

2022 -2023 ANNUAL REPORT



BEYOND HORIZONS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

REACHING OUR HORIZONS...



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...was our adopted theme in 2023. *What we learn along the way shapes our potential, but it is how we choose to apply what we've learned that determines the outcome (success) of the journey.*

Our Vision at Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) is for every person of every age to recognize their gifts, discover their purpose and experience the fulfillment God intends for their life.

CCM's programs require a desire to change circumstances, a willingness to set goals against a plan, and perseverance to overcome obstacles through hard work. Success is not defined by arriving at the goal. It is demonstrated in the ability to do it again, to reach one horizon and begin striving for a new one.

Our Relief programs meet individuals and families in crisis to address immediate needs and to engage households in corrective actions.

Our Recovery (housing) programs engage households over time to educate and empower them to move from

vulnerability to stability, from crisis to restoration.

In the second half of 2023, CCM's relief programs served the highest sustained level of need in our forty-two year history. Prevailing economic factors combined with local trends have created a heavy burden for an increasing number of Cabarrus County households. The effectiveness of CCM's programs lifted a significant number of local households out of crisis, but as the needs escalate and complexity of those needs evolve, there is an overwhelming demand for additional capacity and extended supports.

In 2023, CCM initiated two significant projects to expand transitional housing capacity in Cabarrus County. The Rebuilders Campus and Grace Place represent a window of opportunity to address the growing housing crisis and the threat of escalating homelessness in Cabarrus County.

These solutions will require our community's greatest response to create and support a viable solution to the challenges ahead. **Beyond our Horizon** will reflect our activities in 2024. For many in our community, what they are able to see from where they stand is as far as they will ever go. In order to secure the future of our community, we must equip them to aspire beyond their current horizon.

New Horizon Strategic Plan

Our focus is on Five Goals to achieve positive and meaningful outcomes for these populations and priority areas.



Our Priority Populations are

- Individuals & Families in Crisis
- Children Age 0-5 Years
- Working Age Adults
- Senior Adults

Our Strategic Priorities address

- Housing Stability & Recovery
- Early Childhood Development
- Employment Transitions
- Senior Adult Well-being



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Yesse and her family used to live in apartments, sharing with other people because it was too expensive to live alone. They always wanted to have their own privacy, but it was impossible in that shared living space. Yesse wanted to start a new life with her kids as a single mom. After applying and connecting with CCM, Yesse and her family moved, with nothing, into My Father's House (MFH). After one year at MFH, Yesse learned and accomplished so many things... she expanded her knowledge of English, learned to budget, obtained a job and acquired a vehicle.

“Wow, that would be my dream to have a house, like my own place! I have to do this, I have to do it... because I want that!”

After these positive results while at MFH, her family moved to the Mothers & Children Home (MAC). They continued to flourish, learned more about checking and savings accounts, and paid a small program fee. While there, a representative from Habitat for Humanity-Cabarrus shared information on how to apply for their housing opportunities.

Yesse and her family were approved for a Habitat home. Following several months of construction and volunteer hours spent building their own home, Yesse and her family moved into their home in 2022!

“Yesse’s testimony and overall story not only represent the essence of what one can accomplish with hard work and commitment to the CCM housing program, but also how collaboration between two community nonprofit organizations can truly be of utmost benefit to an individual or family seeking stability and independence.” –Jeremy Burleson, Chief Relationship Officer, CCM



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SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS

GRACE PLACE @ CAREMOOR

A solution for senior adults in our community who are alone, able to live independently and in need of a transition to stable housing. Grace Place will complement the Caremoor independent living community for senior adults and their supporting families.

Grace Place @ Caremoor will enhance the community environment through a restorative housing program for senior members of our community and mothers with children. The program will restore dignity and purpose in the lives of individuals as they establish stability and reconnect with vital relationships that will allow them to engage in community life.

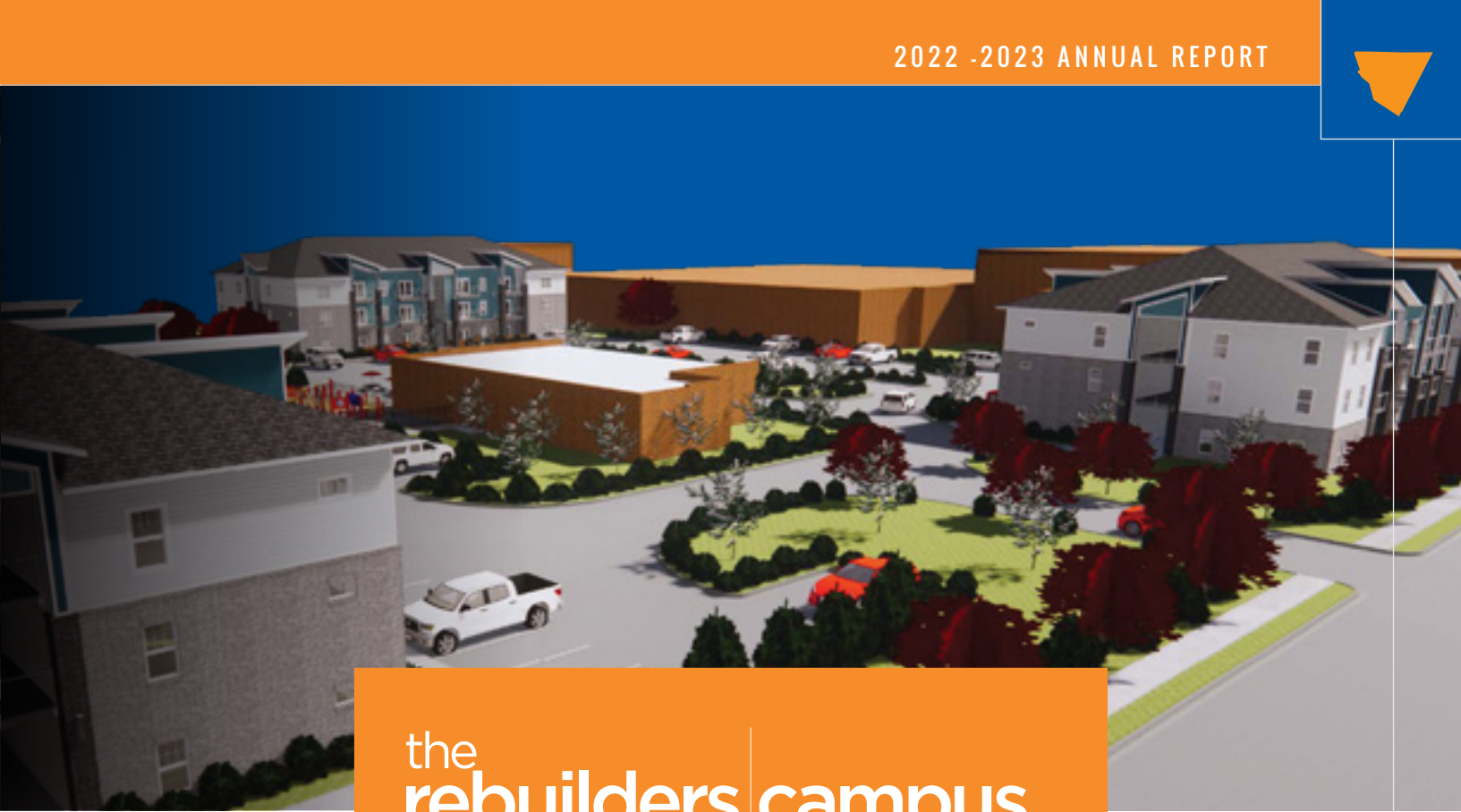
Qualified staff will coordinate partner agencies and volunteers to ensure on-site support and facilitate campus communication.

The Grace Place @ Caremoor concept will incorporate innovative activities and environmental controls that enhance the life experiences of young and old. The model will develop through campus design, program development and facility renovation for a comfortable blending of life stages.



INVEST

INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY



the
rebuilders campus
at Brown Mill
Commons

The Rebuilders Campus is a partnership between our community and Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) to establish new transitional housing capacity that will help individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing crisis.

The Rebuilders Campus will provide stable housing, nutritional support, and access to resources that support positive outcomes. The encouraging community environment will provide resources for adult and child education, healthy habits and activities, connection to vital necessities, access to public and other transportation, job training, career coaching, and employment opportunities.

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CCM'S RESPONSE IN 2022/2023

CHALLENGE IN CABARRUS COUNTY IN 2022/2023

Cabarrus County Population in 2023 - **239,868**
 % Population Growth - **1.73%** over 2022
 % Living in Poverty - **26%**
 # of Households living in poverty - **18,708**
 # Recorded Evictions - **1,367**
 # Homeless Students - **835**
 # Applications received for Housing - **558** – **avg. 46.5**
 # Applications received for Financial Assistance - **2,452** – **avg. 204**

HUNGER

Households that received groceries from all CCM Food Programs - **15,862**
 # People - **49,875**
 Children (0-18) - **18,793**
 Older Adults (65+) - **5,955**
 Food distributed through CCM Food Programs - **843,739 lbs** (not counting what was shared with partners, etc.)
 Total non-waste food distributed was **919,267 lbs.**

AVERAGE MONTHLY

Households served - **1,322**
 Individuals - **4,156**
 Children (0-18) - **1,525**
 Older Adults (65+) - **496**

FINANCIAL CRISIS

Needs addressed - **1,229**
 \$\$\$ Distributed Total = **\$1,186,897**
 # Evictions avoided - **568**
 # Utility cut-offs avoided - **658**

HOMELESSNESS

Families housed - **37**
 # People / children - **88/46**

VOLUNTEERS

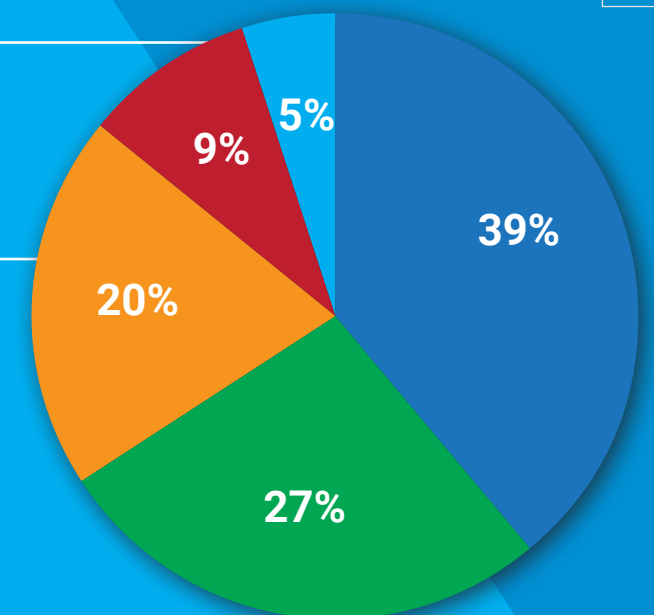
Total # of Unique Volunteers in FY 2022-2023: **851**
 Total # of Volunteer Hours in FY 2022-2023: **33,603**

EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

of referrals made by ESS – **483**

EXPENSES

- Hunger Relief
- Financial Relief
- Housing Programs
- Administration & Fundraising
- Education & Support Services



Breaking Free

• 2 classes offered / 15 graduates

Getting Ahead

• 2 classes offered (through a partnership w/The Opportunity House)

Bridges Out of Poverty

• 1 class offered / 10 graduates

Pathway to Progress

• 4 classes offered / 70 participants

CABARRUS HEALTH ALLIANCE DENTAL PARTNERSHIP

• Registered **129** community members for dental services program
 • Hosted 3 Mobile Dental clinics @ All Saints Episcopal, Grace Lutheran & Carver Community Annex

CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS TUTORING PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP FOR 2022- 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

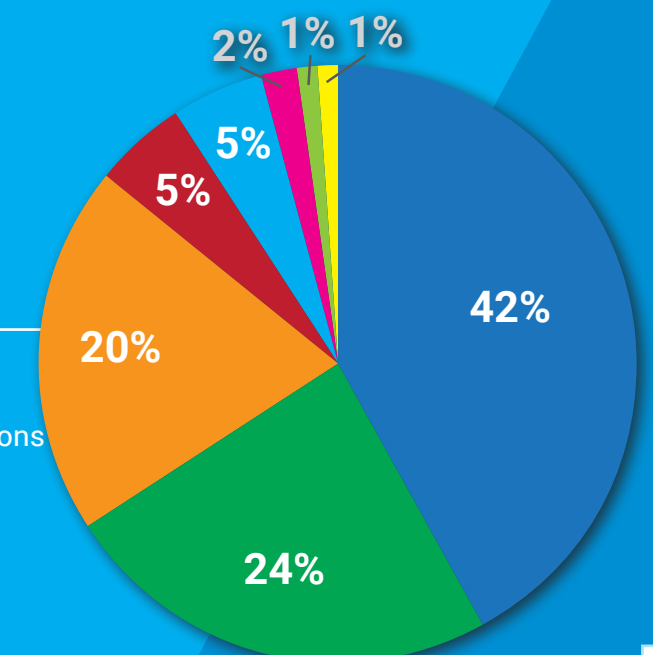
• 8 students participated

SUMMER CAMP - CCM HOUSING RESIDENTS

• 9 children participated / 6 participants in the Youth Financial Literacy workshop led by NOVA Credit

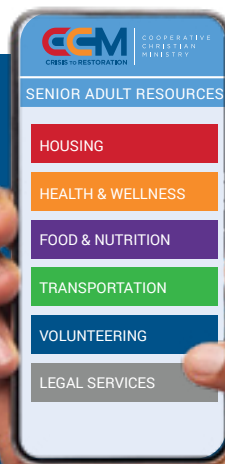
REVENUES

- Donated Food/Other In-Kind
- Individuals
- Businesses/Corporate Foundations
- Foundations/Grants
- Social Enterprise
- Churches/Church Groups
- Government Agencies
- Community Groups & Other



RESTORING HOPE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE IN CRISIS!

The **Senior Adult Resource Guide** is a tool providing an array of resources to help meet the needs of Senior Adults. Scan the QR code below for a list of resources in Cabarrus County.



LEARN MORE

Click or visit
CooperativeMinistry.com



FOOD RESOURCES

There are many locations in Cabarrus County and the surrounding areas that provide both healthy produce and other perishable/non-perishable foods. Scan the QR code to the right to see the locations and hours of operation for these resources.

LEARN MORE



OUR PARTNERS ARE OUR STRENGTH

Total Volunteers **851** = Total Hours **33,603**

- Pantry Assistant
- Interviewer
- Data Entry
- Mobile Food Pantries
- Van Driver
- Meal Provider
- Office Assistant
- Host a Food Drive
- Childcare
- Tutor
- Class Facilitator
- Photographer
- Painter
- Repairs
- Yard Work
- Helper
- Committee Member

JENNIFER YATES: BREAKING FREE

celebrate
HOPE



I used to work a job with monthly paychecks that consistently arrived between the 13th and 18th of each month. One month, my car needed urgent repairs, and I assumed I could cover the costs once my paycheck came in by the 18th. Unfortunately, that particular month, my paycheck was delayed beyond the usual timeframe, causing me to panic.

Credit Union, and suddenly, I felt like I belonged. The bank knew me, making me feel important and recognized, something we all desire as humans.

Desperate for a solution, I approached my supervisor, who, with good intentions, suggested dipping into savings or borrowing from someone until my paycheck arrived. As a person in recovery, striving for independence and a single mom of three, I explained that I didn't have savings or anyone to borrow from.

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About a week later, my boss sent me an email with a flyer for a class called “Breaking Free from the Money Traps.” I couldn't help but feel that the timing of this information was a subtle message for me to take control of my finances. The class offered simple incentives like a stipend, free dinner, and two hours of childcare.

To my surprise, the class turned out to be much more than just financial education. I formed connections with people in the community, particularly other moms and women facing similar challenges. I was even given an account at Nova

I was paired with a financial coach who genuinely cared about understanding my personal journey and financial goals. Together, we went through my credit report, devised a plan to pay off debt, and initiated a savings strategy. Thanks to this class, I receive regular emails from Cooperative Christian Ministry

(CCM) offering additional community resources.

The class educated me on various banking

terms, types of savings accounts, and how loans work. Most importantly, it empowered me with the confidence and skills to save money and pursue my financial goals. As a woman of faith, this class reinforced my ability to steward the resources provided by God, allowing me to increase my tithe.

I want to express my gratitude to those supporting Cooperative Christian Ministry. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of families like mine. Even though we may never meet, know that your support is felt and appreciated. Thank you for letting me share my story.

CCM IN THE COMMUNITY

Find these community offerings and more on our website.

[CooperativeMinistry.com](https://www.cooperativeministry.com)



Adopt-A-Family

The Adopt-A-Family Program is designed to help those that are in the most critical need this holiday season and is coordinated by CCM. The program pairs referred clients/families with groups or individuals who have volunteered to “Adopt” a family for Christmas.

Senior Care & Share Shoeboxes

Many seniors live on fixed incomes and find themselves very much alone. A Senior Care & Share Shoebox or Bag spreads holiday cheer to someone who may not have much to look forward to this time of the year.

EACH ONE SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT HE HAS RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, FAITHFULLY ADMINISTERING GOD’S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.

1 Peter 4:10



The City of Concord offers an easy way for you to participate in a program called **Neighbor Helping Neighbor**. Donations can be made by rounding up your utility bill to the nearest dollar amount.



Churches, businesses, community groups, families, individuals and local government rally together to make a positive impact on our neighbors through local service projects and by serving each other.



Non-Profit Workshop

This workshop is an opportunity for nonprofit executives, staff, and volunteers to engage in professional development that will strengthen their impact in our community.



Business Breakfast

Business leaders in our community hear current CCM ministry updates and learn about partnership opportunities that will impact our community.



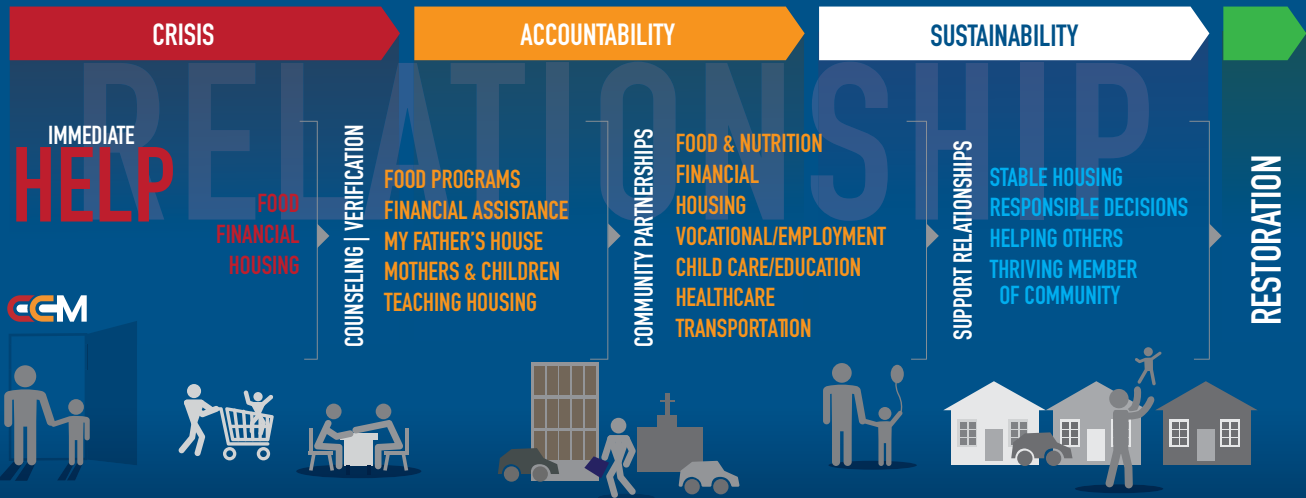
Pastor/Leader Breakfast

This is a time for the faith community to come together to learn ways in which CCM is assisting even the least of these in our communities.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- The Homelessness Task Force
- The Hunger Task Force
- The Unsheltered Impact Group
- Healthy Cabarrus Advisory Board
- The Housing Coalition
- The Cabarrus H.U.B.B. Steering Committee
- Dream Center Partners

CRISIS TO RESTORATION



DELIVERING CRISIS RESOURCES
EXPANDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
PROVIDING RESOURCE NAVIGATION
ENGAGING WITH SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES
CREATING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BUT THAT’S NOT ALL...

IN AREAS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT OUTCOMES FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, CCM WILL...

- Strengthen our efforts to ensure access to appropriate early child care & nutritional resources
- Incorporate computer and technology training for students in our program
- Expand on-the-job training opportunities and apprenticeships within our own programs and pursue job placement, career education, vocational training and re-training for adult populations in transition
- Expand partnerships for primary care, health education and mental health & substance use resources for vulnerable populations

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

- **Learn:** become informed about CCM and who we serve
- **Get Involved:** we encourage you to volunteer
- **Give:** so we can do more to help our neighbors in crisis

WAYS TO GIVE

- **ONLINE:** CooperativeMinistry.com
- **venmo** @CCMConcord
- **Check mailed to:** PO Box 1717 Concord, NC 28026

Phone: 704-786-4709



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