has attracted national attention as close as Asheville, North Carolina and has become newsworthy in nearby Charlotte. The disruption of lives and the loss of potential is escalating here in Cabarrus County.

Families with children are the largest demographic of homeless in Cabarrus County. Our school counselors are identifying hundreds of students in this new school year who qualify for services through the McKinney-Vento Act for homeless students. Many more preschool-age children are included in these families who are living in hotels and other compromised environments across our community. Local indicators identify more than half of the homeless in Cabarrus County are children.

Cooperative Christian Ministry is partnering with the Cabarrus Community to provide immediate and long-term solutions to meet households in housing crisis and deliver resources and training for families to move out of crisis.

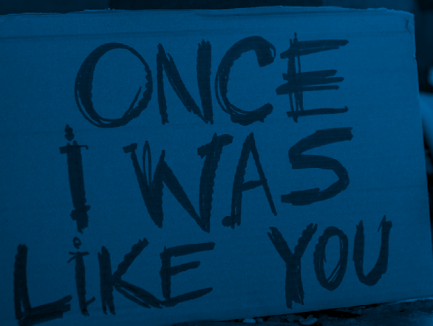
CCM's Path to Stability housing model is providing safety and producing stability for dozens of households, (60 to 80% of these households are headed by single mothers). Unfortunately, CCM's programs are meeting only 10% of the needs documented through applications for housing.

In June of 2023, CCM purchased the 10.5 acre Brown Mill property on Cabarrus Avenue in Concord. The site will become home to *The Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill Commons*.

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EXPERTS IN HOUSING RELIEF

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OUT OF THE RUBBLE! CONT.

Phase One of CCM's plan for new transitional housing capacity will open in 2026 to host *The Rebuilders College*, a program designed with CCM's *Path to Stability* transitional housing model. The Rebuilders Campus represents our community's **Window of Opportunity** to address the conditions and causes that are at the root of the housing crisis.

The Rebuilders Campus will be a place where:

- Parents and children will feel safe.
- Families will find the margin to **REBUILD** their finances.
- They will find structure and stability to **REPAIR** relationships
- And a sense of community to **RESTORE** hope.

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CCM's Bold New Initiative is your window of opportunity to engage with others all across our community to create a lasting solution that reflects the collaborative spirit and the desire for everyone in Cabarrus County to thrive.

Please watch for **Your Window of Opportunity** capital campaign.

YOUR Window of Opportunity

Cooperative Christian Ministry - Capital Campaign

WHO: Ten Percent (10%) of Cabarrus County Households and Businesses (8,000)

THE CHALLENGE: \$100 per month for ONE Year (\$1,200)

 OR \$50 per month for TWO Years

 OR \$35 per month for THREE Years

THE GOAL: \$9.6 million in three Years

 To create The Rebuilders Campus @ Brown Mill Commons

 A landmark transitional housing solution built by Cabarrus County residents to serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"



GRACE PLACE

REBUILDERS
CAMPUS



From Our Chief Relationship Officer, Jeremy Burleson

"All **HEAVEN** Breaks Loose"

All too often these days we hear of and are faced with factors that divide our nation, whether that be political viewpoints or social perspectives. Because of that division, we tend to overlook the one thing that unites us: we are ALL members of some community, somewhere! The overall health and well-being of our community depends heavily on the actions we take as citizens to help our neighbors overcome hardships and share in economic opportunities.

From the very beginning, the core of our mission at Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) has been rooted in the words found in Matthew 25:35 ...

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

- Matthew 25:35

I was reminded during a recent sermon at my church how important 'unity' is to accomplishing a common goal. These thoughts can certainly apply to the efforts of our communities when attentive to helping our neighbors in need:

Acknowledge the NEED for CommUNITY – we need one another, not only when times are good, yet more importantly when difficulties arise.

Embrace our Differences – we each have unique strengths and weaknesses, but represent a special piece that when put together, forms a unified whole.

Believe the BEST in Others – each one of us have beautiful qualities and not-so-beautiful qualities. Make a conscious choice to focus on the good.

God gets His GLORY – when we are unified around His purpose, we bring glory to the Father who thrives on seeing His people living in fellowship with one another.

As CCM continues in our **BOLD** steps forward to create housing solutions, to feed those who are hungry and to assist those who are financially insecure, there's absolutely no reason that with a unified community and a focus of delivering relief through the sharing of God's goodness, that we shouldn't experience **ALL HEAVEN BREAKING LOOSE** here in Cabarrus and Southern Rowan counties.

We invite you to **PRAY** alongside us, and **ENGAGE** with CCM.
CLICK HERE to learn more about the impact that CCM has in this community, and how **YOU** can be a part of sharing God's love through partnership and support.



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the full Strategic Plan

LEARN MORE

Help Us House Them!

CCM is continuing to look for added capacity in our Housing Program to replace recent changes, and we have found a partner at Memorial Baptist Church (MBC). With the help of local contractors and volunteers from MBC and Atrium Health, we are working to renovate a building provided by the church to replace 4 to 5 client rooms formerly provided at My Father's House in Concord. We hope to commission the facility in October as the My Father's House Annex, or The Annex, providing transitional housing support for families in crisis.

Please consider a special gift and designate to **"House Them Now."**

Thank you
For more information inquire at
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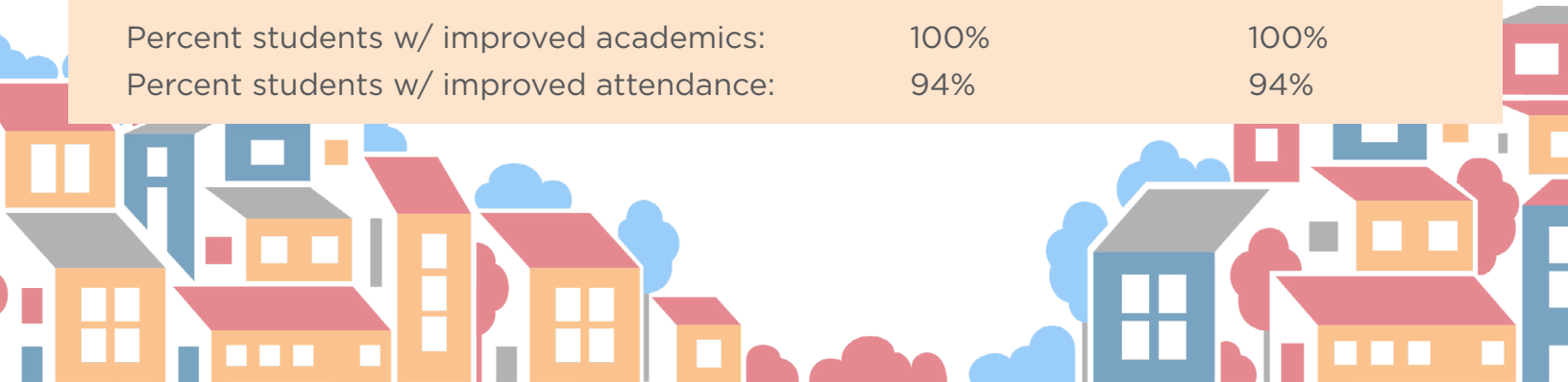
Period
July 2022 - June 2023

31 Households (HH)
80 people
2.6 people / household

34 adults
46 children (32 preschool age)
57% children

Average # months
in Program: 21.6 months

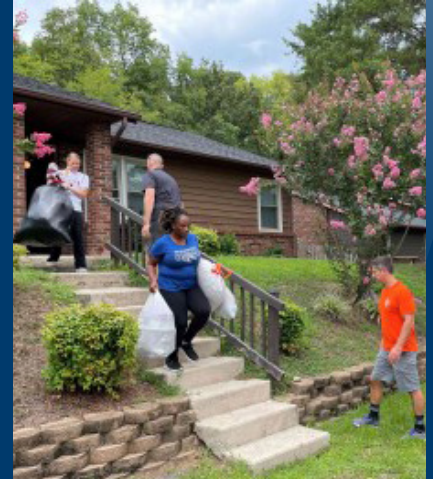
	July 22 - June 23	Same HH's for duration of time in program
Percent Improved HH income:	72%	86%
Percent Increase in income:	71%	119%
Percent reduced debt:	84%	88%
Amount of debt reduced:	\$51,148	\$100,157
Percent HH's w/ improved credit score:	59%	72%
Percent HH's w/ acquired an asset:	91%	
Estimated % improved savings:	69%	76%
Amount of funds placed in savings:	\$79,850	\$124,151
Number who acquired an asset:	6	6
Improvement in Financial Status:	96%	100%
Percent students w/ improved academics:	100%	100%
Percent students w/ improved attendance:	94%	94%



PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS



As part of the schools Day of Service, on August 2nd, staff from Winkler Middle School in Cabarrus County volunteered to help CCM move one of our clients to a new Teaching House location. In order to prepare the new location for a resident coming home from the hospital, volunteers worked alongside family members to load furniture and personal items into vans, then moved to the new location to help unload. Special thanks to Andrea Kiser from Winkler Middle school for reaching out too CCM and offering this much appreciated help.



Education and Support Services (ESS) recently held a financial literacy workshop, “Bank On Your Success,” in partnership with Truist Bank and the City of Concord Housing Department.

The workshop, which is part of our Pathway to Progress series, was facilitated by Nancy St. Jacobs, Vice-President / Multicultural Banking Leader/Truist for NC and Virginia West.



Ms. St. Jacobs provided participants with practical knowledge, skills-building opportunities, and resources they can use to manage their finances with confidence. With an emphasis on real life skills and choices, the program conceptualized financial literacy as more than just knowledge and skills, it helped participants recognize that attitudes and behavioral factors are equally critical for individuals to engage successfully in sound financial decision making. Ms. St. Jacobs emphasized that “multicultural baking is actually what banking on your success is. Truist’s purpose is to inspire and build better lives and communities.”

Thank you!

September Food Donations Highlights:

Bethpage Presbyterian collected 814 lbs. (non-perishables and fresh produce)

Crossroads Church collected 609 lbs. of food.

Poplar Tent Presbyterian collected 600 lbs. of food.

St. James the Greater Catholic collected 492 lbs. of food.

All Saints Episcopal Tour de Saints collected 448 lbs. of food.

Big thanks also to **Christ Lutheran Church**, who donated just over 1,000 meal kits (603 lbs.)

Thank you to **Elevation Church**, who hosted a backpack and school supplies drive during their annual LOVE WEEK, to benefit students in our housing program.

CCM would also like to thank **Rhonda Mann** and the rest of the **Atrium staff** for donating school supplies to MaC House.



CCM is incredibly grateful to **Duke Energy Foundation** for awarding us with a \$25,000 grant!

Their gift will support our capacity building initiative, equipping us to serve over 56,000 residents facing food, financial, or housing crisis this year.



CCM wants to extend our gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's Cabarrus County Nonprofit Workshop. Your overwhelming support and enthusiasm have truly made this event a resounding success. With over 100 registered participants and representatives from more than 55 different agencies, the workshop was a testament to the strength and resilience of our nonprofit community. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors, **F&M Bank and Crossroads Church**. We were thrilled to hear the positive feedback from attendees, highlighting the effectiveness of the workshops, the engaging presenters, and the wealth of knowledge shared. Each presenter and

participant's dedication to our community is truly commendable, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



EVENTS

BREAKING FREE From the Money Traps

Thursdays, beginning Sept. 14th - Oct. 12th

Midway United Methodist Church

9:00 - 11:30 am

708 S. Main Street, Kannapolis, NC 28081

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF BANKING & MONEY

Educating Community Members to Understand Credit,
Checking & Savings Accounts, Predatory Loans, Penalties
...and More

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Cabarrus County CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 8, 2023

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

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Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries

September 14th (Thursday)

St. James the Greater Catholic Church

10:00AM-12:00PM

139 Manor Ave. SW

October 12th (Thursday)

Concord Elevation Church Campus

10:00AM-12:00PM

545 Concord Pkwy N.

(Church Parking Lot)

October 26th (Thursday)

Concord Elevation Church Campus

10:00AM-12:00PM

545 Concord Pkwy N.

(Church Parking Lot)



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