



CHRISTIANS CONCERNED FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Introduction

Greetings Neighbors and Partners!

CCC has been off to a good start this year with some great project work, and we have continued our Home Delivery of furniture, household goods, and prayer to our neighbors in need. Thanks to the generosity of many people from a variety of churches, most involved being Grace at Fort Clarke (the church also helped sponsor our first ramp of the year), St. Andrews, Creekside Community Church, and others.

As we begin the year, we have done 2 large ramps in 3 months, which is a pattern I hope to continue to accomplish as Director.

I want to give a huge thank you to our supporters for your continued support. Whether you are a steady but small contributor, or a large donor, each of you help make this organization thrive in living out our mission of expressing God's love by connecting the church to our neighbors in need.

We still need more of the community to join as regular givers in order to continue doing our ministry work here in Alachua County for the Glory of God, so please consider joining with us as we seek to love our neighbor.

And as always, continue to pray for the poor, the sojourner, the widow and the orphan in our community, that the Lord would use us and others to provide for their needs, and for them to see the Good News of Jesus Christ in our actions, words, and prayers.

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Adopt-a-Ramp!



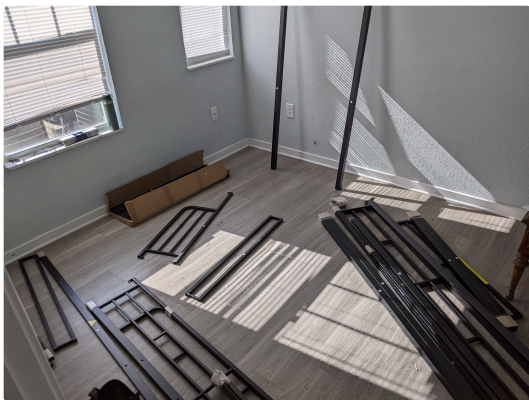
We are rolling out a new funding program for CCC: **Adopt-a-Ramp!**

A generous donor associated with CCC has offered to match donations for covering the costs of this ramp (hoping to pay for more in the next couple of months)! **This is amazing news and I want to appeal to everyone who is unable to join as monthly partners to participate in this way, so that you can make a one-time gift to be responsible for changing someone's life with a brand-new Wheelchair Ramp!**

The cost of the above ramp was about \$1,425, and ramps usually average about \$1000 dollars of materials cost. This was our most recent large ramp project just a week ago! Built with many volunteers (Not all of whom are skilled) over 2 days, this ramp was built to serve two elderly sisters in need, one of whom will soon be in a wheelchair. Their previous ramp was both rotting and too steep, and a friend had fallen through the deck-boards, so this was a high priority project. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who labored hard for to make this a reality. The 2 women are so grateful and wanted me to pass their gratitude along to everyone who makes this work possible

If you are able, join this special funding program, and/or become a monthly

supporter to cover operations costs in addition to helping fund projects. To participate, either give online and notify us of your intent for your donation to be part of Adopt-a-Ramp, or write it in the memo line of your check.



First above is the Saturday Afternoon crew (minus a couple people) who built the ramp for "L and J" 1 week ago.

The other pictures are some small project: helping the father of a family with 5 kids and a pregnant wife in hospital put together a 3-bed bunk bed (The family had no tools or experience), and some flooring for a dear neighbor who another nonprofit (Rebuilding Together NCF) was helping as well as us.



This is a shot of the ramp built in February for a woman in need and her injured/disabled grandkids. Grace at Fort Clarke helped cover half the cost, and provided their tool trailer.

Here is a newly furnished Living Room for a [Created](#) client who is a single mom with multiple kids who was referred to us! We love the network of organizations that help breath life into those who are in hurting and in need.



Opportunities to Serve!

Need 1: About every week, I go on a route to gather and distribute furniture. We need 1-2 more able-bodied volunteers to add into the rotation to move and deliver furniture to our neighbors. I ask an average of one morning volunteered a month, usually a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday morning. About 3-4 hours.

Need 2: Group projects (variety)

- Constructing a small Ramp for a disabled neighbor (I need 2-3 helpers, immediate need). ~4-5 hours commitment
- Pressure Washing and Painting of a neighbors home exterior. 5-10, ~4 hours
- Yard Cleaning. 5-10 people, ~5 to 6 hours
- Wood ramp construction project ~6 to 8 hours. ~8 people (Preferably skilled workers)

Please consider reaching out with your interest to serve our neighbors in need. It could be weeks of planning to schedule a time. Usually Saturday mornings are a good time, but during the week can sometimes work, when I just need a couple of helpers for a smaller project.

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Follow us on Facebook (click the Facebook logo) to keep better updated about our projects, impact, and the needs of CCC and our neighbors. Here are some current needs

- Twin, full, and queen sheet sets and blankets/comforters
- Adult Beds
- Silverware and Kitchen utensils
- Wood-working and Construction tools

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