

IMPACT PARTNERS



OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES | MARCH 2025



PASSIONATE ABOUT PAYING IT FORWARD

When Tony Fulcher serves at Charlotte CARE Center, he feels God's pleasure. "I've been battling some health issues over the last year or so, but when I'm serving, I feel my best. I don't feel like I'm sick! God just gives me what I need," says Tony. "Whether it's serving meals in the kitchen, filling boxes in the food pantry or helping with landscaping, I just love being there and helping people."

The mission of Charlotte CARE Center (formerly The Homeless Coalition) is to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness. They offer Emergency Shelter, housing assistance, financial assistance with rent and utilities, a food pantry and daily evening meals 365 days a year.



“They were there for me. Now I want to give back.”

Tony knows firsthand the life impact Charlotte CARE Center can make. It's what gives him a special passion for their mission and a compassion for those he serves. "At one point in my life, I was homeless myself. I actually slept in the car across the street from

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Charlotte CARE Center. They were there for me,” he explains. “They helped meet my practical needs and gave me encouragement and support. I took their Bridges out of Poverty program which gave me the education and tools I needed to get to a better place of stability.”

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Now, he feels the joy of helping others who are in the same situation he once was. “As I got more stable, and my faith in God grew, I sensed Him prompting me to step out. I truly enjoy helping the community. As I serve, I’ve been able to have conversations where I can share my faith and what God’s done for me,” says Tony. “People ask me if CCC pays me because I’m there every chance I get. I tell them I get my blessing from another Source.”

CCC LIAISON HELPS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS

With her warm heart, outgoing personality and easy smile, Sandy Church has never met a stranger. For most of her working life, she used this skill to make “friendly” connections of the four-legged variety. “Before I retired, I was the director of an animal shelter for more than 20 years. I loved helping animals find homes,” she explains. “But the most rewarding part was seeing how a furry new friend often brought love, companionship and joy to widows and widowers, and others who simply felt alone or isolated.”

When Sandy moved to Florida a few years ago, she knew she wanted to continue to help people. “I’m very familiar with the non-profit world, so when we connected here at Movement, I was so excited about getting involved with our Impact Partners.”



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I began to pray about where God might be leading me to serve. As I prayed, the verse Isaiah 58:10 came to mind: ‘Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble,’” she explains. **“I knew immediately I was supposed to serve at Charlotte CARE Center.** My heart’s desire is to be a conduit of God’s love to the hurting. It’s what I’ve always done. Now it just looks a little different.”

Sandy’s heart for CCC continued to grow as she served meals to the homeless alongside friends and neighbors. “I asked people I knew to serve with me — some of whom are not believers and/or who had never done something like this before. They were overwhelmed by how kind and grateful the people at the Center were and loved how it felt to meet a need. Watching how serving affects the one serving and the one being served is incredibly powerful.”

She soon agreed to be Movement Church’s Charlotte CARE Center Liaison, meeting regularly with CCC to learn their volunteer needs and to help connect MC people with those opportunities. “We also discuss their material and financial needs. We want to do everything we can to partner with them in the good work they are doing in Charlotte County. The need has possibly never been greater.”

GROUPS NEEDED TO SERVE MEALS AT CHARLOTTE CARE CENTER

Movement Church has committed to serve dinner at Charlotte CARE Center the third Saturday of every month. **Groups of 3-4 people are needed for a variety of dates throughout the rest of 2025.** Would your small group be willing to serve? Or, invite friends and/or neighbors to serve with you. **Use the QR code to sign up for an open date.** Specific times and other instructions are outlined in the sign-up document and someone will reach out to you to confirm the week prior.

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MISSIONS ON THE MOVE

CONNECT WITH OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS AT "MISSIONS ON THE MOVE" ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH!

We are called to be the light of the world — both in our own backyard and across the globe! To help facilitate this, on **Sunday, March 30th**, we are hosting our first quarterly "Missions on the Move" event. Six of our Missions Partners (both Impact Partners and International Workers) will be represented in our Courtyard area throughout the morning. **Be sure to stop by and learn more about who they are, their current service and prayer opportunities and how YOU can be a part of *moving* the Kingdom forward!**

Missions Partners represented will include:

Better Together • Pregnancy Solutions • Charlotte CARE Center
Christina Her (Asia) • Johnathan and Katie F. (West Africa) • Scotty and Heidi W. (Asia).

MOVEMENT CHURCH WALKS FOR LIFE



Our Impact Partner Pregnancy Solutions comes alongside families by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support as they navigate unplanned pregnancies and difficult life circumstances. **Movement Church put feet and funds to the cause of life at Pregnancy Solutions recent Walk for Life in Gilchrist Park! SIXTY-ONE of you showed up at the organizations annual Fundraiser — and 27 of those were MVMNT Students!** The students also helped man the Kids Tent throughout the morning, offering face painting, cotton candy and games to the children attending.

Thanks to your Extravagant Generosity, Movement Church was a \$1500 Courage Sponsor for the event. And MVMNT Students raised an additional \$3,920, **for a total donation of \$5,420 toward the mission of Pregnancy Solutions!** Thank you!

RECORD IP SERVICE THROUGH OUR CHURCH CENTER APP

It is a privilege to come alongside our Impact Partners to bring the hope and healing of God's love to our community. **So many of you are experiencing the joy of serving at one or more of these amazing organizations!** We want to be able to celebrate with you and to more accurately track how we are doing in reaching our IP Service Hours goals and share that with all of you! Will you please let us know when you serve at an IP?

We've made it as easy as possible: • Tap on the Church Center App on your phone • Scroll to the bottom of the Home screen • Then, click the "IP Service Hours" button (see photo). **It takes less than a minute to complete the form.** Thank YOU for your Selfless Service!

