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#### General Board Report on 2021

Serving as the Disciples health and social service general ministry since 1887, the National Benevolent Association (NBA) exists to: inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in

the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity. This mission guides the work of NBA each day and especially through our shared experiences of this past year—from navigating a global health pandemic, to addressing systemic racism and inequities experienced by people of color, to



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responding diligently and with care to the needs of Disciples health and social service nonprofit ministries. Following are some program updates, meaningful accomplishments, and the comprehensive directory of Disciples health and social service ministries with whom we partner.

### **Introducing Community Engagement and Staff Transitions**

The NBA is excited to launch a new program area that we call Community Engagement. Grounded within NBA's historic mission of being a faithful witness and advocate for people in need (note: In 1886, much of NBA's beginnings started by providing social services and housing to children and mothers in poverty) -- our commitment with community engagement is about organizing and supporting community efforts to transform root causes of social injustice. Rev. Héctor Hernández Marcial will serve as the Director of Community Engagement, after offering leadership for the past several years as NBA's Connect Coordinator.

Additional staff transitions include adding staff to our NBA Social Entrepreneurship program and our Development and Marketing team. We welcome Ashley Mayham, Program Coordinator for Social Entrepreneurship, and Brittany King, Senior Marketing Associate. We also celebrate Rev. Monica Wedlock Kilpatrick, who as of December 1, 2020 became the Vice President of Organizational and Leadership Development essentially providing oversight and implementation for all of NBA's programs. Rev. Rebecca Hale, NBA's current Executive Vice President, will take on new and expanded responsibilities such as operational activities and coordinating projects within NBA's areas of human resources, finance, and development and marketing.

### **NBA COVID-19 Response Grants and NBA Mission and Ministry Grants**

To offer a rapid and impactful response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the NBA Board of Trustees authorized grant funding to support Disciples-related ministries working to respond to the deep social and health needs in communities. By the end of 2020, NBA provided \$1,000,000 to 63 Disciples congregations, 28 health and social service



*Photos from COVID-19 NBA Response Grant recipients.*

nonprofits, and across 25 Disciples regions. Organizations were able to offer support in the areas of health services including providing mental health counselors and therapists, to offering emergency funding to make payments that allowed families to stay in their homes. It was notable that over forty-four percent of the grant support went to programs providing direct food supplies such as food delivery to individuals in social isolation. One of the grantees named the program simply “operation feed the people.”

Additionally, \$30,000 in grant support was provided to individual leaders and professionals working within Disciples health and social service organization. This funding was intended to support professional development and wellness services for nonprofit leaders during these strenuous pandemic times. Furthermore, with the NBA Mission and Ministry Grants, we were able to award \$180,000 to 23 Disciples projects and ministries working with older adults and at-risk children and youth. A complete listing of these ministries and grant recipients can be found at [nbacares.org/stories-and-news](http://nbacares.org/stories-and-news).

### **Social Entrepreneurship**

In the fall of last year, NBA hosted our annual SENT Seminar (**S**ocial **E**ntrepreneurship) virtually over the course of three days that featured plenary speakers and smaller breakout sessions and workshops. SENT Seminar continued in its central focus of providing education, networking opportunities, and empowering leaders committed to developing new social service organizations. In 2021, we launched our inaugural SENT Cohort, made up of ten innovative leaders who will learn, network, and accompany each other over the next several months in being social entrepreneurs. We also welcomed two partner organizations – [Good Life Care Resource Center](#) (Los Angeles, CA) and [StoryWagen](#) (Kansas City, MO) – as our newest Social Entrepreneur Partners (formerly known as Incubate Partners).



*The first SENT Cohort meeting was held virtually.*

## XPLOR

After considerable discernment, NBA made the difficult decision to place our young adult residential program on hiatus for the 2020-2021 program year. With Coronavirus pandemic, NBA had to consider the many unpredictable variables in hosting a residential program. We had to consider how to safely bring together people – Residents, Spiritual Companions, community engagement sites, and host team members – in the midst of this health crisis ultimately determining that the program could not take place for the program year. During the hiatus, the NBA XPLOR team is engaging in program evaluation and re-envisioning a programmatic experience that allows us to continue nurturing young adult leadership for the church and the world.

### Peer Learning & Wellness Groups

Last year, three peer learning and wellness groups concluded their cohort terms after a revised and extended peer group timeline due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Advocacy and Activism Peer Group and the Prison and Jail Ministries Peer Group met virtually throughout 2020 to continue to offer collegial support and mutual learning. The Chaplains peer group was able to meet in-person one last time before the pandemic and completed their journey virtually in December. We celebrate the tremendous leadership that members in each of these groups provide daily in their communities, congregations, advocacy organizations, and ministry sites. Also in 2020, we were able to launch our first multilingual Latin@ Pastors and Leaders Peer Learning and Wellness Group that met virtually throughout the year.



*The Latin@ Peer Group enjoyed a virtual cooking class and learned to make street tacos.*

### Mental Health & Wellness Initiative

Since 2016, the NBA has been responding to the Church's call to offer "welcome and support to people with mental health illness and disorders" (see GA Resolution 1523). Our work has included bringing together mental health professionals to explore justice issues, clergy wellness, and theological resources. We supported multi-region clergy care programs through webinars, peer groups, and trainings, along with several collaborative projects with congregations, seminaries, regions, and other general ministries. In February 2021, Rev. Angela Whitenhill-Shields, who serves as our Mental Health Initiative Manager, is transitioning away from her NBA role into some new areas of ministry related to mental, physical, and spiritual wellness in Black and Brown communities. We are in a search process for new staff to lead our mental health and wellness areas in this new season.

## Creating Communities of Compassion and Care

Our NBA vision of creating communities of compassion and care faithfully continues and, in many ways, expands into new areas of compassion, healing, and justice during these ever-changing social times. On our nbacares.org website, we welcome you to follow the stories, ministries, and people making possible transforming and meaningful health and social service ministry each day.



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## DISCIPLES-RELATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Broken, Mended, and Restored  
Rev. Dr. Lisa Enders Tunstall, President/CEO  
(310) 639-5974

[team-bmar.com](http://team-bmar.com)

[facebook.com/BrokenMendedAndRestored](https://facebook.com/BrokenMendedAndRestored)

Broken, Mended and Restored (BMAR) is an organization that equips churches with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide emotionally healthy environments for the emotionally traumatized and relationship abuse victims. Founded in 2008 by Rev. Dr. Tunstall, their mission is to engage communities in promoting abuse-free relationships, family violence prevention/intervention education and resource/referral information. For more than a decade, the organization has held conferences and learning opportunities for clergy and faith leaders in efforts to shed light on the type of abuse that can happen behind closed doors and across communities.

Chain Reaction Ministries

David Finklea, Executive Director

Memorial Drive Christian Church: 11750 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

First Christian Church: 3700 N. Walker Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

(713) 789-0060

[chainreactionbikes.org](http://chainreactionbikes.org)

Chain Reaction Ministries provides freedom of transportation to those in need through a ministry of bicycle recycling. Started at Memorial Drive Christian Church in Houston, Texas, CRM recycles bicycles by linking donors with identified needs in the community. CRM had humble beginnings in 2009 by answering a call by Westside Homeless Partnership for used bikes for kids in their program. People have an emotional attachment to their bicycles. It was their first bike, or their kid's first bike – and they don't simply want to set it on the curb, or donate it to a large, faceless charity. They want to know that their bike can provide the same freedom and hope to a person in need that they experienced.

Child Saving Institute

Peg Harriott, President and CEO

4545 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68132

(402) 553-6000

[childsaving.org](http://childsaving.org)

Child Saving Institute provides a safe haven and healing for thousands of innocent young victims of family crisis, neglect and abuse. We offer the vital services necessary to make at-risk children safe and fractured families whole through programs such as early childhood education, foster care, adoption, an emergency shelter, parenting classes and therapy. Our mission is "responding to the cry of a child," but it is our vision that guides us as we work to give the children we serve safe, happy childhoods. Our vision is that all children have homes where hope is kindled and dreams can be achieved. This is our work, and they are ALL our children.

### Christian Care Communities

Mary Lynn Spalding, President/CEO

12710 Townepark Way, Suite 1000, Louisville, KY 40243

(800) 662-1738

[christiancarecommunities.org](http://christiancarecommunities.org)

Christian Care Communities is the oldest provider of older adult care related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are Kentucky's largest faith-based provider of housing, long-term care, adult day centers, and community based services for older adults. We serve approximately 3,000 individuals and their families throughout Kentucky. We actively work with churches helping them with older adult ministries.

### Christian Church Homes (CCH)

Syd Najeeb, President and CEO

303 Hegenberger Road, Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94621

(510) 632-6712

[cchnc.org](http://cchnc.org)

At Christian Church Homes (CCH) we build and manage affordable housing communities where seniors can live and thrive in the comfort of their own homes, because we believe doing so is better for communities as a whole and the seniors we serve. Having served more than 100,000 seniors over 50 years, CCH has now grown to 57 caring communities that are More Than a Home to residents in seven states.

### Christian Services for Children in Alabama

Scott Strissel, Executive Director

1792 Highway 14 East, Selma, AL 36702

(334) 875-0608

[cscalabama.org](http://cscalabama.org)

Christian Services for Children in Alabama strives to be an organization that has a positive, recognizable, long-term impact on ALL children and youth in our care by providing professional, cost-effective, and timely services. CSCA is a pioneer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Alabama/Northwest Florida in promoting ministries that nurture, restore, and reclaim those children who have experienced various types of abuse and neglect.

We provide opportunities for families and individuals (who wish) to share their love, time, and resources to nurture vulnerable children and youth toward independence and enriched lives.

Cleveland Christian Home  
Charles Tuttle, CEO  
1400 West 25th Street, 2nd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44113  
(216) 671-0977

[cchome.org](http://cchome.org)

Cleveland Christian Home exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect. Cleveland Christian Home will be a center of excellence providing the highest quality services to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs of children, youth and families.

Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry  
Rev. Sally A. Robinson, Chaplain  
101 North Tenth Street, Columbia, MO 65201  
(573) 819-5043

[columbia-olderadultministry.org](http://columbia-olderadultministry.org)

The Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry (CAOAM) provides spiritual and emotional support to the growing elderly population in long-term care and retirement communities in the Columbia, MO, area. Though this is an ecumenical ministry, it is recognized as a ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, MO. Currently CAOAM provides spiritual support in seven long-term care and retirement communities on a regular schedule.

Disciple Homes Management Group  
Susie Blakeley, Administrator/CEO  
327 Eden Drive, Longview, TX 75605  
(903) 845-7638

[disciplehomes.org](http://disciplehomes.org)

Disciple Homes has been providing quality affordable housing for senior adults (age 62 years or older) and their household since 1972 in Northeast Texas. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, rental assistance is available to all of our residents that qualify. Qualified residents pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent and utilities. Disciple Homes Management Group provides social services and housing to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of person, in the loving and caring spirit of Christ.

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO)  
Sallie Spillman, Board Member  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma  
301 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK73118  
580-821-6561

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO) provides funding to assist Disciples older adults living in Bradford Village senior living community in Edmond, OK.

Florida Christian Center  
Rev. Kimberly Weir, Executive Director  
1115 Edgewood Avenue S., Jacksonville, FL 32205  
(904) 981-3095

[flchristiancenter.org](http://flchristiancenter.org)

The Florida Christian Center provides ministry, pastoral care, worship services, classes on faith and aging and other programs and services focused on the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the senior and disabled residents in our community. Serving more than 300 residents in three buildings—Sundale Manor Apartments and Florida Christian Apartments provide subsidized housing for senior and disabled adults, along with Edgewood Condominiums, a senior community on-site—and with a full-time Activity Director and full-time Chaplain/Executive Director, FCC seeks to provide an array of services that honor the body, mind and spirit.

Garden of Eden Health Center  
Alicia Rodriguez Davila, Founder/CEO  
2833 Eagle Eye Court  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
(407) 414-5511

[gardenofedenhealthcenter.org](http://gardenofedenhealthcenter.org)

The Garden of Eden Health Center (GOEHC) is a vision of a future community health clinic; a faith-based health education program focused on women, infants, and children; and a senior and therapeutic health center, deep in the heart of the central mountain range (Cordillera Central) of Jayuya, Puerto Rico. As a not-for-profit healthcare organization, GOEHC aims to provide quality healthcare, preventive medicine, and holistic health education to higher risk communities (rural residences, women, children, and seniors), while also providing local work and volunteer opportunities for children, youth, and families.

Good Life Care Resource Center  
Rev. Hyo-Cheol Kim, Executive Director  
3388 W. 8th St., Suite 103., Los Angeles, California 90005  
(213) 841-5480 (English), (213) 820-8855 (Korean)

[glcrc.org](http://glcrc.org)

Founded in 2018, in Los Angeles, California, Good Life Care Resource Center (GLCRC) was created to support immigrant and low-income families. The organization is supporting these communities in a variety of ways including providing free daycare, preschool and afterschool programming for children; offering Spanish and Korean translation services for families looking for support in the city; and transportation services for those in needs.

HER Faith Ministries  
Rev. Elaine Y. Sanford, Executive Director  
3396 Park Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38111  
(901) 324-3705

[herfaithministries.org](http://herfaithministries.org)

HER Faith Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Christian charity that provides assistance to homeless and needy women and children. The ministry provides emergency food, clothing, transportation, dental assistance, and housing to impoverished women and children. HER Faith also provides family counseling and programs for ministry and reading to incarcerated individuals.

Hiram Farm

Leeanne Saro Jereb, Executive Director  
PO Box 157, Hiram, Ohio 44234  
(330) 569-3441

[hiramfarm.org](http://hiramfarm.org)

Hiram Farm is a nonprofit organization, agricultural setting that serves developmentally disabled adults, with an emphasis on adults on the autism spectrum. The Farm provides opportunities for these adults to grow, learn, and work in a setting focused on respect and support for individuals and the environment. Here, farmers can develop both professional and social skills and accomplish meaningful work. The program began serving six adults with autism in June 2009. Today, the Farm has grown to provide meaningful work for 24 farmers.

Juliette Fowler Communities  
Nicole Gann, President and CEO  
1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75214  
(214) 827-0813

[fowlercommunities.org](http://fowlercommunities.org)

Juliette Fowler Communities is a neighborhood of choice and connection, of caring and service, of faith and fulfillment. Founded more than 120 years ago as an intergenerational community, Fowler serves children, youth and seniors, as well as their families, at our East Dallas location. As a continuing care retirement community, Fowler's residential services and care offerings for older adults include: Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Support, Health and Rehabilitation, and Affordable Senior Housing. As an intergenerational community, Fowler's residential offerings for children, youth and young women include: Foster-to-Adopt and The Ebby House.

Kansas Christian Home (*also a DHM partner*)  
Karen Sturchio, CEO  
1035 SE Third Street, Newton, KS 67114  
(316) 283-6600

[kschristianhome.org](http://kschristianhome.org)

In the loving memory and caring spirit of Jesus Christ, Kansas Christian Home (KCH) exists to provide social and health services to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of its residents. Our emphasis of service is to the elderly, although we recognize God's love has no limits.

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes  
Debi Windahl, Administrator  
7987 N. 53rd Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301  
(623) 915-5039  
[manisteemanor.com](http://manisteemanor.com)

In the loving and caring spirit of Christ, Disciples House of Glendale Inc. and Manistee Manor are passionately committed to exceed the needs and expectations of our residents by providing quality senior housing and other services to enhance the lives of those we serve in a friendly family-style community environment. A place our residents are proud to call home. Manistee provides apartment home rentals for our low-income senior residents in a safe and caring environment where they can continue to age in place independently (with or without the help of out-side services) in an active senior community.

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond  
Rev. Dr. D. Anthony Everett, Executive Director  
PO Box 22-34, Louisville, KY 40252  
(502) 396-3543  
[missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org](http://missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org)

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is a nonprofit, faith-based organization providing community based mentoring programs for those released from prison and returning to communities in Kentucky. In conjunction with a Disciples of Christ congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located in a women's halfway house, we minister to those incarcerated, train outside volunteers to form Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups (NSAG) and connect returning citizens with a NSAG which will then walk alongside each person for six months to a year to equip them for a successful re-entry into the community to which they are returning.

New Communion  
Rev. David Harrison, Jr., Director  
2320 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104  
(336) 722-2714  
[newcommunion.org](http://newcommunion.org)

New Communion is a faith-based organization with the goal of enhancing community relationships and diminishing the impacts of hunger and food insecurity. We are committed to providing nourishing food and being in relationship with those experiencing food insecurity and hunger in the communities we serve. Through the model of Asset Based Community Development, New Communion emphasizes shared abundance in ways that transform individuals and systems of poverty. We function as an interfaith organization and utilize interdisciplinary practices in order to promote healthy food systems through shared abundance and redistribution of resources. Currently, New Communion is feeding over 150 local families a week, and would like to continue to grow, increasing the number of families being fed, using shared abundance and expanding our food and financial sponsorship to support securing healthy nutrition for all.

### Oakland Peace Center

Alexandra Candia, Operations Director, or Rev. Sandhya Jha, Founder

111 Fairmount Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

[oaklandpeacecenter.org](http://oaklandpeacecenter.org)

As an emerging social entrepreneurship nonprofit model of ministry, the Oakland Peace Center exists as a physical space (40,000 square feet gifted by First Christian Church of Oakland) and a network of people and organizations (over 40 Bay Area based nonprofits). It brings together more than 40 direct service, advocacy, youth empowerment, art and culture-shift nonprofits to connect and collaborate with each other in the struggle for peace and justice.

### Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center (OFEC)

Rev. Sharyn Cosby, Executive Director

1020 South Garnett Road, Tulsa, OK 74128

(918) 551-6017

[ofec.co](http://ofec.co)

Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center, a related organization of In the Spirit Christian Church, is a not-for-profit agency that seeks to provide resources and assistance to individuals and their families that will empower them to live a successful and purposeful life. In an effort to reduce the disparity of minority contact with law enforcement, Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center has entered into an agreement with the City of Tulsa and partnered with various state, local, and community agencies to implement the Tulsa County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Community and Strategic Planning Demonstration Project through a grant funded by the Office of Juvenile Affairs

### Patchwork Central / Sozo Health Ministry

Rev. John Rich and Amy Rich, Co-Executive Directors

100 Washington Avenue, Evansville, IN 47713

(812) 424-2735

[patchwork.org](http://patchwork.org)

Patchwork Central has worked to serve its neighborhood through flexible and innovative programming that matches the talents and interests of those involved to the needs of our community. Today, Patchwork serves individuals and families with a food pantry (since 1982), neighborhood hospitality (a cup of coffee, telephone usage, someone to listen, etc.), a community garden (created in 1995), low-rent facilities for other community organizations, a bicycle program for the homeless, a Health Ministry, and unique art/education programs (Arts & Smarts) that have been available free of charge to at-risk children and youth since 1980. As part of the community fabric, Patchwork Central changes the lives of those it serves by giving them a sense of hope, a place of acceptance, and a bright outlook for the future.

## QC Family Tree

Rev. Helms Jarrell and Rev. Greg Jarrell, Executive Directors

2910 Parkway Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

(704) 654-7429

[qcfamilytree.org](http://qcfamilytree.org)

QC Family Tree's mission is to be kinfolk rooted in discipleship in West Charlotte, NC. They embody this mission through creativity, prayer, and welcome. The Family Tree offers hospitality in their homes to neighbors who are in transition. Participants enjoy family-style meals each evening with neighbors and guests and gather for prayer every weekday morning and midday. The ministry has grown to include: Freedom School summer literacy camp, Wednesday evening dinner and devotionals for youth and children, twice monthly community meals, arts activities, young adult leadership development through internship programs, edible gardens, community outreach activities, and microbusiness in order that provides employment to neighbors as well as sustainable income to their nonprofit.

## Reach Beyond Mission

Rev. Mary Lu Johnston, Executive Director

15907 Braesgate Drive, Austin, TX 78717

(512) 218-4335

[reachbeyondmission.org](http://reachbeyondmission.org)

Reach Beyond Mission is a fully planned youth mission/poverty education experience. Youth join youth from other churches across the country to explore issues of culture, gender, and poverty in an urban setting. Participants volunteer at numerous metropolitan area nonprofits working with the homeless, low-income families, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Summer mission week focus on food justice, housing, or advocacy. RBM provides speakers, age-appropriate activities, and discussion starters to help young people explore the biblical, theological, economic, social, and political issues related to poverty. Our goal is to help youth begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the systems that sustain poverty through their votes, career choices, and how they spend their money.

Recovery Café San Jose  
Kathy Cordova, Executive Director  
80 South 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 294-2963  
[recoverycafesj.org](http://recoverycafesj.org)

Recovery Cafe San Jose is a healing community for those traumatized by homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. We are founded on the belief that every human being is precious, worthy of love, and deserving of the opportunities to fulfill his or her potential. Located in the heart of downtown San Jose, Recovery Cafe San Jose members come for long-term support in a safe, sober, and supportive environment. Program elements include Recovery Circles (small, peer-support groups), School for Recovery classes in job and life skills, group meals, guest speakers, creative activities, and connections to community resources. Through the Cafe, members gather the skills and strength needed to gain and maintain employment and housing, and achieve their goals in health, family, and sobriety.

Safe Haven Day Shelter  
Joni Laurence and Donna Hawley, Co-Coordiators  
6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044  
(703) 532-8220  
[fccfc.org/safe-haven/](http://fccfc.org/safe-haven/)

Safe Haven in Falls Church, VA, is a drop-in program working together with Northern Virginia Family Services to provide a welcoming environment for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. This program began as an outreach program at First Christian Church to an average of 15-20 individuals and has grown to a drop-in program serving more than 100 clients weekly, now an interfaith coalition of faith-based communities contributing hot meals and volunteers to the program.

Serra Center  
Lisa Senadenos, CEO  
2610 Central Avenue, Suite 120, Union City, CA 94587  
(510) 477-1000  
[serracenter.org](http://serracenter.org)

Serra Center offers three types of support services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-DDH) provides 24-hour care and supervision in six-bed homes in residential neighborhoods. Individuals in Supported Living Services live in the environment of their choice, with care and support based on their individual needs. Independent Living Services provide services focusing on specific identified living skills, working toward eliminating the need for services when the skills are mastered. All individuals served are active during the day either at jobs or in a day program.

SHARE (Sharing Hands: A Respite Experience)

Jonathan Campbell, Executive Director  
3500 N. A Street, Suite 2200, Midland, TX  
(432) 818-1253

[sharewtx.org](http://sharewtx.org)

Upon the diagnosis of a child's disability, families find themselves on a lonely journey in which they are isolated from friends, other families who care for children with special needs, and the community. The constant care demands of the child's disability create stress and leave little time for relationships and personal care. SHARE provides respite care for these families, including parent support groups, counseling services, family events, and programming for siblings. SHARE cares for the whole family because strong families are needed to provide care for the person with special needs—now and well into the future.

Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

Jamie Himes, Executive Director  
860 East River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, S 39202  
(601) 354-0983

[scscy.org](http://scscy.org)

SCSCY provides services through 11 different statewide locations including therapeutic group homes for children and youth, a transitional living facility for older teens who are homeless, an array of adoption, therapeutic foster care, and post adoption services, and education services that include independent living preparation for teens in the foster care system, and abstinence education for at-risk youth.

SquareOne Villages (formerly Opportunity Village)

Rev. Dan Bryant, Executive Director  
458 Blair Boulevard, Eugene, OR 97402  
(541) 606-4455

[squareonevillages.org](http://squareonevillages.org)

As we grow into an organization with multiple projects, Opportunity Village Eugene has recently evolved to SquareOne Villages. Our mission continues to be to create self-managed communities of low-cost tiny houses for people in need of housing.

SquareOne Villages has two projects: Opportunity Village Eugene, which provides transitional shelter for approximately 35 people, and Emerald Village Eugene, an affordable housing project of 22 tiny homes being built in fall 2016. Both communities provide stable, safe and sustainable places for people in need of housing through alternative, cost-effective approaches.

StoneSoup Community Venture / Tulsa's Table  
Rev. Christy Moore, Founder and CEO  
2232 S. Nogales Ave. Tulsa, OK 74107  
(918) 984-8225

[tulsatable.org](http://tulsatable.org)

Tulsa's Table is a project of StoneSoup Community Venture, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2010. Our identity springs from the heart of the stone soup folktale, in which community members provide valuable contributions that turn a soup of stone into a nourishing, sustainable meal. The mission of Tulsa's Table is to provide enriching, seed-to-table educational experiences as solutions to hunger and poverty for youth living in at-risk communities in Tulsa. Our objective is to nourish community for a purpose by providing opportunities for youth to obtain solid job and life skills through the learning laboratory operations of a food production garden and our pay-what-you-can community café. The long-range goal is for our garden and café to be fully operated by graduates of our programming who develop a sense of ownership in the operation through their learning experiences at Tulsa's Table. The garden will supply fresh, locally-grown food to the café that will function five days per week, serving lunch or dinner to everyone on a pay-what-you-can basis.

StoryWagen

Chaplain Jose Martinez, Founder  
1712 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64108  
(660) 864-3503

[storywagen.org](http://storywagen.org)

StoryWagen is the brainchild of Chaplain Jose Martinez, Associate Minister at New Church Ministry. The organization serves as a mobile resource and listening center focused on spiritual health. The organization's goal is to provide free resources about issues such as grief, moral injury, shame, guilt, and other spiritual health issues that affect the mental health of individuals, community groups, and faith communities. In addition to offering resources, StoryWagen serves as platform for community members who want to share their story. They ensure they are providing a safe space when doing so by meeting people where they are at and giving these storytellers an opportunity to be heard without judgment or shame.

The Summit

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[summitlynchburg.com](http://summitlynchburg.com)

The Summit is a senior living community providing an environment for each resident to be engaged in life. We provide services, amenities and facilities that support an active lifestyle in Independent Living for each individual. As residents' needs change, The Summit's campus has a continuum of care available through Assisted Living and The Summit Health and Rehab Center.

Tennyson Center for Children  
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(303) 433-2541

[tennysoncenter.org](http://tennysoncenter.org)

Tennyson Center provides 24-hour intensive residential care, day treatment, special education and home/community based services for approximately 150 children and their families every day. Children with severe behavioral and mental health problems along with educational delays are the primary client population. The families of these children have experienced or are experiencing extreme trauma, physical and/or sexual abuse, mental illness, substance abuse, or extreme poverty and/or homelessness. Tennyson is a leader in advocating for the needs of all children and families in need in Colorado through legislative and policy development.

UrbanMission Community Partners  
Rev. Nora Jacob, Restorative Justice Director  
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(909) 764-8054

[um-cp.org](http://um-cp.org)

Located on the campus of UrbanMission (a UCC/DOC new church start), UMCP is a community-focused nonprofit organization that seeks community wholeness, resilience, and sustainability in the Pomona area of Los Angeles County, California, by working with families and individuals at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or inadequate education and healthcare. In cooperation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, as well as other denominations, faith communities, neighborhoods, community organizations, and public/ government entities, UMCP actively seeks out and develops opportunities to empower and walk with our community towards a brighter tomorrow. This includes but is not limited to: Social service provision to individuals, families, and neighborhoods at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or inadequate education and health care. Other opportunities for UMCP's intended work include involvement in nonviolent civic engagement; advocacy for social uplift in local, state, and national legislation; urban agriculture; supportive and transitional housing for vulnerable populations; and deeply inclusive neighborhoods.

Woodhaven

Dan Soliday, CEO

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[woodhaventeam.org](http://woodhaventeam.org)

Woodhaven is a caring team advocating for those with disabilities. Its Community Living program supports more than 100 men and women in more than 50 apartments and homes, and its Community Connections program provides opportunities for individuals who do not work during the day. Our mission is not just about providing supports; it is about working toward a fundamental shift in how the community perceives people with disabilities. Every day, the men and women we support are living full, independent lives as active members of the community. With every shirt they buy, hour they work, and life they touch, they're changing the face of ability.