



CHRISTIANS CONCERNED FOR THE COMMUNITY

Summer Quarterly Newsletter



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CCC at Work in the Community





Another Large Ramp Completed!

A urgent ramp was built for a man near Hawthorne who lost most of one leg from a car accident, and was confined to the trailer with no safe way to leave.

Large UF Surplus Furniture Donation

UF donated a large amount of dressers, end tables, tables and chairs, and more so that CCC could have a large store of furniture to distribute to our neighbors in need. And thank you to City Church for allowing us to use their extra space!



Other Accessibility Help

We gave a disabled woman a shower chair to help her get showers, as well as distributing wheelchairs and other Medical Equipment to neighbors these last 2 months.

Letter from the Director: A Year on the Job

Dear Friends of CCC,

It has and continues to be an honor to serve as the Executive Director of Christians Concerned for the Community. Working closely with the Board of Directors has been very beneficial to the organization, and to me, as I continue to grow in this position. After a year on the job, I wanted to reflect and give thanks for many things.

I would like to thank everyone of you who has encouraged me, who have invested in our ministry, and who participates in some way in the work that Lenora and I (the staff) do with our volunteers at CCC. Thank you for being part of the integral work of loving our neighbors as ourselves, the work of seeking to care for the vulnerable in our community. It is a privilege that I get to see so much beauty in the generosity of you all as you give your possessions or your time to make sure someone in need has a bed, or that the disabled neighbor with no wealth can get in and out of their home with a wheelchair ramp.

I thank God that many people have stepped up to serve as new volunteers this last year! Many construction volunteers have made regular and intense ramp builds possible. Volunteers to help sort and organize our storage and household donations, and those who help move and deliver furniture. And groups of people who serve neighbors with some yard work. And devoted Board members that ensure we are on a good track. And the work of Dan, the previous Director, to make sure we were on a right path.

When I started one year ago, I was fairly anxious about my ability to help this organization succeed. **Thankfully the Lord's faithfulness is more than enough to make sure that His work is still being done. He does this through my work, but more importantly, through every person who assists with our mission and who supports the organization.**

In other news, we are in the early stages of seeking to continue the revitalizing of our office property through doing some renovations and upgrades, and considering other ways our property in NW Gainesville might be used well, besides what we use it for now (mostly storage and some office work).

Please consider doing a few things to assist our ministry:

1. We are in a donations slump right now (fairly common for the summer), but please consider becoming a recurring financial partner with CCC.
2. If you have connections to electricians and/or AC installers, please let me know.
3. **Most importantly, please pray** that the Lord would provide the wisdom and support necessary to continue to serve our neighbors in tangible ways as an embodiment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Pray that we would be servants of his will in our community to provide hope for the hopeless and an image of God's goodness to those in need of the Lord.

I thank each of you who supports what we do in any way, whether that be through generous donations or through simply pointing a friend to our ministry when they have furniture to donate! I continue to thank God for the willingness of the Church to serve our neighbors, and I continue to pray that this the local church would continue to grow in doing this well.

May God be with each of you, your families, and your churches.

Sincerely,
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Other Ministry Updates:

UF Surplus has donated (with the connection of a local church member) large amounts of household furniture to CCC for our Home Delivery program in order to provide more generously for our neighbors in need. About 20 dressers, 30 end tables, 15 night stands, 20 Dining Room tables with chairs, and some LR seating! While we didn't get any beds, these items will help us be generous with what we have in serving our neighbors in need.

I would love to mention to everyone getting this that we could use your help in a couple ways regarding our Home Delivery Ministry. First, if you are a part of a church community or other organizations, if you can please mention that we pick up some furniture and household good items form homes that are in good condition (<https://cccgainesville.org/donate/>). Also to keep in mind that we exist to serve the elderly, disabled, and impoverished in our county, showing them the love of God

through our services. So if there might be a chance that could help serve members of local congregations, please refer them to us.



Neighbor Spotlight: “Joe”

“Joe” was biking down a road on his way to work when he got hit by a car going over 50 mph. Thankfully, the driver stopped to call an ambulance and Joe was rushed to the hospital where they attempted, but were unsuccessful, in saving his mangled leg.

Along with other serious injuries, Joe’s life was changed. While he can expect to walk around with a prosthetic (if they are ever able to afford one) or cane, they say the road to recovery will be long and difficult.

Thankfully, someone was able to refer Joe’s family to our organization, and with the help of faithful volunteers, and using money from our "Adopt-a-Ramp" fund, we were able to complete and 30+ ft. ramp for Joe!

When I (Michael) wasn’t needed on the ramp, I was able to step inside and spend time with Joe and his parents, who all live together in a trailer out near Hawthorne. It is in those times of getting to know each other, of simply ministering with the presence of compassion and listening, that I am able to give a message of hope to those who sometimes can’t see it in their situation.

I was able to tell Joe how anger at the Lord is a normal thing that we see David express repeatedly in the Psalms. I was able to share in the grief that he is feeling as he can’t work, and can’t walk for at least a year. **I got to point to those working on the ramp and say that even in the midst of tragedy, the Lord was showing him**

love and mercy through the service of Christ-followers who would serve a stranger. I was able to say that this is an image of the Gospel of Jesus. Finally, we were able to watch Joe make his way down the ramp for the first time, as he was previously unable to enter and exit his home except with great and dangerous effort.

Joe was tearful and so thankful that there are those who are so willing to love and serve others.

Please pray for this man who needs the grace of God not only for healing in his body and mind, but for his soul in the person of Jesus Christ.

Know that your support makes this wonderful ministry happen.

Thank you all!

How can I help?

Home Delivery

We have enough helpers to meet current needs. Praise be to God! But we can always use more volunteers in the rotation, especially as we look to grow.

- Gather and distribute furniture alongside another worker
- Must be able to lift and carry heavy items
- One morning per month (Wed., Th. or Fri.) for ~4 hours

Home (usually group) Projects

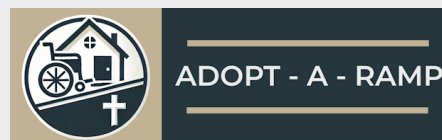
Please contact us several weeks in advance - these projects take a while to get organized.

- Home repairmen. If you are skilled in any form of home repair, please consider contacting me to assist in assessing and working on a variety of projects.
- Ramp Builds. Multiple skilled people needed.
- Pressure washing/painting of home exterior. 5-10 people, 6 hours.
- Yard cleaning. 5-10 people, 4 hours.

Items We're Low On

- Mattresses and beds

Thank you!



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