



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Believing that all persons are of equal value to God, the Community Missions Committee seeks appropriate ways for our congregation to witness to God's love through service to people who may need assistance, with emphasis on the local and extended community. DCPC members have a long tradition of sharing our time and talents in ways that witness to God's love.

*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
2025*

Community Missions at DCPC

The Community Missions Committee has reviewed the process used to allocate benevolence funding. There are five basic areas of focus; 1) Housing, 2) Community, 3) Children, 4) Hunger & 5) Healthcare. The local non-profit agencies we support typically have some connection to our church. Examples include church members who serve or work for a local non-profit, and/or members & church staff who volunteer with an agency. Our community is defined as the towns & neighborhoods where the members of DCPC live, work, and serve, with the focus being on the general Lake Norman Region.

Each agency that receives funding must submit an application each year that is reviewed by the committee to determine their suitability (Agency requests must be submitted to the church office by the end of August). Our ability to fund agency requests is based on the amount of funds established by the Session for local benevolences during their annual budgeting process. In 2025 the local benevolence budget funding 27 mission partners can be broken down in the following way: Housing-39.3%; Community 26%; Children 18.3%; Hunger 10.4%; Healthcare 5.1%

This Volunteer Opportunities booklet lists many of the agencies we support along with a brief description of their ministry and contact information. On the last page of the booklet you'll find the 2025 Community Missions Budget approved by the Session. The Community Missions Committee would like to make sure that everyone at DCPC has the opportunity to be actively serving in our community. Feel free to contact anyone of us if you have questions or suggestions about this important ministry at DCPC.

Community Missions Committee

Chair – Tina Piephoff, ctpiephoff@gmail.com, (704) 779-7603

Staff representative – Rev. Robert Alexander

Members – Anna Bowden, Rick Britton, Bill Buchanan, Noni Buchanan, Scott Galloway, Charlotte Griffith, Eric Johnson, Richie King, Barrett Kollme, William Lee, Margaret Martens, Tina Piephoff (Vice-Chair), Kathy Tyson, Marcia Webster and Ben Yarborough

*We are the body of Christ – worshipping, learning, serving, loving,
giving – seeking to realize God's vision for the world.*

Agencies Addressing Hunger

Angels and Sparrows

Mission: We empower families to reach their potential and gain economic mobility by providing access to food security and essential educational opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Prepare and serve meals at our Community Table; serve as a companion Reading Buddy for our Pathway youth.

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Agency Contact: Jessica Tucker, Director, (704) 918-0122; angelsandsparrows@gmail.com

<http://angelsandsparrows.org>

Feed NC

Mission: Support Feed NC in their effort to meet the food needs of Mooresville residents and members of surrounding communities. Support meal prep and delivery

Volunteer Opportunities: cooking, stocking shelves, preparing for grocery distribution

DCPC Contact: Alice Sudduth, (704) 609-0772;

alicesudduth@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Gracie Allen, (704) 660-9010;

gallen@feednc.org

<https://www.feednc.org/>

Loaves and Fishes

Mission: Provide, in partnership with Ada Jenkins, a non-profit emergency food program, with a 7-day supply of nutritious groceries and personal hygiene items to families and individuals in crisis.

Volunteer Opportunities: In the pantry (stock, cleaning, filling orders, unloading truck). Other: Spanish interpreters, fundraising, special events, and office help.

DCPC Contact: Richie King (704) 892-1385;

riking@davidson.edu

Agency Contact: Heidi Acker, (704) 995-1705;

heidi.acker@adajenkins.org

<http://www.loavesandfishes.org>

Loaves and Fishes Non-perishable Food Campaign

Mission: Provide non-perishable food items on a weekly basis to Loaves and Fishes for distribution to those who are unable to buy what their family needs. The food is delivered to Loaves and Fishes in Davidson.

Volunteer Opportunities: bring non-perishable food and household supplies to fill the baskets on Sunday morning or throughout the week; deliver the collected food to Ada Jenkins on Monday.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
ralexander@dcpc.org

Ten Cents a Meal

Mission: Provide money through our Presbytery (Charlotte) to various food pantries in the area (e.g. Loaves and Fishes, Second Harvest, etc) by giving 10 cents per person or per family for each meal in a month. The money is collected on the first Sunday of each month in baskets at the church entrances.

Volunteer Opportunities: donate to the program or set out and collect the baskets.

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<https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/ministry-teams/tcam/>

Traditional Christmas Pageant Food Donation

Mission: Provide an offering of food, donated from DCPC families during the Christmas Pageant, to needy families through Loaves and Fishes.

Volunteer Opportunities: bring food to the service. *After the service:* help sort the food into categories and deliver the food to Ada Jenkins food pantry.

DCPC Contact: Scott Galloway, (704) 491-9614;
scott@susiefilms.com

Agencies Addressing Housing

Charlotte Family Housing

Mission: empowers working families experiencing homelessness to achieve long-term self-sufficiency through shelter, housing, supportive services, and advocacy.

Volunteer Opportunities: CFH offers a variety of year-round volunteering opportunities, both on-site and off-site, to accommodate different schedules and preferences. Go to charlottefamilyhousing.org/opportunities for more information.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
ralexander@dcpc.org

Agency Contact: Junie Vargas (704) 335-5488;
JVargas@charlottefamilyhousing.org

<http://www.charlottefamilyhousing.org>

Crisis Assistance Ministry

Mission: assess each family's needs and identify the package of aid that will best address those issues and help clients attain financial stability. Located at the Ada Jenkins Center and in Charlotte.

Volunteer Opportunities: Interview clients (training required), sort clothing, work in the store (which gives away the clothing and household items), and in the office.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
ralexander@dcpc.org

Agency Contact: (704) 371-3001;
intake@charlottefamilyhousing.org

<http://www.crisisassistance.org>

*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit
has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,
which he bought with his own blood.
Acts 20:28*

Habitat for Humanity House

Mission: Eliminate substandard housing in our community and make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. (DCPC has built 10 houses to date, and is working on interfaith projects with other local churches.)

Volunteer Opportunities: join a committee, work on houses at any skill level, prepare snacks and lunches for weekday or Saturday crews, work in ReStore. Schedules range from Thursdays—Sundays. All essential tools are provided by Habitat. There is something everyone can do.

DCPC Contact for House: Noni Buchanan, (601) 942-9353; nonib1946@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Zach Surber, (704) 425-8252; zsurber@habitatcltregion.org

<https://www.habitatcltregion.org/>

Hope House Foundation of Huntersville

Mission: The Hope House Foundation provides transitional housing and supportive services to women and children who are experiencing homelessness in Lake Norman area in order for them to procure long-term housing and self-sufficiency.

Volunteer Opportunities: A wide range of volunteer opportunities are available. Skills needed include: Administrative Support, Customer Service, Painting, Family Therapy, Community Outreach and Music Arts.

DCPC Contact: Kristal Courter, (302) 530-2525 ; kristalcourter@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Debbie O’Handley, (704) 992-1902; dohandley@hopehousefoundation.org

<https://hopehousefoundation.org/>

Davidson Housing Coalition

Mission: Work with our greater community to preserve and create affordable housing options and to prepare families and individuals for financial stability and homeownership.

Volunteer Opportunities: *Through the Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy Program:* maintain client records and assist Counselors with monthly homebuyer workshops. *Share Network Job Search Program:* assist with clerical and client duties. *Special Events:* participate in Holidays for Hope & Housing, Town Day, Christmas in Davidson. *In the office:* grant writing, Spanish translation, web design and maintenance.

DCPC Contact: Margaret Martens, (704) 658-8730;
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Agency Contact: Gerald Wright, (704) 892-4486;
Gerald@davidsonhousing.org

<http://davidsonhousing.org>

Hammers Program

Mission: Provide emergency repair services to those low income Davidson residents with special needs, such as the elderly, disabled, or single parent household.

Volunteer Opportunities: maintain data base, perform pre- and post-evaluations of HAMMERS Homeowners, and make actual home repairs. Participate in the Souper Bowl restaurant soup contest. Grant writing, Spanish translation, web design and maintenance.

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Agency Contact: Gerald Wright, (704) 892-4486;
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<http://davidsonhousing.org/programs/hammers/>

Room in the Inn

Mission: Provide shelter to 12 homeless guest in the DCPC Congregation House on Friday nights, December through March. Davidson College students run the program, except when they are on breaks, at which point DCPC members take over (usually 7 sessions).

Volunteer Opportunities (for DCPC members when college students are away): Fridays: transport guests, set up beds, dinner, spend the night. Saturdays: provide breakfast, take down beds, transport guests. During the week: launder linens to be returned by Thursday. The college students run their own program.

DCPC Contact: Richie King, (704) 892-1385; riking@davidson.edu, Jane Campbell, (704) 897-8915; usnpao@gmail.com

<http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/essential-services/room-in-the-inn/>

Roof Above

Mission: Roof Above is an inter-faith organization serving the needs of the poor and homeless with love, compassion and tangible help by providing: basic services, such as food and shelter, and services that encourage movement to independence. Volunteer with the substance abuse recovery services through the SABER program.

Volunteer Opportunities: too numerous to list. See the Volunteer section of their web site: urbanministrycenter.org. All opportunities are in Charlotte.

DCPC Contact: Richie King, (704) 892-1385, riking@davidson.edu

Agency Contact: Krista Casey, Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer@roofabove.org

<https://www.roofabove.org/>

Agencies Addressing Healthcare

DCPC Red Cross Blood Drive

Mission: Sponsor drives in February, June and October that provide life-saving blood from church and community members, Davidson college students and walk-in-donors.

Volunteer Opportunities: schedule appointments, register donors, serve refreshments, setup or tear down the room, provide public relations, and bring food.

DCPC Contact: Becky Montgomery, (704) 892-5430;
beckypilesmontgomery@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Katherine Harrigan,
katherine.harrigan@redcross.org

<http://www.redcross.org/nc/charlotte>

Hospice – Levine & Dickson House

Mission: Relieve suffering and improve the quality and dignity of life through compassionate hospice and palliative care to anyone in need; and, to provide the Grief Care Program.

Volunteer Opportunities: help families with everyday tasks, such as simple household repairs and errands. *At the facility:* mow grass, deliver flowers, assist in office, help organize the yearly Regatta & Party, and provide meals when DCPC is involved. (Volunteers are trained to prepare them for their roles.)

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
ralexander@dcpc.org

Agency Contact: Lindsey Alger, algerl@hpccr.org

<http://www.hpccr.org/location-info/levine-dickson-hospice-house-huntersville>

Safe Alliance

Mission: The mission of Safe Alliance is to provide hope and healing to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. Our LKN Office offers the 24/7 Greater Charlotte Hope Line (9801-771-4673); safety planning services; hospital accompaniment; case management; systems advocacy; and support groups. We connect victims to our court advocates who guide victims through the legal system, and to our domestic violence shelter, which provides sanctuary to those in life-threatening situations. In addition, the LKN Office has trained clinicians available to help individuals and families dealing with trauma related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Volunteer Opportunities: Visit <http://www.safealliance.org/volunteer> for a full listing of volunteer opportunities, with periodic updates during the pandemic.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
ralexander@dcpc.org

Agency Contact: Paxtyn Lawson,
paxtyn.lawson@safealliance.org

<http://www.safealliance.org>

Agencies Addressing Children's Needs

Amigos de Cristo

Mission: Support the Latino community, by enriching the educational experience of their children.

Volunteer Opportunities: tutoring.

DCPC Contact: Rosemary Klein, (704) 892-8306; rosemaryklein924@gmail.com

Children's Hope Alliance

Mission: Serve North Carolina's Children and Families now; making a difference for the future.

Volunteer Opportunities: provide dinner, crafts, child-care for younger siblings and entertainment for the monthly "Big Group" meetings. Collect labels according to the labelsforeducation.com program and assist in clerical tasks.

DCPC Contact: Richie King, (704) 892-1385; riking@davidson.edu

<https://www.childrenshopealliance.org/>

Camp Experience

Mission: Provide a camp experience to 6-10 youngsters at Blythe Elementary School who, otherwise, would not be able to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities: help transport campers to and from camp.

DCPC Contact: Tina Piephoff, (704) 779-7603; ctpiephoff@gmail.com

<http://www.campgrier.org>

Caterpillar Ministries

Mission: Caterpillar Ministries was launched in 2007 by Anne Crawford. The ministry serves approximately 225 children and adults in the Huntington Green Mobile Home Park in Huntersville, NC. Staff members and volunteer teams model Jesus' love by providing educational, spiritual and mentoring programs for the neighbors. The services provided are made possible through donations from churches, individuals and corporate partners.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to provide educational, spiritual and mentoring programs for neighbors in Huntington Green.

DCPC Contact: Catherine Bragg, (704) 617-9905;
catherinebragg68@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Sarah Fortner; (704) 464-1034
sarah@caterpillarministries.org

<http://www.caterpillarministries.org/contact-us/>

Davidson Cornelius Child Development Center

Mission: Provide quality child-care for children of working parents regardless of their ability to pay.

Volunteer Opportunities: state regulations do not allow for volunteers to supervise children, but there are projects involving physical plant and fund raising.

DCPC Contact: Tina Piephoff, (704) 779-7603;
ctpiephoff@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Jason Jordan, Director of Center Operations, jason@dc-childcare.org; (336) 596-9538

<http://www.dc-childcare.org>

La Escuelita Bilingual Preschool

Mission: Since 2014, La Escuelita Bilingual Preschool has served the Lake Norman community. This bilingual half-day preschool program in Davidson serves low-income Spanish-speaking children. La Escuelita's mission is to provide them with a solid foundation for kindergarten through language and social skills, exposure to the arts, science and sports, and instill in them a love for learning in a safe, caring and faith-filled bilingual classroom.

La Escuelita also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and varied workshops to parents. A take-home library provides books for families to read at home. Our preschool has grown rapidly, and we rent two gorgeous classrooms from the Ada Jenkins Center. "La Escuelita" is Spanish for "the little school," but our school in the Lake Norman area is making an enormous difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. The success of our school and our outreach is dependent entirely upon the support of corporate and private donors, and volunteers. We hope that you will help fund the very real and lasting efforts of La Escuelita. **Volunteer Opportunities:** in class assistance, volunteer coordinators, media specialists, Spanish translators.

DCPC Contact: Kristen Clark, 704 453-3581;
kclark@dcpc.org

Agency Contact: Pat Shaw, 704-641-3814;
Pat@laescuelitabp.org

<https://www.laescuelitabp.org/>

LEARN Works

Mission: To provide struggling children from local low income families the tools for academic success, personal development, and a safe and positive after school environment at the Ada Jenkins Center

Volunteer Opportunities: provide snacks, serve as a tutor or mentor, plan and teach an enrichment class or activity, serve as a fill-in tutor or as a Friday afternoon helper, assist with clerical work and other office tasks.

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Other Agencies

Ada Jenkins Center

Mission: To help individuals and families create lasting solutions to economic stability. AJC serves residents who live in the towns of Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville – with some assistance and programming reaching beyond. Today, the center prioritizes finding ways to help those in poverty break the cycle and gain economic independence and has become a well-respected model for community centers in the region.

While other nonprofits provide individual services to residents in north Mecklenburg County, The Ada Jenkins Center is the only human service organization providing comprehensive (wrap-around) services. Our primary pillars of focus are the following:

- **Education Services:** Serving students behind grade level.
- **Economic Mobility:** Emergency financial assistance to those who qualify, case management services, homeless outreach and more.
- **Food Insecurity/Healthy Initiatives:** Nourish Up food pantry site, educational cooking classes, movement opportunities and more.

Economic Support / Community Connection & Engagement: Free tax preparation (VITA), community partner agency referrals, convene/listen/learn to identify community priorities.

Volunteer Opportunities: work in various programs offered at the center, in administrative roles, and with general upkeep of the historic building and grounds.

DCPC Contact: Ben Yarborough, (704) 650-7851, bksn@aol.com

Agency Contact: Josh Kiser, 704-896-0471, ext. 131; josh.kiser@adajenkins.org

<http://www.adajenkins.org>

E2D (Eliminate the Digital Divide)

Mission: E2D is a non-profit organization that works with CMS Schools to partner with qualified families that do not have technology in their homes. They are committed to providing students and their families with at-home access to computers as well as working to find Internet connection solutions for those unable to secure broadband use. Our goal is to help promote academic success for all students by eliminating the digital divide.

Volunteer Opportunities: E2D utilizes volunteers to help distribute computers and provide orientation and education to the partner families through out the year. Continuing education courses are offered as well as computer maintenance workshops where volunteers with varying degrees of technology experience are welcome. Spanish-speaking volunteers are always needed to help communicate with the families.

DCPC Contact: Pat Millen, (704) 904-4098;
pat.millen@gmail.com

<https://www.e-2-d.org/>

Lydia's Loft

Mission: Provide free clothing and household items to residents of N. Meck and S. Iredell. Referral required. Located in a house next to the First Baptist Church in Huntersville.

Volunteer Opportunities: sort and distribute donations, assist clients, and donate items in good condition.

DCPC Contact: Charlotte Griffith, (704) 579-9547;
chargriff62@gmail.com

Agency Contact: Darlene O'toole,
dotoole.lydiasloft@gmail.com

<http://www.fbc-h.org/lydias>

Mecklenburg Ministries

Mission: Build bridges by engaging clergy, encouraging congregations and energizing the community through inspiration of our shared faiths.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
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Agency Contact: LeDayne McLeese Polaski, (704) 965-9241; ledayne@meckmin.org

<http://www.meckmin.org>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Mission: Educate our members to be prepared for emergencies, form teams to check on and assist our own members during an emergency, and respond to national disasters with trained work teams. Joint effort of DCPC and Davidson Presbyterian Church.

DCPC Contact: Robert Alexander, (704) 892-5641;
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Special Partnership with Blythe Elementary School

In April 2014, the Session of DCPC voted to enter into a partnership with Blythe Elementary School. We are happy to be following in the footsteps of our theological forebear, John Calvin, who founded an academy for the children of Geneva out of his deeply held belief in the importance of universal education.

Catherine Bragg and Rosemary Klein are the co-chairs of the effort and have met with other enthusiastic volunteers to establish the partnership. They are excited to report that there is something that every single person at DCPC can do to plug into helping the wonderful children at this school. Some members work on a regular basis in the classroom with small groups or reading with individual children; many families contribute food during the summer for Blythe students who do not have enough to eat; some members help provide special breakfasts or lunches for the teachers to thank them for their efforts; there are many one-time needs that our members fill, such as cataloging books, being a guest reader in a classroom, helping to plant a garden, or assisting with the book fair. The needs are great, and the opportunities numerous!! For more information, contact Rosemary Klein, (704) 892-8306; rosemaryklein924@gmail.com.

Community Missions 2024

Annual Report

Tina Piephoff, Chair

Community Missions ("CMC") partnered with 25 local ministries in 2024. With a budget of \$199,128.00, we continued to focus across the mission priorities of Housing, Children, Hunger and Healthcare. In the interest of better understanding the changing needs of our partners, CMC hosted live presentations during our committee meetings from Hope House, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Davidson Housing Coalition (we also enjoyed an on-site visit with the new director, Connie Wessner), La Escuelita, Caterpillar Ministries, Roof Above, Habitat Charlotte and Safe Alliance. We also broadened our community reach with participation in the Davidson College Involvement Fair, MLK "day of service" for 4th and 5th graders to the Neighborhood Care Center and DCPC Mission Fair during lemonade on the lawn.

Our hands on involvement continued as we coordinated 12 weeks of Summer Food Bag programs for Angels and Sparrows and caterpillar ministries, assembled 600 bag lunches and provided coordination of the weekly food collection and distribution to Nourish Up! We organized three blood drives, provided year long volunteers for Blythe Elementary and Huntersville Elementary to support classroom helpers, heart math tutoring, Amigos tutoring, clothing and school supply drives, built birdhouses, supported International week, Science Fair, and provided various luncheons for school staff and teachers. CMC sent 5 children to Camp Grier for a week of summer camp, providing transportation to the excited group. We staffed up Room in the Inn for 16 weekends, had over 200 volunteers for Day of Service, coordinated the Angel Tree Ministry and provided funds to many who were impacted by Hurricane

Helene in Western North Carolina through Christmas giving. Built and dedicated a Habitat House to a single mother and her 4 children. We were busy in 2024 and hope to provide even more assistance to our needy community in 2025.

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*Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works,
will show you my faith. James 2: 18*

Community Missions Budget 2025

<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ada Jenkins Center	\$45,000
Amigos de Cristo (backpacks, parties, weekly snacks)	\$500
Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen	\$12,000
Barium Springs- Childrens Hope Alliance	\$8,000
Blythe Elementary	\$2,000
Camp Experience (4 kids/ summer)	\$4,000
Caterpillar Ministeries	\$12,000
Charlotte Family Housing	\$2,000
Charlotte Habitat	\$8,000
Charlotte Rescue Mission (1 graduate)	\$4,000
Contingency	\$2,500
Crisis Assistance Ministry	\$10,000
Dav- Cornelius Child Dev Center	\$10,000
Davidson Housing Coalition	\$40,000
Day of Service	\$1,000
E2D	\$3,000
Feed NC	\$10,000
Habitat DCPC House	\$5,000
Hope House	\$5,000
La Esquelita- Bilingual Preschool	\$1,800
Lake Norman YMCA	\$2,000
Mecklenburg Ministeries	\$250
Neighborhood Care Center (2025 Special Project)	\$3,500
Red Cross Blood Drive	\$100
Roof Above (CLT)	\$3,500
Room in the Inn (DCPC)	\$500
Safe Alliance	\$3,000
Smithville Community Coalition	\$2,000
Summer Food Ministry	\$1,000
White Gift Food Drive/ Christmas Pageant	\$500
Total	\$202,150