
**CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2021 MISSION DRIVE BOOKLET**



“...FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME WATER; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME INTO YOUR HOMES; NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; SICK AND IN PRISON, AND YOU VISITED ME...WHEN YOU DID IT TO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME.”

MATTHEW 25: 35-40



MISSION DRIVE GOAL: \$35,000

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UKRAINE



AIM

Accept. Inspire. Minister
Anderson Interfaith Ministries

Who We Are

AIM is an efficient nonprofit organization that meets the needs of struggling individuals and families in Anderson County. We have stabilized the community and continues to do so using its hand up, not hand out philosophy.

General funding is always appreciated. Specific needs are listed below:

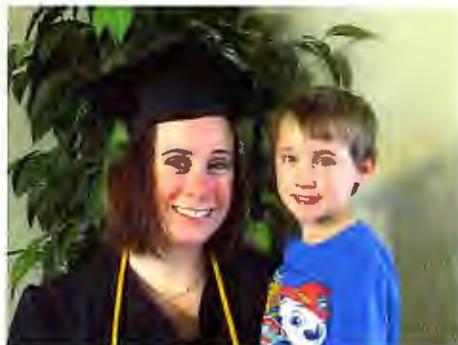
- Roof replacement for Hunger Ministries
- Childcare for WACS participants
- Children's Activities
- Summer Food for Kids
- Wheelchair Ramps and Repairs

What We Do

AIM is known for maximizing resources and continues to significantly help its clients positively change their lives long-term. We are unique because of our numerous, efficient programs and passionate, committed volunteers.

Mission Statement

Connecting people with support, resources, and education so they can empower themselves to be self-sufficient



Our Programs

- Pivotal Support Program**
 - give financial assistance and counseling to the needy
 - address core problems rather than simply treating symptoms
 - interview client and make appropriate referrals
 - enforce the Christmas Program to provide gifts for children
- Education & Workforce Development**
 - focus on the foundations for employment, job retention, and professional development
 - Educational Workshops & Employment Pathways
- Housing Program**
 - assist low-income homeowners to remain in their homes
 - provide ramps and other necessary repairs that threaten the health and safety of these families
 - Emergency Home Repairs, Ramps and Minor Repairs
- Hunger Ministries**
 - Fishes and Loaves Food Ministries, Emergency Food Packages, Summer Food for Kids, SNAP Outreach, Community Connections, Holiday Food Drives, TOTSOME (Trick or Treat so Others May Eat)
- WACS (Women & Children Succeeding)**
 - College support program for low-income parents with children
 - Mentor Program, Life Skills Training

Our Story

In 1989, Anderson's church community gathered to discuss how the needs of the community were being met. To prevent duplicating assistance to those in need, church members hoped to form an organization to serve as a clearinghouse for the community.

On May 7, 1990 Anderson Interfaith Ministries opened its doors at 618 S. Manning Street in a rent-free building. Since then, AIM has grown to occupy five buildings on its campus to house its many programs.

Contact

Physical Address
1202 S. Murray Ave
Anderson, SC 29624

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 1136
Anderson, SC 29622

Volunteers are always welcomed!
Please contact Sarah Ann Skelton
at 864-965-9803.

To learn more about the specific programs offered please visit
www.aimcharity.org

Meals On Wheels ANDERSON

The Mission of Meals on Wheels – Anderson, is to provide meals to the elderly and disabled homebound of Anderson County. Weekly, volunteers pack and deliver meals to over 600 recipients. These meals see to their physical needs, while the friendly interaction with our volunteers help reduce the social isolation that many of our recipients feel on a daily basis.

Meals on Wheels – Anderson, is blessed to be a part of such a generous community! A bulk of our support comes from individual donations from neighbors who want to help their own elderly and homebound neighbors in the community. We also have the most amazing volunteers, who give above and beyond to make sure that our elderly and homebound are fed and feel loved and not forgotten.

As you can imagine, even with all our volunteers, it still takes quite a lot of funds to keep this program going and we sincerely appreciate your support!

If you are interested in personally giving back to your elderly and homebound neighbors, contact us at 225-6800 or email hannah@acmow.org to learn how to get involved. Again, thank you for this opportunity!

Josh Overstreet







ANDERSON FREE CLINIC

The Anderson Free Clinic, together with its satellite clinic in Honea Path, provides comprehensive healthcare services to low-income, uninsured residents of Anderson County. In addition to medical, dental, vision and prescription assistance services, the Anderson Free Clinic is dedicated to improving patient wellness through individual and group education and referrals to valuable community resources for a broad approach to overall health and well-being.

The Anderson Free Clinic provided in excess of 3,200 medical visits in 2018.

In 2018 the Anderson Free Clinic saw over 700 patients for dental care.

The Anderson Free Clinic Pharmacy filled over 25,000 prescriptions in 2018.

We would like to invite you to put your talents and skills to good use by helping the Free Clinic in its mission to provide healthcare to residents of Anderson County who can't afford it. We have a very small staff and depend upon the generosity of volunteers to help operate the Clinic. Simply put – without YOU, the Free Clinic would not exist. If you are interested in volunteering, doing a mission project, or would like for us to come out and speak to your organization, please contact Michelle Nixon at 864-512-7809. If you would like to support the Anderson Free Clinic through a monetary donation/pledge please contact Katherine Gorritti at 864-512-7811.



Salem Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

Rev. Mashon and Rose Nance, pastors

Salem's worshipping/learning/working congregation consists of about 40 members of all ages, with 7 taking leadership positions in ministry. Giving is increasing, and biannual Rally Days organize outreach to former members, reconnecting them to the congregation. A Financial Health Assessment (Presbyterian Foundation) reveals that Salem is doing well in its discernment process for future needs, low debt ratio, and use of diverse funding streams. Gifts in the body include: accounting, teaching, administration, historical archiving, music, and preaching. Several of the families include children with special needs. It has been an inspiration to have them participate in liturgical dance and music, and watch them realize the value of their contributions.

In 2015, Foothills Presbytery members endorsed a new project of Salem Presbyterian Church's -- the BRIDGE Project: **Bringing Resource Information Disseminating God's Empire. They applied for, and received a seed grant to bring community partners together to train and equip a ministry team to serve "the whole person"; and to increase successful access to services by the individuals in the neighborhood of West Anderson.**

The BRIDGE program has developed a strong relationship with the following partners, all located in the neighborhood:

- Homes of Hope -The dilapidated Earle Homes Apartments had been razed to make way for new construction with this holistic home ownership program
- Westside Community Center - A community-owned umbrella for many agencies, include services for ex-convicts; health care; day care; library and many more
- Anderson Crime Task Force - Collaboration with the County & City police department to develop relationships and trust between citizens and law enforcement—the "Dream Team"
- In His Image- An alternative K-12 school
- Freedom Within Walls - A summer camp and after-school program

Central Church continues providing annual assistance as a way of encouraging and supporting our brothers and sisters at Salem Presbyterian Church.

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

Executive Director: Dr. Beatrice Thompson
1100 West Franklin Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29624
Phone No. 260-1093/Fax No. 260-1094

The Westside Community Center is a community-based, charitable organization, which was formed in 1992 through grassroots efforts of community citizens. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of citizens in an underserved community by providing services to those in need. The Center currently houses programs which provide computer classes, pre-school child development, a library branch, AnMed health clinic, adult education, a satellite health department, a police sub-station, program for at-risk students, sports and recreation programs (including a gymnasium and family park), and summer school enrichment programs. These programs are made possible through the assistance of community partners, community volunteers and the generosity of a “giving” community.

Each year, thousands of needy citizens in our community are served through our programs and services, and each year the numbers continue to increase. We have recently completed the renovation of the old school cafeteria into a community family health and wellness center. This facility provides health services to low to moderate income citizens in our community. These services include health education, cardiovascular activities, healthy cooking, health seminars, other health related activities, and programs designed to promote healthy lifestyles and improve the overall health of families in the community. We have also recently added a program to serve students who have dropped out of the school system. The program assists these students in achieving their GED.

Central Presbyterian Church has truly been a blessing to Westside Community Center. They are long-time supporters of WCC programs and activities, and we truly thank the church and all of our community supporters for their moral and financial support.

SALVATION ARMY

On Tolly Street....

We operate our Stringer Emergency Lodge, with 18 Men beds, 12 Women beds, and 4 family rooms, which can accommodate up to 13 family members.

During the cold months we provide emergency cold shelter, and when temperatures will be sustained below 38-40 degrees, we add 30 emergency beds.

We work with residents on stabilization, which leads towards employment, housing, and improved life skills.

Shelter needs include linens, towels, socks, bedding (Pillows), toiletries, bus tickets, bicycles, and donated food. We would also love to host a group who would like to provide a meal; either by donating the cost, or cooking a meal and coming to serve it. Those who are gifted in a way that would allow for a class to be taught in life skills development would be welcome as well.

We receive only \$10,000 from local public agencies, so we rely on the support of donors to be able to serve in this way.

Last year we provided almost 15,000 nights sleep, and over 40,000 meals.

At our Boys and Girls Club...

We provide after school enrichment, a full summer camp, and take kids away for fresh air camp in June and July.

Our young people average 10-15% higher grade levels than average, and are being exposed to digital literacy, and manufacturing principles. This is developing critical skills development that will lead to creating employment opportunities that will give them a bright future, and economic self-sufficiency. We also teach character building programs that instill bible based principles, and resistance training against addiction, violence, and inappropriate relationships.

We are always looking for volunteers to teach, mentor, drive buses one day per week, host a VBS, and sponsor programs financially.

At Christmas time...

We provide a Christmas morning for 1500 local children and hundreds of seniors through our Angel Tree, and Silver Bells programs.

**We appreciate all your support, for The Salvation Army,
and all the other ministries in Downtown Anderson!**

112 Tolly Street
PO Box 43
Anderson, SC 29621
Phone: 225-7381 ext. 2010
Boys and Girls Club Phone: 760-1122
<http://www.salvationarmyanderson.org>

SOUTH MAIN CHAPEL & MERCY CENTER

The **South Main Chapel & Mercy Center** is a new church in our community. The church is located in a facility that was once the Orrville United Methodist Church, 2408 South Main Street in Anderson. The idea for the church grew out of a vision first cast by the Anderson District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray. After a visit made by Susan, Rev. Kurt Stutler and Carol Burdette (President of the United Way of Anderson County) to **Triune Mercy Center** in Greenville, plans began to formulate around establishing a church and ministry in this location that like Triune works with and alongside those dealing with homelessness and poverty.

A “Dream Team” of persons representing several different churches and denominations started meeting in July 2013 to discuss the feasibility of forming a ministry modeled after Triune Mercy Center. In March 2014 the project was selected as a recipient of new church start support from the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Rev. Kurt Stutler was appointed in June 2014 as the founding pastor/director.

The church opened June 29, 2014. Sunday morning worship with a diverse congregation is averaging 75 in attendance proving that it is possible for God’s people to become one family across social and economic boundaries. A **fellowship dinner** supported by several area churches, non-profits and businesses is held **every Sunday after worship**.

The church is open Sunday through Thursday and has become a place of service for persons across our community. Besides providing meals and donations, volunteers are beautifying our grounds, providing transportation for persons in need, answering phones, packing hygiene packets, cleaning floors, painting rooms, etc. Please contact us at **864-437-8298** if you are interested in volunteering. Or if you would like to schedule a visit for your group to the Mercy Center and learn more about ministry to and with those homeless and living in poverty, please call us.

Below is a list of other ministries and services started since June 2014:

- Weekly community meal Monday nights at 4:30PM
- Fellowship Lunch every Sunday after worship
- Sunday Bible Study (after lunch)
- Alston Wilkes Society has moved their Anderson office to SMC&MC
- Employment assistance
- A Mental Health counselor from Anderson Mental Health Center is on-site one day per week
- Snack packs and city bus tickets are given out on a weekly basis
- A volunteer faith community nurse is on-site
- Free Art lesson are given one day a week
- Individuals have been assisted with housing, employment, securing ID’s and life coaching
- Individuals have been assisted in accessing recovery services, transportation, hygiene packets, small food packs, bicycles etc.
- A weekly prayer service and lunch is being held at noon Wednesdays
- A counselor from SC Vocational Rehabilitation is on-site one day every week
- SC Legal Services is on site twice a month

Besides financial donations some currently needed items are:

- Bottled water
- Sleeping bags

- Tents
- Hot Hands
- Art Room supplies—canvas, sketch pads, acrylic paints, art pencils
- Office supplies--- Scissors, tape, postage stamps, copy paper
- Copier/Printer ink cartridges (HP 410A) Black and Colors
- City bus passes
- Gas cards
- Paper plates, cups and napkins
- Cleaning products (kitchen, bathrooms, floors and dusting)
- Tissues
- 33-Gal Trash Bags
- Coffee and coffee supplies (sugar, creamer, coffee filters)
- Snack pack food items
 - Tuna and canned meat
 - Peanut butter
 - Canned foods with pop-top lids (stew, chili, soup, fruit, veggies)
 - Applesauce
 - Crackers
 - Cereal Bars or Granola Bars
 - Fruit Cups/ Pudding Cups
 - Individual bags of healthy snacks (such as Cheez-Its, Pretzels, Fruit Snacks, etc.)
 - Ramen Noodles
- Backpacks
- Bicycles (in good working order)
- Hygiene Pack List
 - Wet wipes
 - Tissue Packs Small
 - Band-Aids (any sizes)
 - Q-tips
 - Small packs of toothpaste
 - Individual wrapped toothbrushes and soap
 - Wash clothes
 - Hotel soap and hair supply
 - Combs and brushes
 - Disposables Razors



JOIN US!

Central Members prepare and serve meals several times a year for South Main. Our meal dates this year are February 3rd, July 7th and November 3rd. Contact someone on the Mission Committee if interested.

ANDERSON EMERGENCY SOUP KITCHEN

Anderson Emergency Kitchen
306 W. Franklin Street
Anderson, SC

It is open 5 days a week from 9 a.m. until about noon.
For more information, call 864-224-4763

The Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen was established in the early 80's at Grace Episcopal Church on South McDuffie Street in Anderson. Sometime later it moved to its present location on Franklin Street. The Soup Kitchen provides one hot meal a day, five days a week to any and all who enter its doors. An average of 70 hot meals are served daily, 260 days a year. Bag lunches are served at two facilities on weekends. Central members volunteer one Saturday per month, providing lunches to the Morningside site.

Central also provides the Thanksgiving meal at the Soup Kitchen each year. There is an ongoing need for food, dry goods and monetary donations, as well as help with upkeep and maintenance of the building. We appreciate the generosity and support of all our donors.



South Sudan Medical Mission

Dr. Clarke McIntosh grew up in Anderson. He became a pediatrician and practiced medicine in Asheville. He felt called to the mission field and now works with a hospital in the Nuba Mountains in South Sudan.

Dr. McIntosh renders medical treatment to the natives who suffer from many ailments – some of which we no longer experience in the United States.

He will return home in April for 2 months and reside with his father, Jack McIntosh, in Anderson.





219 Townsend Street Anderson, S.C. 29625 Phone (864) 716-0766

Mission Statement

This ministry will, in the spirit of God's call to compassion, serve the homeless, poor, and marginalized by providing facilities for them to achieve basic hygiene, cleanliness, mail and phone access, and to help direct them toward the availability of other services they may need. We will help our clients feel better physically and through improved self-worth and self-confidence, to support them toward the improvement of their situations. Our staff and volunteers will treat our clients with respect and provide a safe, welcoming environment to help them maintain a feeling of dignity in their daily contact with others.

Since its inception in 2006, Clean Start of Anderson has strived to offer those on the street a way to clean up and start again. By providing laundering services, clothing, and basic hygiene supplies to the homeless of Anderson, this organization pushes its clients to use these services, largely in hopes of finding a job.

Serving an average of 50+ clients each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Clean Start does 10+ loads of laundry, allowing all clients to shower in one of its three facilities, and obtain gently used or new clothing. In addition, we also offer barbering services and provide a telephone and mailing services. A major goal of Clean Start is to find jobs for its clients. Since 2006, we have had eight people obtain jobs through our efforts. Clean Start also works to house families in completely furnished homes. During the first year of operations we have been able to provide this opportunity for one family.

This organization has offered a huge outreach service to Anderson's community so far, but continuing is highly dependent upon your support and help. We welcome anyone who would like to come in and help organize the showering and laundering schedules. In addition, volunteers can also help receive and categorize all of the supplies that come in.

Monetary donations are always welcome and greatly contribute to helping Clean Start. Our greatest needs for supplies are powdered laundry detergent and bleach. Other supplies needed are blankets, small deodorants, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, paper towels, underwear (large and extra large), white socks, clothing, and snacks. Coffee, creamer, and sugar are always needed.

Calvary Home

—FOR CHILDREN—

110 Calvary Home Circle
Anderson, SC 29621
864-296-5437

Calvary Home for Children exists to provide **HELP, HOPE** and **HOME** to abused and neglected children from South Carolina. We desire for every child to be nurtured in a welcoming, reliable and Christ-centered home and to be united with family as a more physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically stable individual. We believe God desires children to be in a family with a mom and dad, therefore, that is how we model our homes.

Each of our five homes is operated just like an individual family with a married couple leading the way. Each couple cares for six to eight children in their home and all together our homes reflect a very "normal" neighborhood. We want the children living on our campus to feel and live as normal a life as possible. Our children participate in school, community and church events or sports just like other children from the community. Our children also have the opportunity to learn life skills as part of our Vocational Arts Program. They learn skills such as basic plumbing, electrical, tool safety, cooking and budgeting.

On any given day, there are over 4,600 children in foster care in South Carolina. The need is great, but we're not all called to be foster parents. But we are all called to do *something*.

For ONE child to receive Help, Hope and Home, it costs Calvary Home ...

\$44

FOR 1 DAY

\$309

FOR 1 WEEK

\$1,339

FOR 1 MONTH

\$16,075

FOR 1 YEAR











What is HAVEN OF REST?

Haven of Rest exists to see broken lives restored by the power of the Gospel.

Each day we minister to 80+ people facing life-dominating problems, such as addiction or homelessness, through long-term, Bible-based programs.



Haven of Rest OFFERS:



Meals • Shelter • Recovery • Healing • Hope • Restoration • Bible Teaching • Job Training • Transformation • New Life in-Christ

OUR MINISTRIES:

Men's Program

Rescue Mission
Men's Training Center

Women's Ministry

Thrift Stores

Our programs are free for men and women in need...

but are very costly for us to operate.

The Haven relies on support from generous individuals, churches, and businesses to meet needs.

Thank you for supporting local missions!

For ONE person to receive Biblical addiction recovery, it costs The Haven:

\$30

for 1 DAY

\$210

for 1 WEEK

\$840

for 1 MONTH

\$10,920

for 1 YEAR

To make a donation: www.havenofrest.cc/donate

NEEDS:

Canned goods	Toilet paper	Ibuprofen	Soap & Body Wash
Peanut butter	Tissues	Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold	Shampoo & Conditioner
Bottled water	Coffee	Medicine (non-drowsy)	Lysol/Clorox wipes
Paper towels	Band-Aids	Disposable razors	Lysol spray

PO Box 466 Anderson, SC | www.havenofrest.cc | 864.226.6193



HOSPICE OF THE UPSTATE

We are your community non-profit Hospice.
Ask for us by name.

When curative treatment is no longer the answer, Hospice provides a different kind of hope. Hope to maintain dignity, live to the fullest, be free from pain and spend valuable time with loved ones wherever they call home.

Hospice of the Upstate serves terminally ill people of all ages, with all types of progressive diseases—from heart, lung, kidney, vascular and neurological diseases to AIDS and Alzheimer's.

For over 30 years, since our opening in 1988, our commitment has remained the same—to provide the highest quality end-of-life care and to do that regardless of a patient's ability to pay. We were founded by community leaders to serve a community need. Today, Hospice of the Upstate serves over 1,000 families a year in Upstate South Carolina through our Homecare program and at the Rainey Hospice House.

Our Mission

Hospice of the Upstate provides compassionate, quality care to terminally ill patients and their families, while offering leadership and community education for end of life.

How do we reach our Mission?

Support is offered through a personalized plan of care to ease the many different types of pain facing patients and families during such a difficult period of time. Under this personalized plan of care, our professional team provides medicines, medical equipment, and education for families, as well as help with managing pain and other symptoms. Our aides assist with personal hygiene and light housekeeping. Social workers support the family in problem resolution and planning, and our bereavement counselor provides family grief counseling. Trained volunteers provide emotional support and allow caregivers some much needed time for themselves. Emotional, spiritual and practical support is given based upon the patient's family needs.

Volunteers

Our volunteers help in numerous ways that help to support our patients and our facility. Individual volunteers help to care for patients, bake cakes for birthdays, welcome visitors, offer administrative help, and even gardening. Church and Civic groups can help by donating items for our snack cart or personal care items for patients. Special projects can be arranged. Contact Carrie Pannell at 224-3358 for information.

NEW FOUNDATIONS HOME FOR CHILDREN



New Foundations

Home for Children

2300 Standridge Road
Anderson, South Carolina 29625
(864) 225-1628

New Foundations Home for Children is a non-profit children's home serving children and families in Anderson since 1974.

We primarily serve DSS children who have suffered as victims of abuse and neglect. We have over 50 children ranging in ages from 10 to 20 in two locations.

Children may live with us for a few months, a year, or longer. Our main focus is to provide a safe and nurturing environment while working on mending relationships and family reunification, if possible. For children who don't have family or the family shows no

improvement, we work toward helping the children prepare for placement in a foster or adoptive home.

We also have in-home services, going in to homes providing preventive services to keep families together and children in the home (Empowering Families), and we operate a community counseling center (The Family Counseling Center).

Also, this past year we began providing Therapeutic Foster Care (we recruit, license, and supervise foster parents). The main source of our funding comes from room and board payment from DSS and other agencies that place children with us.

These are the approximate numbers of individuals we served last year:

Group Home- 126
Independent Living- 19
Family Counseling Groups- 283
Family Counseling Therapy- 1225
Empowering Families- 292
Therapeutic Foster Care- 7

We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from the Anderson area, and we are involved with many individuals and community partners who help us meet the needs of our children.

Below are some of the ways in which our endeavors are supported, ranging from targeting children's basic needs, to informally 'adopting' children regarding ongoing support of their birthdays and special events.

- Sponsorship of bedding for new children (pillow, comforter, blankets, etc.) and care packages (hygiene products, belts, occasionally clothing), birthdays
- Periodic drives for food, school supplies, clothing, mattresses

- Sponsorship of children at Christmas, Easter, and back to school
- Sponsorship of larger items (washers, dryers, stoves, living room furniture)
- Sponsor/Volunteer projects (painting, small remodeling, renovation)
- Announcing needs of New Foundations children through your media outlets (church bulletin, website, literature, announcements, allowing NF representatives to speak to your group)

We have housed and served thousands of hurting children since 1974, and we want to continue our mission of securing and strengthening families. We need and welcome your support to meet their needs. On behalf of the children, thank you for your kindness and support.

I can be reached at 225-1628, ext. 108, or at sdean@newfoundationschildren.com

For the Children,

Steve Dean
Chief Executive Officer



MICHAEL AND IRENE SIVALEE
COUNSELING MISSIONARIES IN CURITIBA, BRAZIL

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Biographical notes on the Sivalees:

Michael & Irene Sivalee have served as missionaries in Brazil since 1982. Michael was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand, and Irene in **Rio Verde, Goias, Brazil**. They were married in 1972, Michael graduated from Pittsburgh Presb. Seminary with a D-Min in the area of Mission & Family in 1994. Irene graduated from Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC, and studied Christian Education at the Reformed Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1982 they were appointed by the PCUS Mission Board to Brazil. Since retiring in 2009, they have started a second-career mission with the Outreach Foundation of the PC(USA).

Irene writes:

We have just completed the 4th year of our ministry program, "**Prevention and Restoration**". The program is designed to educate any person (clergy, lay person) on how to prevent him/herself from entering into spiritual, emotional or financial crisis. It has helped many folks from different backgrounds to accomplish their goals in their lives. We help lead a person to set goal(s) in his/her life by providing tools for him/her to accomplish those goal(s). Once a person has reached a goal or goals, he or she can live and produce a better positive outcome in life.

In addition, it is designed to help restore any person who has entered into crisis and doesn't know how to get out of it. Through interview and custom questionnaires, we help determine what is happening in the life of a person. A therapy program is then used to lead a person out from crisis. In some cases, if medication is considered helpful, we refer him/her to a psychiatrist to do further evaluation.

The weather here is changing from nice and cool to be very hot. It is not normal in the deep south (of Brazil) to experience heat wave like this! We want to thank you for your love offering of \$985 toward an advanced coaching education of Cecilia. This last phase of her program will cost \$2500.00 (courses + room and board). She will go to finish her study in a 10-day intensive course at the International Coaching School in the city of São Paulo. When she finishes it, she will be fully certified and recognized as a professional coach. Please continue to pray for her and her work.

We hope to come to the USA by the end of this year, Lord willing.
We remember to pray for you daily. May the Lord bless you and give you all HIS PEACE,

Blessings,
Michael, Irene and Cecilia

Thornwell

Thornwell was started in 1875 by Presbyterian minister Rev. Dr. William Plumer Jacobs as a home for orphaned children of the Civil War. Today, Thornwell has broadened its mission to children and families by expanding the outreach into an array of programs in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

In the UPSTATE of South Carolina:

- Did you know that over 800 children in the Upstate are waiting for a foster home? Our **NEW Foster Care Program** is helping by identifying and training foster families in South Carolina. And most importantly, we are offering 24/7 support, along with fun monthly gatherings for the families to connect. Our Foster Care Conference, *Support to Succeed*, tripled its numbers in 2018 and we are looking forward to our 2019 event being held on September 14th in Simpsonville.
- 41% of SC children live in single-parent households – that’s tough for kids & parents. Our **Building Families Program** has been in great demand and continues to grow with additional Family Specialists in the Upstate. Our master-level, licensed Family Specialists provide intensive in-home counseling with families looking for successful techniques and parenting plans. They also conduct parenting workshops and classes which are available to churches, organizations, and health-care offices.
- Every three minutes, a baby is born to a teen mother! Our newest cottage, the Young Mothers Cottage, is part of our **Family-Style Residential Care Program**. The Family Teachers (house parents) do important work with often hard to place pregnant teens or teen mothers. Our nurturing environment helps these teens to learn important parenting skills, while also getting the counseling, educational, physical, & spiritual support she needs.
- **Thornwell Charter School! Opening Fall of 2019!** Students will learn and develop in a rigorous, personalized academic environment that fosters a love for learning, in an individualized health and wellness program, and in the Teaching Family model that helps children develop life skills which will enable them to succeed in higher education, in their careers, and to be productive members of their communities.
- **LushAcres Farm** – With input from Clemson University, Thornwell is searching for a Farm Director and has been exploring new ways to utilize the 340 acre farm land on our main campus to be an exemplary model of creative farm-related community development, entrepreneurship, and land stewardship.

We believe each child should grow up in a healthy family. That’s why all of our programs are family-centered using the Teaching-Family model with extensive training throughout our programs. The most important value is bringing God’s love and Christian kindness into the lives of the children and families that we serve. Please keep our children, families, & staff in your prayers.

**YOU are bringing safe HOMES, HOPE, & HEALING
to precious, hurting kids who need help! Your Gifts Matter!**

Administrative Office & Residential Care Cottage Campus
3002 S Broad Street ▪ Clinton, SC 219325
thornwell.org ▪ 864-938-2100



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MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

My name is Twala Andrino and I want to thank you for partnering so faithfully in ministry with me all these years. I am with One Another Ministries and have been serving with them since 2011.

I am located in the United Kingdom and our Ministry Center is located in the Cannock Chase area about 45 minutes from Birmingham – the second largest city in England.

One Another Ministries provides help and services for missionaries and International Christian workers around the world. ***Our goal is to care for those who care for the world.***

One Another exists to:

Strengthen and encourage missionaries and international Christian organizations and their workers by providing professional

Training, Consulting, Counseling, and Resourcing

We provide a safe place to come for debriefing and counseling with a promise of complete confidentiality for those who come. We also provide training and consulting for mission leaders and their teams. Our ministry provides for both the proactive and responsive needs of missionaries and their families.

Most of the time, missionaries travel to our Ministry Center and stay for a week of counseling and a time of recharging. However, we also travel to the point of need.

Due to the confidential nature of our ministry, I cannot include any photos of those with whom we work, but will share a picture of our ministry center and one of myself 😊

If you have any questions or would like to share your story, please feel free to email me at tandrino@oneanother.com or visit our website at www.oneanother.com.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support, which allows me to serve Him here in Europe.

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For over 30 years **One Another Ministries** has provided services to hundreds of organizations, churches, and sending agencies and thousands of international Christian workers of over 70 nationalities serving in more than 100 countries around the world – often during the most difficult times of their lives.

We understand the challenges of international Christian service and what it takes to achieve long-term effective ministry. Our staff have a unique blend of professional and clinical training and long-term experience in their areas of specialty and in cross-cultural ministry. This unique combination greatly enhances the quality of service provided.

Our team is recognized for skilled and gifted training, consulting, counseling, leadership development, organizational development and team direction - providing quality professional services in an atmosphere of safety.

Twala Andrino

Twala has spent over 30 years serving as a foreign missionary, first as the daughter of evangelical missionaries and church planters, Tommy and Donna Duniho then as a missionary for 15 years in her native Belgium. These years in ministry were served in church planting, teaching in a Bible College, and pastoral counseling.

The following years in the United States included teaching both on the high school and college level, individual and family counseling in a private practice, and practicing as an oncology and grief counselor within a hospital system. She also served on the care and counseling team of her church, as well as being a group leader for single women.

Twala's education and training includes a Bachelor's degree in Missions and Education as well as a Master's in Professional Counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Twala is currently a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Her love for people and heart for missions brought her to One Another Ministries where she serves those in full time ministry on the foreign field. She believes that her life experiences and diverse professional training have prepared her in all aspects to serve the needs of Christian workers abroad.

Twala's most recent letter:

Dear Prayer warriors,

Have you ever gone into a situation thinking that you would be a blessing to someone, only to realize that they were more of a blessing TO YOU?



The young missionary couple with whom I worked this past week was just such a blessing to me! It is so refreshing when a YOUNG couple, just a few short years on the mission field, realizes that they need to share their story with someone and acquire some healthy tools to be able to work long term for Christ! It really is all worth it and YOU ARE THE REASON that I can be here to do this work for Christ. Thanks so much for your prayers and faithful support!

Another touching blessing to my heart, is to continue to follow up with families with whom I have worked. They often are too far away to be able to come back for a "top up", but many do ask for a Skype time, in order to solidify some of the work that we have done and affirm the use of the new tools they are trying to implement in their lives and ministry. These are all times of refreshing blessings to me as well. This past month, I received the picture of the sweetest baby (child number three for this missionary couple), and we were able to have a time of rejoicing together on Skype. This couple had been in such a state of despair that they were thinking of leaving the ministry and possibly ending their marriage before coming to One Another Ministries. This is what OAM is all about! and YOU ARE A PART OF ALL THIS.

I want to thank you for the faithful prayers, calls, and thoughts during my time with my parents recently. When I first arrived, my dad was still in the hospital following his diagnosis of Alzheimer's and its rapid progression. My brothers and I had the task of finding placement for him as he is not able to come home. This also caused concerns for my mother, as dad was her caregiver. God is good, and rest assured your prayers did make a difference. The blessings are that Dad is content where he is and is not asking to come home (I will admit that this is a huge answer to prayer for my whole family, because it would be so very difficult to have to deal with that). Please remember Mom in your prayers as she transitions to living alone. We were able to implement a care giver, a cleaning lady, meals on wheels, and some people from church to check on her once in a while. For those of you who have asked, she would love a phone call (cannot do writing or email) 360-275-6441.

Some exciting events in the next few months include: helping missionaries, attending a member care conference in Germany (for all of Europe), taking some training in EMDR to help with trauma issues, and visit from a group from the USA for their missionary conference. Thanks for those who do send me updates of your own! The rest of you, please join in!

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Every blessing and praise be to our Lord,
Twala**



Women United - Camp iRock

Camp iRock is an innovative summer program that helps rising 4th graders improve their reading abilities. The primary goals are to prevent summer reading loss, promote growth in literacy, and improve attitudes about reading and learning. This camp is a partnership between the United Way of Anderson County, Anderson YMCA, Anderson University and Anderson School Districts 3, 4, and 5. Camp iRock includes transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch, and snacks, high quality reading instruction in small groups, swim lessons, field trips, and traditional summer camp activities.

By providing Camp iRock as their focus area Women United will be impacting future academic success, graduation rates, career readiness, and long-term health benefits for students. If students are able to read on grade level, they will be able to continue a healthier lifestyle for themselves in the future. All of these lead to raising confident, productive, healthy, and financially independent adults. This project has the potential to make change for generations to come and provide endless possibilities for our Anderson County children to achieve the highest success.

Studies show that students lose 20% of their gains in reading during summer break. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, reading loss has accumulated to a 2-year lag in reading achievement.

“Simply put Camp iRock will be a game changer for the youth of Anderson County. The unique curriculum is designed to help close the achievement gap and prevent at-risk children from falling behind in their reading skills during the summer months. In addition, (and just as important), these children will experience the fun components of a summer camp that otherwise may not have been possible. This initiative is another example of the good that can be accomplished when everyone comes together to address community needs and pave the way for a brighter future for our Children.” –Joe Drennon, Anderson Area YMCA CEO.



DR. GORDON PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, RIO VERDE, GO, BRAZIL

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How it all began.

Our story begins in the 1930's. Taken as one of the bloodiest times in all of world history. During this period, Hitler ascended to the position of chancellor in Germany and the genocide began what Fühler called "inferior races", especially the Jews. It is the beginning of World War II. In the United States, Franklin Roosevelt started the New Deal, the economic recovery plan after the fall of the New York Stock Exchange in 1929. But it was not all a disaster, for God had plans for a young couple of American missionaries.

Dr. Donald C. Gordon and D. Helena Gordon were sent by the US Presbyterian Church to the Central Brazil Mission. Little did they know that they would be the forerunners of a great work of healing and evangelization in the city of Rio Verde, in Goiás. They built the Rio Verde Evangelical Hospital, now called the Dr. Gordon Presbyterian Hospital. Several people have benefited from the work of this couple and their followers. Many struggles, achievements and people who have had body and soul restored.

Dr. Gordon, as doctor and missionary, has always looked after both sides of health: physical and spiritual. Which brings us back to the main goal of all our work - Saving lives as a whole: spirit and body. After more than seven decades, God-led and initiated works by the Gordon couple continue to be carried out.

Dr. Gordon's Presbyterian Hospital was born of Dr. Donald C. Gordon's willingness to serve God and neighbor through the science of medicine. Being an instrument of God in the evangelization of peoples. "... *Verily I say unto you. If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not do the thing which is done to the fig tree: but if ye say unto this mountain, Arise, and fall into the sea, so shall it be done.*" - Matthew 21:21



Support profile

The HPDG is a general midsize hospital with 117 (one hundred seventeen) hospital beds. The clinical staff consists of more than 160 professionals in the different medical specialties, including outpatient and General surgery, ophthalmology, hematology, dermatology, endocrinology, cardiology, interventional radiology, rheumatology, geriatrics, neurology, orthopedics / traumatology, gynecology, and pediatrics.

The staff is made up of more than 400 professionals trained to provide quality patient care. It has a strategic location, with wide service and wide regional coverage for more than 27 municipalities.

In July 2018, 15 members from Central Presbyterian Church traveled to Rio Verde to continue a partnership that, for us, goes back to 2001. We met church members and hospital staff making a difference in worship, feeding, education, and everyday health care. Thank you for expanding the love and work of Christ through presence and financial support, and prayers!







THE CANCER ASSOCIATION OF ANDERSON

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Mission

The Cancer Association of Anderson (CAA) is the only LOCAL cancer charity in Anderson County. Its mission is to help reduce the burden of cancer on Anderson County residents by providing treatment-related financial assistance, information and referral and emotional support.

History

CAA was chartered in March 2003 by a group of cancer survivors, physicians, nurses and others with a vital interest in assisting cancer patients in Anderson County. It has operated since its founding in a 100-year old home near Anderson's downtown, located at 215 East Calhoun Street. It has a staff of two full-time employees and one part-time employee as well as wonderful volunteers.

Financial Assistance

In **2015**, CAA opened new case files for 356 new patients and an additional 38 who had been in remission were moved back to active status. The staff served an average of 153 different patients per month with a total of 1856 patient contacts. We had 36 new patients from Cancer Centers of the Carolinas and 23 new patients from Upstate Oncology – St. Francis.

In **2016**, CAA opened new case files for 432 new patients and had a total of 2369 total patient contacts. The staff served an average of 170 different patients per month. Our patients were referred by AnMed Health, the Anderson Area Cancer Center, Greenville Hospital System, Self Regional Hospital, the Cancer Centers of the Carolinas and Upstate Oncology – St. Francis/Bon Secours as well as other cancer physicians and cancer centers.

In **2017**, CAA opened new case files for 465 new patients and had a total of 3777 total patient contacts. The staff served an average of 242 different patients per month. Our patients were referred by AnMed Health, the Anderson Area Cancer Center, Greenville Hospital System, Self Regional Hospital, the Cancer Centers of the Carolinas and Upstate Oncology – St. Francis/Bon Secours as well as other cancer physicians and cancer centers.

Other Services

CAA provides free wigs and hats to women losing their hair during treatment and hosts support groups for breast cancer survivors (1 in 8), survivors with cancers below the waist (Sexy Broads), Veterans Battling Cancer, and survivors battling brain, thyroid, oral and esophageal cancers (Heads Up). CAA also operated **Survive & Thrive**, revolving eight-week sessions at AnMed Health Cancer Center to equip cancer patients, survivors and their families for their "new normal." Each newly diagnosed patient coming to CAA receives a prayer shawl or lap blanket lovingly knitted/crocheted and prayed over by one of several ladies knitting groups as well as chemotherapy bag provided by the Lydia Project or the Ovarian Cancer Alliance. CAA also sends patients through AnMed Health's 8-week Oncology Rehabilitation program of

exercise and education for survivors. CAA enthusiastically provides speakers and educational materials for mission groups, church services, etc.

Funding

CAA is operated with donations from the public, grants and funds raised by events such as the Concert of Hope & Remembrance and the annual Girlfriends' Tea. Churches are encouraged to include CAA in their annual budgets with funds going directly to patient assistance. **CAA is not affiliated with and receives NO FUNDS from the American Cancer Society (ACS), a separate national organization dedicated to cancer research.**

SUPPORT CAA!

Needed Items

The Cancer Association of Anderson is always in need of gas cards, stamps, bottled water, toilet paper, baby wipes, and/or gift cards to Walmart, Staples, Office Depot or others.

Contribute Funds

Visit www.CAAnderson.org to donate online, call 864.222.3500 or mail check to Cancer Association of Anderson, 215 East Calhoun Street, Anderson, SC 29621

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CAA Mission

The Cancer Association of Anderson is the only local cancer charity in Anderson County. Our mission is to help reduce the burden of cancer on Anderson County residents battling cancer by providing treatment-related financial assistance, information and referral as well as emotional support. The Cancer Association of Anderson is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax



ORPHAN ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

www.transitionsoaf.com

The mission of Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation is to nurture adolescent and young adult orphans physically, emotionally, intellectually, vocationally, and spiritually, and to help them to develop the skills necessary to make a successful transition from life in an orphanage to independent living.

We do this by visiting orphanages in Odessa, Ukraine, in order to form relationship with orphans. When they age-out of the orphanage (between 14-16 years of age), we offer mentoring, assistance and home-cooked meals as well as birthday and holiday celebrations and opportunities to attend local cultural events.

We, in partnership with another orphan assistance group, have established and maintain three transitional homes. One home serves younger orphans in a foster home setting. The other two serve orphans during their gap years, after the orphanage and before independent living. These homes offer family-style living with house parents in a safe, comfortable, loving environment and where the children and teens can learn and practice life skills while attending school and post-secondary education.

When it became evident that many older orphans have no means of attaining decent permanent housing upon completion of their education and moving out of the transition homes, we began our building project. To date, we have completed six cottages and offer them to older orphans who are embarking on independent living on a rent or rent-to-own basis. All monies collected from tenants/perspective buyers go back into the project to fund the next group of homes to be built.

This mission and these projects are funded entirely by donations. We welcome your gifts, and 100% of your gift to Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation will go towards these projects. Please see ways to give listed on our website above.



Relationship Building



Transition Home



Cottages



ORPHAN ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

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December 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

“Christmas just doesn’t seem the same this year.”

I’ve heard this lament from more than one person in the last few weeks. I suppose that, in many respects, the statement is true, and not just of Christmas. Many things are very different this year. I know that I have become even more of a homebody than I’ve ever been. I think long and hard each time I want to go out or do something that can’t happen inside of my own four walls. I weigh very heavily the risks of seeing this person or doing that thing. Perhaps most of all, I miss popping across the ocean to see those that I love and care for in Odessa. Being grounded from travel has made me feel very ungrounded indeed. I miss my extended family in Odessa. As each season passes, I tell myself that, in the next season, perhaps I can be on one of those planes, winging my way to Odessa, instead of just gazing up at them so wistfully from the ground as I’ve been doing for the last nine months.

And yet, our work in Ukraine goes on. All of our families in Odessa have had challenges in this year. COVID has touched them all, either in person or in someone they love. Fortunately, all either have or are recovering. Our transition home for girls had to make a sudden move to a new location in recent weeks. This was unexpected and extremely stressful, but the parents and children are adjusting to their new surroundings. More changes are in the works, too, and I will be able to share more about that in January. All in all, 2020 has been as stressful a year for our folks in Odessa as it has been for all of us here.

Even so, I have never been more grateful for our transition homes that give our orphan graduates not just a home to live in, but also a family to love them. I have never been more relieved that so many older orphans have our cottages in which to pass the pandemic, and now the winter, safely and warmly. I shudder to think of what all of their lives would look like if these young people did not have these places of shelter that your care, your prayer, and your gifts provide.

Ukraine now celebrates Christmas on December 25 along with the western world, as well as observing January 7 in the Orthodox tradition. So, Christmas is in full swing in Odessa as I write this letter. While

about twenty orphans in one orphanage are enjoying the little wardrobes that were a part of last year's Christmas project, our current Christmas Cookie Project is again in progress at that same orphanage and at several others. The children have enjoyed decorating and feasting on festive confections that they decorated themselves. With an abundance of caution, care packages of cookies and all the fixin's will also be delivered to the transition homes to be enjoyed as a family at their convenience. Any extra money collected for the Cookie Project is going directly to increasing costs of keeping our transition homes running.

Thank you for the wardrobes from last year's project! They are perfect!



Cookie Project 2020



So, yes, a lot of things have changed and continue to change. But Christmas? Has Christmas really changed? I think not. I think the difference is how we may have altered our celebration of it in this year. Perhaps forgoing the parties and usual fanfare of Christmas has turned our thoughts inward to more important things like kind words and kind deeds and caring for others.

And that's what Christmas has always been about. Christmas has always been about caring. Christmas has always been about sharing. And Christmas has always been about remembering God's great gift to us on that day so long ago. That part has never changed, and hopefully never will.

As always, I want to thank you for your unwavering love and support even and especially in this most difficult year, and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a most blessed Merry Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness.

May Love, Peace, Joy, and Hope be present in your Christmas this year!

With gratitude and love,
Audrey



Gifts may be made by check to:

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-or-

*Winter Park Presbyterian Church
400 S. Lakemont Avenue
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Gifts may also be sent through **PayPal to Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation.*