SEPTEMBER 2024 **PERSPECTIVE** FROM THE FRONTLINES

CELEBRATING OUR 43RD YEAR OF RESTORING HOPE



CABARRUS COUNTY 43 YEARS... THANK YOU!



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The people of Cabarrus County have demonstrated confidence in Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) to respond to the needs of our neighbors in crisis for over four decades. We have collaborated in every sector, from government and business, health and education, to individuals and the faith community. Our efforts have adapted for two generations to reflect the level and nature of the challenges in our community.

Today, the need is for transitional housing. CCM is endeavoring on our greatest response ever to create a solution for hundreds of our most vulnerable neighbors. The face of

homelessness and housing crisis in Cabarrus County is a single mother and her children or a senior adult, most likely female.

This **Bold New Initiative** will require everyone who can help! It will be the greatest collaborative effort we have faced together since the loss of textile manufacturing. If just ten percent of Cabarrus County households and local businesses can make a promise level gift, we will raise \$10 million and make lasting progress toward solving the housing crisis. Much like in 2003, this affects all of us. Let's do this together!



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THE REBUILDERS CAMPUS UPDATE

A LOOK INTO CCM'S PROGRAMS OFFICE AT BROWN MILL COMMONS

The new CCM Programs Office at Brown Mill opened in July of 2024. This facility now serves as the central hub for the CCM Programs Team, bringing together essential programs and service leaders under one roof. Designed to foster collaboration and streamline services, the office allows the team to work more effectively, improving their ability to meet the diverse needs of the community. At the heart of the Programs Office is the dedicated housing team, which manages critical functions, including:



NATALIE CAMILLI DIRECTOR OF HOUSING PROGRAMS

- HOUSING SERVICES AND OPERATIONS: program admissions, transitions, and access to safe, independent housing
- **PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** engages residents to take an active role in improving finances, earning potential, and employability skills while promoting a sense of ownership and personal accountability
- **FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM:** promotes physical, mental, and spiritual health among families through clinical referrals, health and wellness education, and faith-building activities
- CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM: ensures access to quality learning opportunities and extracurricular activities for early childhood and youth participants

Together, these programs work to ensure that housing residents have access to resources that meet their housing needs while also empowering individuals to actively participate in their own growth and development. The Programs Office at Brown Mill brings these service leaders together in a single, cohesive environment, allowing for efficient coordination of the comprehensive, person-centered program. The opening of this new office also allows for repurposing of space at the Mothers & Children (MaC) House. The space previously used for offices at MaC House now houses an additional family, increasing CCM's capacity to provide crucial support and resources to mothers and children in crisis.

We've just launched brand-new social media pages dedicated to the Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill! Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for weekly updates, exclusive videos, and the latest on everything happening at the rebuilders Campus. If you're curious about the progress and what's coming next, be sure to follow along!



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

A MESSAGE FROM A FORMER CLIENT: "WE MISS YOU ALL!"

We recently got an email that made us smile! One of our former clients reached out to share a sweet memory. Last weekend, they were putting together some bags and it took them back to the days when they were in our program, receiving those very same bags.

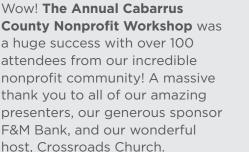
They wrote, "Hope everyone is doing well. Last weekend we worked on some bags and it made me remember when we used to be in the program and get this kind of bags! We miss you all!!!"

It's always wonderful to hear from past clients, especially when they share how much their time with us meant to them.

CCM had a successful Family Fun Day on Saturday August 3rd. We celebrated with 12 of our housing families and many children with some great food, a shopping experience, backpack and school supplies donation, and a huge water slide. We worshiped and received the gospel together. It was a beautiful day and we thank each of our partners:

- -**Memorial Baptist Church** allowed us to host at their facility and volunteers
- -Fair Repair Auto Care- sponsored a free inflatable
- -**Parris Riley** Collected nice and gently used clothes for over a year for our ladies to shop for free for themselves and their children in a Safespace Fashion
- -Perry Family- for sponsoring Chick-Fil-A for up to 50 people.
- -Elevation Church- backpack donation













THANK YOU

"As our community navigates inflation and rising eviction rates, we are grateful to the City of Kannapolis for awarding \$4,500 in CDBG nonprofit grant funds to support our Financial Services division! Their partnership will provide emergency financial assistance to ensure that Kannapolis families can remain safely in their homes with their basic needs intact. **THANK YOU, KANNAPOLIS!**"

AUGUST FOOD DRIVES

- Bethpage Presbyterian 687 lbs. (in addition to all the produce they bring each week from their community gardens)
- Speedway Harley 342 lbs. Center UMC 353 lbs.
- Elder Orphan Care 722 lbs. St. James Catholic 359 lbs.
- Crossroads Church 567 lbs. Kimball Lutheran 203 lbs.
- Gillwood Church 312 lbs.



Thank You, **Tour de** Saints Riders!

A huge thank you to the Tour de Saints cycling event, hosted by **All Saints' Episcopal Church**,

for your amazing generosity! Together, you helped collect 731 pounds of nonperishable food for Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) to support our neighbors in need.

"11th Annual Tour De Saints with so many awesome riders! 64 miles of perfect weather and great company - to top it off, ended up in the cold plunge to rescue my tired legs. My favorite part of this event is the money we raise for Cooperative Christian Ministry." – Jennifer McCarthy



JOIN THE CCM TEAM!

We're currently seeking passionate individuals to fill the following positions

Bilingual Client Services Provider: Part-time, salaried position

Housing Care Coordinator: Full-time, salaried position

Facilities Maintenance Technician: Full-time, salaried position

Maintenance Project Manager: Full-time, salaried position

Interested candidates can find detailed job descriptions and apply on our <u>CCM Careers</u> <u>page</u>. Take the next step in your career with CCM and help us make a positive impact in our community!



A BIG THANK YOU TO ELEVATION CHURCH!

We are so grateful to Elevation Church for their kindness and hard work during their annual "Love Week." Volunteers prepared sandwiches for our clients, packed beans and rice, and handed out snacks and water to those in need. Your support truly makes a difference in our community!



UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR CELEBRATE HOPE 2024

Since 1981, CCM has been meeting families facing crisis, providing them with critical needs, and empowering them to make lasting life changes. You will not want to miss this meaningful experience filled with stories of hope.

Your participation, sponsorship, and contributions for this event support CCM's MISSION to provide assistance to members of our community. Members who are experiencing crisis in the areas of food, finances, and housing and empowering them to move beyond crisis.

On **Monday, October 7th, and Tuesday, October 8th,** CCM is holding its 28th annual "Celebrate HOPE" event! Join us in-person for an evening celebrating the lives that God has transformed through CCM's ministry. Click the button bellow to learn more about registering or donating for the 2024 Celebrate HOPE event!







Wealth Management

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FALL MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DATES

October 23 (Wednesday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Bethel Baptist Church 2474 Dale Earnhardt Blvd Kannapolis 28083

Co-Sponsored by Poplar Tent Presbyterian and Roberta Methodist



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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.

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.

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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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