



National **Benevolent** Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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About the National Benevolent Association

Founded with a vision of nurturing “a world of thriving communities where justice and care ensure the well-being of all humanity,” the National Benevolent Association (NBA) has a long history of empowering individuals, families, and communities. As a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the NBA is a dynamic health and social services ministry that seeks to innovate, embody prophetic tradition, collaborate, and to always deeply root our work in justice for and within the communities that we serve. Our mission is to empower health and social service leaders, organizations, and ministries to do justice and transform communities.

Accomplishment from 2025: NBA at General Assembly - a Milestone of Ministry Impact and Collaboration

In July 2025, the National Benevolent Association arrived at the Disciples General Assembly infused with joy, vision, and a renewed sense of partnership with the wider church. NBA staff, partners, chaplains, and program leaders from over 25 health and social service ministries embodied our vision of “thriving communities where justice and care ensure the well-being of all humanity”—not only in theory, but through vibrant collaboration and shared practices. NBA’s leadership and offerings at General Assembly emphasized NBA’s diverse programs, communications, and operations uniting in purpose alongside the whole church.

NBA hosted a lively booth, daily programming, and multiple touchpoints welcoming attendees to connect. Collaborative highlights such as supporting the Disciples Chaplains Association and Mental Health & Wellness workshops fostering hospitality, spiritual grounding, and restorative reflection. In all these gatherings, NBA staff, and partners openly spoke about wellness, justice-rooted care, and theological renewal, illustrating how shared leadership and learning enrich the NBA’s impact. The annual NBA Luncheon, attended by nearly 300 people, showcased the breadth of NBA’s ministries and collective commitments, inviting participants to dream boldly and pursue justice together. We celebrated with Rev. Dr. Mark Poindexter the establishment of the NBA Dr. Mark E. Poindexter Wellness Fund, which provides support and learning resources for clergy and faith leaders. General Assembly became more than a gathering—it was a catalytic, collaborative moment, strengthening partnerships and expanding NBA’s reach across the denomination.

Accomplishments by 2025: Highlights by NBA Program Area

Community Engagement (CE)

Throughout last year, our 4 Peer Learning and Wellness Groups met regularly for professional development, deepening spiritual practices, and offering meaningful

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support. With over 40 leaders participating in our Peer Learning and Wellness Groups, one participant reflects how impactful it is to be part of a cohort of leaders that consistently “shows up with so much heart, faith, questions, and wisdom. We enjoy one another’s company while also strengthening the community we are building and the communion we are sharing.” NBA’s Community Engagement program also includes our Justice Initiatives, which hosted multiple webinars featuring resources for democratic renewal, intersectional justice and advocacy, and supporting families and communities following the reduction of federal support for programs such as Medicaid and SNAP. The goals of NBA’s Justice Initiatives continue to be about supporting community engagement for strategies and campaigns that address and transform root causes of social injustice.

Social Entrepreneurship (SE)

NBA celebrated our 5th cohort of SENT leaders, who journey together over 12 months to explore, innovate, and strengthen the skills they have for leading faith-rooted social enterprises. We also continued our support to empower bi-vocational social entrepreneurs through our imPACT Fellows program. Our fall SENT Seminar drew over 117 virtual attendees, who came for practical tools and justice centered strategies for building sustainable, community rooted ventures. The Seminar featured experts in diversity, equity, inclusion practices as well as, organizational development, and social design equipping participants to embed equity commitments into leadership, governance, funding, and programs.

Mental Health & Wellness (MHW)

Within our work of mental health and wellness, we actively shared learning resources, offered workshops and webinars, and helped continue to raise the awareness of promoting holistic wellness. Throughout last year, we hosted multiple online learning events, an impactful Mental Health Professionals Conference (bringing together clinicians, chaplains, thought leaders, and caregivers for three days of deep care, learning, and connection), and resources for clergy and congregations during Mental Health Awareness Month (May) and Mental Health for the Holidays. In the fall, we hosted numerous community conversations as part of National Addiction Recovery Month; promoting mental health justice and faith-rooted conversations around addiction.

Young Adult Leadership Development (YALD)

YALD programming continues to co-create spaces with and for young adults (ages 18-30). From supporting peer learning and wellness groups, to the Black Women’s Leadership Experience, and meaningful resources (especially through video vodcasts and webinars), we provided learnings on financial literacy and leadership support for young adults through collaborative webinars focused on money, agency, and decision

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making. By convening partners across ministries to help youth navigate financial systems and life transitions with confidence, YALD modeled the power of “village learning” and community-making.

Impactful Opportunities Through Granting

NBA fosters the well-being of communities by offering grants in the areas of young adult leadership development, professional development for nonprofit leaders, and for organizations in the area of Mission & Ministry—designated for educational purposes for youth and young adults (age 10-25) and/or older adult ministries (age 50+). Last year, we awarded \$332,100 in Mission and Ministry grants strengthening the work of over 55 Disciples projects and ministries. In addition to the financial support that grants bring, NBA's granting programs are relational and seek to build connections that sustain the whole church and connected communities through coaching opportunities, grant-writing workshops, and online resources for reporting.

Challenges & Prayers

As a general ministry with a vision of nurturing “a world of thriving communities where justice and care ensure the well-being of all humanity,” our challenges include being as responsive as we can to the needs of individuals, communities, and ministries with whom equity, access, and justice is integral to addressing health and social service needs. We are navigating a time of constant social, political, and technological change that has personal and collective impact on people and communities. With our mission to empower and equip health and social service leaders, organizations, and ministries to do justice and transform communities, we know we need the broad support of all. We invite you to pray for the many leaders we accompany and support each day in our NBA programs and the over 50 Disciples-affiliated health and social service partners. Thank you for your active, faithful, and generous partnership!

DISCIPLES-RELATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

For the most up-to-date information, please visit NBACares.org/partners.

PACIFIC AND MOUNTAIN WEST REGIONS

All Peoples Community Center

Brandy Muñiz, Executive Director
822 East 20th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011
(213) 747- 6357 | AllPeoplesCC.org

All Peoples Community Center provides social services and programs that empower individuals and promote community respect and self-determination for all. The organization has become a comprehensive community center, delivering a myriad of social and educational services and activities.

Blue Theology

Dan Paul, Founder/Director
442 Central Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(831) 372-0363 | bluetheology.org

Blue Theology is a place where current science in marine biology meets a theology of creation justice. We host groups to engage in experiential learning, service projects, and contemplative practice with God's marine creation. We believe that ocean conservation is a spiritual practice. We become Blue Theologians, or faithful advocates for a healthy ocean, through our learning and serving experiences in ocean conservation while fostering heart connections to the sea.

Broken, Mended, and Restored

Dr. Lisa Tunstall, President/CEO
Los Angeles, CA
(310) 639-5974 | Team-BMAR.com

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.

Christian Church Homes

Cynthia Alvarez, President/CEO
1855 Olympic Blvd Ste 300, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(510) 632-6712 | wearecch.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 58 caring communities across the country that are more than a home to residents.

Good Life Care Resource Center

Rev. Hyo-Cheol Kim, Executive Director
3388 W 8th ST, STE 103, Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 841-5480 (English), (213) 820-8855 (Korean) | 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 need.

Oakland Peace Center

Kalynn Blakely, Executive Director
111 Fairmount Avenue Oakland CA 94611
(510) 698-2939 | OaklandPeaceCenter.org

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 direct service, advocacy, youth empowerment, art, and culture shift organizations to connect and collaborate in the struggle for peace and justice.

Recovery Café San Jose

Julie Anderson, Executive Director
80 S 5th ST, San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 294-2963 | RecoveryCafeSJ.org

Recovery Café 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, our 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 Café, members gather the skills and strength needed to gain and maintain employment and housing, and achieve their goals in health, family, and sobriety.

Restore Clergy

Rev. Kinsie Tate, Executive Director
Newport Beach, CA
(405) 642-7860 | restoreclergy.com

The mission of Restore Clergy is to build resilience in clergy so they may have faithful and sustainable ministry. We do this through programs that help bridge the gap between knowing about self-care and practicing self-care.

Serra Center

Lisa Senadenos, CEO
39210 State Street, #208, Fremont, CA 94538
(510) 477-1000 | SerraCenter.org

For 40 years, Serra Center has been committed to providing compassionate care for individuals with developmental disabilities. We currently serve more than 80 men and women in our community-based Residential Care Homes, Independent and Supported Living Services. The individuals served live in more than 65 traditional and accessible homes and apartments in residential neighborhoods throughout Alameda County.

SquareOne Villages

Andrew Heben, Executive Director
272 W. 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401
(541) 525-0501 | SquareOneVillages.org

SquareOne Villages is a nonprofit organization in Eugene, OR that creates democratic communities with homes that are permanently affordable and environmentally sustainable for people in need of housing. They seek to create a world where everyone lives with dignity in a stable, inclusive, and eco-friendly place to call home. They do this by constructing tiny house communities across the United States that offer permanent affordability. By utilizing the skills and gifts of volunteers for construction, these villages provide a wonderful opportunity for others to positively impact the quality of life for everyone in the community.

Tennyson Center for Children

Mindy Watrous, President & CEO
2950 Tennyson ST, Denver, CO 80212
(303) 433-2541 | 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.

SOUTHWEST REGIONS**Be The Neighbor** *(formerly Reach Beyond Mission)*

Rev. Allison Lanza, Executive Director
Austin, TX
(817) 984-3988 | BeTheNeighbor.org

Be The Neighbor 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 focuses on food justice, housing, or advocacy. Be the Neighbor 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.

Chain Reaction Ministries

David Finklea, Executive Director
1809 Hollister Street, Houston, TX 77080
(713) 789-0060 | ChainReactionBikes.org

Chain Reaction Ministries is a ministry of bicycle recycling, working to address the social justice issue of transportation for low-income families. Since 2009, we have repaired over 7,000 gently used bikes to return to the community to close the gap on the privilege of transportation.

Disciple Homes Management Group

Angela Smith, Administrator
327 Eden Dr., Longview, TX 75605
(903) 757-9181 | DiscipleHomes.org

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

Global Arts and Theology Experience

Rev. Yolanda Norton, Executive Director
505 Rathervue Pl., Austin, TX 78705
202-487-0711 |

The Global Art and Theology Experience (GATE) is an initiative focused on cultivating resources, programs, and pathways for Black girls and women. GATE develops practical and experiential curriculum centered on womanist thought and theology and constructs creative mechanisms for dissemination. Currently, the primary project of GATE is the Beyoncé Mass—a Christian womanist worship service that uses the music and life of Beyoncé as a tool to cultivate an empowering conversation about Black women— their lives, their bodies, and their voices. The Beyoncé Mass is a space that encourages a practice of Christian faith that sees and acknowledges people where they are and for who they are. The mass is a space, story, Scripture, and song that calls for the liberation of all people by creating welcome, fostering healing, and engaging contemporary conversation and culture as a part of Christian identity and praxis. GATE is also a consulting partner for NBA's Black Women Leadership Experience program.

Inman Christian Center

Sharon Garcia, Child Development Interim Director
1214 Colima St., San Antonio, TX 78207
(210) 222-9641|

The mission of Inman Christian Center is to empower San Antonio, TX, children, youth, families, and the elderly to develop to their full physical, mental, and spiritual potential. Through this mission, we strive to provide the necessary tools and avenues for the future development and personal growth of those we serve to become well-developed, contributing members of society.

Juliette Fowler Communities

Nicole Gann, President/CEO
1234 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX 75214
(214) 827-0813 | FowlerCommunities.org

Juliette Fowler Communities is a neighborhood of choice and connection, of caring and service, of faith and fulfillment. Founded more than 126 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 care, adoption services and a transitional living program for young girls who have been abused, neglected or abandoned and have experienced foster care.

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes

Debi Windahl, Administrator
7987 N 53rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301
(623) 915-5039 | 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 outside services) in an active senior community.

Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center

Rev. Sharyn Cosby, Executive Director
1020 S Garnett Rd., Tulsa, OK 74128
(918) 530-3015 | oklahomafamilyempowerment.org

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. 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.

Operation Bookbag

Rev. Anthony Chatman Sr. & LaMetra Curry Chatman, Co-Founders
Fort Worth, TX
815-761-8054 | operationbookbag.org

Operation Bookbag (OBB) offers youth tools to address mental health and wellness and life skills to become positive, productive adults. The organization does this through leadership workshops, a rigorous curriculum, and professional guidance. Their programming allows children to demonstrate pride and respect for themselves, and others, and encourages them to begin taking ownership of their community to become more upstanding, productive, and involved citizens.

SHARE (Sharing Hands: A Respite Experience)

Traci Hopper, Executive Director
3500 N A St., STE 2500, Midland, TX
(432) 818-1250 | 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.

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries

Feliberto Pereira, Founder and Executive Director
28259 Pereira Compassion Rd., Los Fresnos, TX 78566
(956) 233-5198 | swgsm.org

The mission of Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries is to teach the love of Jesus Christ by building a renewed sense of wholeness and dignity and by standing with those who are broken, especially among refugees and those who are disenfranchised and displaced. The good news of salvation is lived out by addressing spiritual and material needs, including emergency shelter and food, clothing, transportation, legal aid, advocacy, and job referral through a cooperative effort with other agencies and religious organizations.

MIDWEST REGIONS**A Servant's Heart**

Jo Ella Coles, CEO
1900 Manchester Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 971-4245 | aservantsheart.community

A Servant's Heart is a faith-based organization working to bring people together not to just talk about our biggest problems — but to solve them. People working together to help make a lasting impact on the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone in their neighborhood or community. We invest in building the capacity and capability of churches, residents and local organizations through small-scale projects. We support efforts to identify the resources that are needed to strengthen the health and well-being of a community or neighborhood.

Camp Sunflower

Finn Lanning, Executive Director
5620 E 21st St. N, Wichita, KS 67208
(316) 350-7434 | CampSunflower.org

The mission of Camp Sunflower is to create places of safety for youth of all sexual orientations and gender identities where each person is celebrated and a healthy life-giving community is modeled with love. The Camp Sunflower experience is designed to engage LGBTQ+ youth in leadership development, identifying a personal sense of safety, developing self-awareness, making life-long connections with others, and learning new coping and advocacy skills.

Child Saving Institute

Jaymes Sime, President and CEO
4545 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 553-6000 | 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.

Cleveland Christian Home (The Centers)

Dawnya Underwood, Executive Director
11401 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44111
(216) 416-4277 | thecentersohio.org

Cleveland Christian Home (The Centers) 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 Older Adult Ministry

Sally A. Robinson, Director
101 North 10th Street, Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 819-5043 | 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 the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, MO. CAOAM provides spiritual support in seven long-term care and retirement communities on a regular schedule, including one-on-one visits; worship opportunities; bible study and devotions; emotional and spiritual support to residents and family members during crisis situations and end-of-life care; and programs are available to congregations and nonprofit organizations on topics related to aging, grief, caregivers, and other issues involving older people and their families.

Creative Spaces Cultural Arts

Rev. Jason Bricker-Thompson, Director
3563 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121
(216) 382-5344 | creativespacescle.org

Creative Spaces Cultural Arts (CSCA) partners with the Cultural Arts Center at Disciples Christian Church to support youth arts organizations in their building that make art accessible to area youth. CSCA's mission is to cultivate lifelong creativity and advocate for broad and diverse community engagement in quality arts programming for youth by providing a safe, accessible place to nonprofit organizations and artists.

Hiram Farm

PO Box 157, Hiram, OH 44234
(330) 569-3441 | HiramFarm.org

Hiram Farm is a nonprofit organization set in an 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, our 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.

Isaiah 58 Ministries

Brenda Booth, Executive Director
4164 Chippewa Street, St. Louis, MO 63116
314-776-1410 | I58Ministries.org

Isaiah 58 Ministries is a non-profit agency based in South Saint Louis city. Originally known as 4 Church Association, it was established to meet the needs of low-income individuals in our community through direct services including a food pantry, fresh food distribution, holiday food bags, and a thrift store with gently used clothing items.

Kansas Christian Home

Justin Harland, CEO
1035 SE 3rd St., Newton, KS 67114
(316) 283-6600 | 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. The programs offered at KCH are designed to build relationships within the KCH community that sustain those happy hearts, minds and bodies. Our vision includes ways to expand those relationships by building partnerships that will be beneficial for all. KCH is a living, working, growing and thriving family where each member, established or new, is welcome, cared for and valued.

Patchwork Central/Sozo Health Ministry

Rev. John and Amy Rich, Co-Executive Directors
100 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47713
(812) 424-2735 | Patchwork.org

Patchwork Central is a faith-based neighborhood outreach organization for the Evansville area, serving its neighborhoods through flexible and innovative programming that matches the talents and interests of those involved to the needs of our community, including a food pantry, a community garden, low-rent facilities for other community organizations, a bicycle program for the homeless, a Health Ministry, and unique art/education programs free of charge to at-risk children and youth. 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.

Rooted in Dignity

Darthula Young, Founder
Flossmoor, Illinois
(708) 613-0374 | rootedindignity.com

Rooted in Dignity is a non-profit organization committed to infusing the journey of end-of-life planning and care with compassion and understanding. Their central focus revolves around guiding individuals and families through this profound process. Recognizing the intricacies of life's delicate tapestry, Rooted in Dignity emphasizes the significance of approaching this chapter with unwavering compassion and support.

StoryWagen

Chaplain Jose Martinez, Founder & Director
1712 Main ST, Kansas City, MO 64108
(660) 864-3503 | StoryWagen.org

StoryWagen is an organization that 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 and giving these storytellers an opportunity to be heard without judgment or shame.

Woodhaven

Dr. Joy Sweeney, CEO
1405 Hathman Pl., Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 875-6181 | WoodhavenTeam.org

Woodhaven - a caring team advocating for those with disabilities. Woodhaven is not an institution, we are a community. We are a team of real people, working together to help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities succeed. We are on a mission to change people's lives by empowering them to find and achieve success on their own terms. Our work is not about doing things for the people we support, but about giving them the opportunity to do things for themselves, while maintaining a safe environment where they can thrive.

NORTHEAST REGIONS**Safe Haven Day Shelter**

6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044
(703) 532-8220 | 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.

Whosoever Will Community Assistance Program

Rev. Dr. Edwin Lloyd
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Beltsville, Maryland 20705
(240) 832-2991 |

With community at the center of everything they do, the Whosoever Will Community Assistance Program is a visible expression of an all-inclusive and compassionate ministry. Their mission is to reduce food insecurity, increase nutritional value in their community, enhance self-sufficiency, provide health and wellness information, and impart hope.

SOUTHEAST REGIONS

Christian Care Communities

Mary Lynn Spalding, President/CEO
12710 Townepark Way, Louisville, KY 40243
(800) 662-1738 | 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 Services for Children in Alabama

Tammy Herron, Executive Director
1792 Highway 14 E, Selma, AL 36702
(334) 875-0608 | 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.

Empower Hope Center

Rev. Syvoskia Bray Pope, Executive Director
1875 Farnsley Rd., Louisville, KY 40216
502-416-7389 | EmpowerHopeCenter.org

The mission of the Empower Hope Center is to empower families, change lives, and bring transformation in the community. Our vision is to offer a diverse range of programs in social services, that are designed to empower individuals and strengthen families in our family success plan. Through life skills classes, career pathways, financial education, and entrepreneurship training, single mothers support and parenting, youth development, food pantry, and senior care – these families can be better prepared to meet the demands of life.

Florida Senior Enrichment Center

Rev. Kimberly Weir, Director
1115 Edgewood AVE S., Jacksonville, FL 32205
(904) 981-3095 | flseniorcenter.org

The Florida Senior Enrichment 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, Executive Director
2833 Eagle Eye Ct., Kissimmee, FL 34746
(939) 403-4226 |

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.

HER Faith Ministries

Rev. Dr. Elaine Y. Sanford, Executive Director/Founder
3396 Park Ave., Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 324-3705 | HerFaithMinistries.org

HER Faith Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Christian charity that provides assistance to homeless and needy women and children. Our ministry provides emergency food, clothing, transportation, dental assistance, and housing to impoverished women and children, and a summer enrichment camp for teen and pre-teen girls in the community. We also provide family counseling and programs for ministry and reading to incarcerated individuals.

Mission Behind Bars & Beyond

312 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 381-7532 | 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 Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104
(336) 722-2714 | 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. We function as an interfaith organization and utilize interdisciplinary practices in order to promote healthy food systems through shared abundance and redistribution of resources.

QC Family Tree

Shamaiye Haynes and Rev. Helms Jarrell, Co-Directors
2910 Parkway Ave., Charlotte, NC 28208
(704) 392-2346 | QCFamilyTree.org

QC Family Tree works to embody an alternative way of life that is centered, whole, and founded on love. We seek to be kinfolk rooted in discipleship in West Charlotte, NC by offering hospitality and family-style meals to neighbors who are in transition. The ministry has grown to include: Freedom School 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 microbusinesses that provide employment to neighbors, as well as sustainable income to their non-profit.

Root Cause Collective

Rev. AW Shields, Executive Director
250 Roaring Creek Dr., Garner, NC 27529
909-821-4585 | rootcausecollective.com

The Root Cause Collective is a group of mental health professionals that use an integrated approach to mental health and wellness, particularly for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities. It was created to meet the growing need for affordable, culturally-responsive health care in communities of the African diaspora. We offer nature-based programs that support the physical, mental, sexual, spiritual, parental, and reproductive health of our community.

Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth

Jamie Himes, Executive Director
4735 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 354-0983 | SCSCY.org

Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc. (SCSCY) is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1988. 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; abstinence education for at-risk youth; and education services that include independent living preparation for teens in the foster care system.

The Summit

Kristi Martin, Executive Director
1400 Enterprise Dr., Lynchburg, Virginia 24502
(434) 582-1500 | SummitLynchburg.org

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.