

National Benevolent Association (NBA)
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
www.nbacaes.org

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Our Mission

Following God's call, the National Benevolent Association 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.

Our Core Values

Serving as the Disciples health and social service general ministry for 130 years, NBA's mission has been, and continues to be, responsive to the needs of the church and society. Over this long history, we have had the joy—and the challenge—of supporting the church across a rich array of issues. As the NBA, we are grounded in meaningful core values that focus our work:



- *Rooted in Compassionate Care:* We celebrate those who have served before us in creating a just world. The NBA's mission and work emerged from the faithful witness of a small group of Disciples women seeking to address the needs of children and families in need. We value this legacy of serving the “least of these” and endeavor to root all of our initiatives in the value and dignity of human life and in serving a world that God so loves.
- *Accountability:* We claim our duty to be effective stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We are fiscally responsible and acknowledge our accountability to our partners and the communities we serve. We treat others with respect and strive to conduct our work in the spirit of transparency and openness. Where there is brokenness, we strive for reconciliation.
- *Collaborative Partnerships:* We believe that meaningful results to build compassionate and caring communities happen only when we can work in partnership with God and a wide diversity of others – individuals, communities, churches and organizations. We affirm that by working with partners, as well as those we serve, and by practicing humble leadership, we have what we need to make a difference.
- *Accompaniment:* We value the creative voice and mind of all people as we seek to heed God's call, especially in the important work of developing solutions through creative and innovative efforts designed to address personal challenges and systemic oppression. As we assume a posture of openness, we find in each other's company the “bread” that will sustain us all. As we share life's joys and struggles, at times picking up one another's load and going the hard way together, we create communities of compassion and care.
- *Forward Leaning:* We commit to learning and adapting as we move into the future. We understand that during times of change and new directions, the path forward often involves uncertainty and challenges. Through our shared efforts of advocacy, education, pastoral response, and professional care and services, we move towards the health and well being of all.

Our Ministries and Partners



Serving as the Church's health and social services general ministry, the NBA partners with congregations, regions, general ministries, and a variety of Disciples-related health and social service providers to create communities of compassion and care.

Our shared work advances care for and with others in our communities and raises awareness of needs that are often overlooked and forgotten—needs such as affordable housing;

spiritual care for the incarcerated and returning citizens; children and family services; programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; care and advocacy for older adults; hunger and food security; mental health and wellness; and other needs as they emerge.

Today's ministries of the NBA are grounded in our historic mission of "caring for the least of these." Our missional vision is to inspire and invite people of faith into this shared work and ministry responding to God's call to be compassionate listeners, organizers, and advocates. Together, we create communities of compassion and care. The NBA centers our shared work in three ways: **Incubate, Initiate, and Connect.**

INCUBATE

The NBA **incubates** new ministries, empowering Disciples-led health and social service projects to focus on their growth, strengthen their impact, and plan for appropriate sustainability. Through the **NBA Incubate Initiative**, we support social entrepreneurs of faith as they serve their communities in a variety of innovative ways.

Impact of the Incubate Initiative

As of 2016, 10 ministries are formally affiliated with the NBA as part of the NBA Incubate Initiative. We help these entities strategically strengthen areas such as board development, capacity building, administrative mentoring, marketing and communications, fundraising and development, bookkeeping services, sustainability, Disciples relationships, and more.



In March 2016, the NBA hosted its second Incubate Retreat for 12 emerging Disciples-related health and social service ministry leaders to create intentional space for rest, renewal, and equipping for the ministry of social entrepreneurship. In September 2016, the NBA launched the SENT Seminar: Equipping Social Entrepreneurs for Leadership and Change. This educational event brought together 14 Disciples-related health and social service ministry start-ups to learn and share in a variety of topics, including leadership coaching, legal principles for faith-based entities, marketing, and fundraising. Additional virtual learning opportunities throughout the year included webinars on board development, marketing, and social media.

The NBA Incubate Initiative is also collaborating with Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation's New Church Movement on a series of workshops for ministry entrepreneurs in discernment. "Should I Start a Church or a Nonprofit?" creates space to explore the Why?, the What?, and everything in between of starting new ministries and discerning one's own call.

Additionally, the NBA Incubate Initiative resources emerging health and social service ministries by working with regional leadership to create regional initiatives. Starting in 2016-17, this includes a partnership with the New Church Ministries team in the Christian Church in Kentucky, specifically focusing on developing entrepreneurial skills at the intersection of congregational life and health and social service ministries.

INITIATE

The NBA **initiates** ministries designed to establish and grow partnerships with health and social service supporters and providers. In 2016-17, we are now in our third year of **NBA XPLOR**, a 10-month, faith-based residency for young adults, and we have also supported the **Ferguson Justice Initiative** in collaboration with other Disciples through 2015-16.

Impact of NBA XPLOR



NBA XPLOR is a prophetic movement of and for young adults who are discerning lives of care and service. The Residency provides 10-months of leadership development and vocational discernment for 21- to 30-year-olds to live simply in community and engage in direct service and justice work.

The 2015-16 cohort of 20 NBA XPLOR Residents completed more than 25,000 volunteer hours serving with 17 Disciples congregations and 24 nonprofit agencies. In 2016-17, NBA XPLOR placed 23 Residents at six host sites—North Hollywood, CA; St. Louis, MO; Hiram-Mantua, OH; Tucson/Marana, AZ; Golden Gate/Bay Area, CA; and East Dallas, TX – in partnership with 18 Disciples congregations and 27 community engagement sites.

NBA XPLOR Residents are currently working with low-income families, unhoused individuals, people with disabilities, older adults, vulnerable children, and undocumented persons, among others. They are learning grant writing, event planning, community advocacy, and much, much more. These professional and leadership skills make a huge impact. Through their dedicated work, spiritual practices, and exploration this year, these young adults are now discerning calls to social work, early childhood education, community organizing, medicine, military, ministry, and more. We look forward to continuing NBA XPLOR with a new cohort of Residents in 2017-18.

Impact of Ferguson Justice Initiative

Following the fatal shooting of Michael Brown on August 9, 2014, by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson, several Disciples clergy and laypersons have joined many others in community responses for justice in Ferguson and beyond. In cooperation with other Disciples, the NBA has supported efforts for justice and racial reconciliation in the St. Louis area by promoting and facilitating conversation, gathering, advocacy, and healing. This has included: the St. Louis-Area Disciples Summit for Racial Justice in September 2015; the release of the documentary film *Injustice Anywhere* and supporting study guide materials in April 2016; and a Spiritual Care for Activists Retreat and evening celebration recognizing local activists, both in August 2016. The NBA has continued to engage with those involved in the *Injustice Anywhere* film, honoring the unnamed activists of the Ferguson Uprising and sharing mental health and healing resources with those who have been working tirelessly for justice.

CONNECT

The NBA **connects** service providers and mission partners—connections that empower them to learn, collaborate, and grow stronger. Our networks include approximately 40 **Disciples-related health and social service ministries** across the life of the church, and two **Affinity Groups: Prison & Jail Ministries** and **Mental Health & Congregational Care**.

Impact of Connect Ministries

Affinity Groups

The NBA supports collaborative communities of Disciples working together on particular health and social service justice issues. Our Affinity Group Ministries advocate for, and respond to, topics of concern across the life of the church, regularly publishing blogs, webinars, and other resources, as well as hosting virtual and in-person workshops and gatherings.

- The Prison & Jail Ministries Affinity Group supports Disciples engaged in spiritual care and advocacy ministries with those who are or have been incarcerated and their families. The group’s work centers around inspiration, advocacy, and education. Within this network of some 350 members, we have convened a smaller peer group of 11 leaders to meet for two years, in-person and virtually, to cultivate encouragement, dialogue, spiritual renewal, and peer-to-peer learning.
- The Mental Health & Congregational Care Affinity Group, formally launched in May 2016, supports Disciples congregations and communities engaged in spiritual care and advocacy ministries with those affected by mental illness and/or mental health disorders. The group’s four main vision areas are to counter stigma, provide resources and educational support, collaborate and connect, and encourage the sustainability of mental health ministries in congregations, regions, and the general church. This shared work supporting mental health extends to regional ministry through the 2017 launch of a new Regional Mental Health and Congregational Care initiative with the Christian Church in Georgia, providing education, support, and infrastructure development to pastors and congregations.

Disciples-Related Health and Social Service Ministries



The NBA and Disciples Home Missions (DHM) collaborate to support a rich network of ~40 Disciples-related health and social service ministries. Our goals are to connect, resource, and amplify the voices of these ministries. Through this network, ministries have access to a constellation of support and services, such as marketing and communications consulting, executive coaching, back-office accounting, and executive searches. Additional networking opportunities with ministry partners include webinars, educational trainings, and new peer groups for executive leaders and marketing/development professionals, each group with 8-10 members who meet in-person and virtually over 18 months.

A full directory of these Disciples-related health and social service ministries follows this report.

For more information about all NBA ministries, and for stories, upcoming events, and worship and study resources, please visit www.nbacares.org.

DISCIPLES-RELATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES:

A Small Hand

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www.helpingshenandoahcountyinfantsinneed.blogspot.com

A Small Hand provides age-appropriate food, diapers, and hygiene essentials to infants in need from newborns to 36 months in the Shenandoah County of Virginia. The focus of our ministry is to serve as a specialist pantry providing care to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community. All of our clients are enrolled in government supplemental feeding programs (SNAP/Food Stamps or WIC). As these programs were never designed to provide a full month of nutrition, families and infants often do not have enough for non-food essentials such as diapers, feeding bottles, pacifiers, and hygiene essentials. These are the gaps that A Small Hand fills. As an all-volunteer agency, A Small Hand takes pride in cost-effectiveness, professionalism and transparency. The vision and goals of A Small Hand are that children can reach their full developmental potential.

Chain Reaction Ministries

Memorial Drive Christian Church: 11750 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024
First Christian Church: 3700 N. Walker Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118
(713) 789-0060

www.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. Started in December 2009, CRM had humble beginnings by answering a call by Westside Homeless Partnership for used bikes for kids in their program. The secret to CRM's success is linking the donor with the recipient. 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, Nebraska 68132
(402) 553-6000

www.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

Keith Knapp, President

12710 Townepark Way, Suite 1000, Louisville, Kentucky 40243

(800) 662-1738

www.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)

Don Stump, President and CEO

303 Hegenberger Road, Suite 201, Oakland, California 94621

(510) 632-6712

www.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. We are operating 58 senior communities across the country and providing high quality affordable housing for 5,500 seniors. As an organization we employ over 400 people and have a corporate balance sheet of \$78 million.

Christian Services for Children in Alabama

Cynthia M. Stinson (PIP, LCSW), CEO

1792 Highway 14 East, Selma, Alabama 36702

(334) 875-0608

www.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, Ohio 44113

(216) 671-0977

www.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, Missouri 65201
(573) 819-5043

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

Karen Wardlaw, Administrator/CEO
327 Eden Drive, Longview, Texas 75605
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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.

Florida Christian Center

Kimberly Weir, Executive Director
1115 Edgewood Avenue S., Jacksonville, Florida 32205
(904) 981-3095
www.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.

Gomer's House

6638 North Michigan Avenue, Portland Oregon 97217
(503) 935-6362
<http://www.treesdisciples.org>

Gomer's House is a faith community of healing and transformation helping people reach their God-given potential. They are safe, learning, nurturing communities where broken, battered and bruised people get help and learn new skills to overcome compulsive behaviors to become productive, functioning members of society.

Hearts for Care (DRCO)

Rev. Devon McAnally, Executive Director
114 S. Independence, Enid, Oklahoma 73701
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www.drco.org

Hearts for Care, a ministry of Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma, provides a single trusted source for community resources and member-defined needs. Services are offered and provided by trusted and trained volunteers and service providers who have been prescreened by Hearts for Care. Members have access to help with such things as routine household chores, grocery shopping and errands, transportation, and yard work. Hearts for Care also offers social educational, and wellness opportunities through the organized efforts of the volunteers within the community. Hearts for Care is about community, connections, and caring. It is where relationships are authentic and mutual. It is about serving each other. It is about inclusion, no matter where we live.

HER Faith Ministries

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

Dave Lundeen, Executive Director
PO Box 157, Hiram, Ohio 44234
(330) 569-3441
www.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

Sabrina Porter, President and CEO
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(214) 827-0813
www.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.

Live in Hope Foundation

Martine Saint-Vil, President
425 W. Chew Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120
(267) 736-6113
www.liveinhopefoundation.org

Live in Hope Foundation is dedicated to reducing the incidence of advanced stage breast cancer, and the rate of breast cancer deaths, among Haitian women. Our strategies include educating women on risk factors for, and signs and symptoms of, breast cancer. We promote the performance of monthly self-breast exams, and the maintenance of open lines of communication between women and their health care providers. We also provide access to mammography and physical examinations through collaboration with Haitian physicians. In addition to these services, we provide financial assistance toward treatment as well as counseling support for women already impacted by this disease.

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes

Debi Windahl, Administrator
7987 N. 53rd Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85301
(623) 915-5039
www.manistee Manor.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. Dean Bucalos, Executive Director
PO Box 22-34, Louisville, Kentucky, 40252
(502) 396-3543
www.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.

Oakland Peace Center

Rev. Sandhya Jha, Executive Director
111 Fairmount Avenue, Oakland, California 94611
www.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, Oklahoma 74128
(918) 551-6017
www.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, Executive Directors
100 Washington Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47713
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www.patchwork.org

Since its founding, 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
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www.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
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www.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.

Safe Haven Day Shelter

Joni Laurence, Co-Coordinator
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(703) 532-8220
www.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, California 94587
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www.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)

Tom Jones, Executive Director
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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.

Debbie Dobbins, Executive Director
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www.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
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www.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
1438 S. Indianapolis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112
www.tulsastable.org

The mission of StoneSoup Community Venture is to provide enriching seed-to-table educational experiences as solutions to the poverty and hunger that youth living in at-risk communities face each day. Our vision and mission are based on principles of empowerment through education and experience that are positive responses to a growing need for food security in local communities. Up to 25 percent of any city's population may not know how they will secure their next meal. A new model of addressing hunger is needed, one that is based on a well documented approach of empowerment as an effective way to lift people out of poverty, thereby creating lasting and significant social change. We are creating public gathering spaces where an earth-to-table model of food security can be demonstrated and experienced by people of all ages.

The Summit

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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

Ned Breslin, CEO

2950 Tennyson Center, Denver, Colorado 80212

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www.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.

Woodhaven

C. Mark Palmer, CEO

1405 Hathman Place, Columbia, Missouri 65201

(573) 881-9840

www.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.

Worcester Fellowship

Rev. Warren Hicks, Executive Director and Pastor

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(508) 868-3248

www.worcesterfellowship.org

Worcester Fellowship is outdoor church reaching homeless and at-risk adults with Sunday lunch, worship, bible study, weekday ministries, and leadership development. We have one theology: God loves you now, before you get help, before you get sober, before you make changes, God loves you now. We provide a listening ear, sit beside you, and travel with you on life's sometimes difficult, sometimes joyous, journey.

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