Where Children & Seniors Thrive

Our 500-acre community of faith is home to nearly 1,000 senior adults and an average of 30 children who have suffered abuse.
Dear Supporters,

Christian City is a unique community that serves the needs of senior adults during retirement and children in vulnerable situations through no fault of their own.

Over 50 years ago the founders built the first cottage at Christian City for children who needed a home. Today, there are still children in need of a loving home where they can live, thrive and reach their fullest potential.

What makes Christian City a unique place? Every day we strive to live out our Promise of “Life changing Hope through Faith, Community and Care.”

Christian City has an exciting and bright future. I look forward to honoring the vision of the founders as the organization builds on the present and plans for the future.

Thank you for your support.

Delores Epps
Chairman, Christian City Board of Trustees
“Christian City is a special place to live. We look out for one another. We’re following the two greatest commandments in the Bible when we love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves.”

— Bob & Rae Stockmeier, Christian City Active Senior Residents

Christian City is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides vibrant living, life-changing hope and a community of loving friends. There are seven programs that “live” on the campus:

**CHILDREN’S VILLAGE** Residential Program for youth who are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect. Homes are staffed by full-time house parents who provide a loving family environment.

**CROSSROADS** Foster Care & Adoption Program was launched in 2018 to find and equip wonderful families for children in need of a loving home. There are currently more than 14,000 children in foster care in the state of Georgia alone.

**THRIVE** Graduate Transition Program helps our high school graduates move to independent living.

**SAFE PLACE** Runaway & Homeless Youth Program is staffed 24/7. Children in crisis can go to over 70 Safe Place locations in the metro Atlanta area if they are in danger. As a licensed National Safe Place agency, our staff is on call to bring these children to safety at Christian City.

**AFFORDABLE ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING** for adults age 60+ in a serene and convenient location with amenities to encourage a vibrant lifestyle. Residences include 287 subsidized apartments and 212 life-lease patio homes.

**A HIGHLY-RATED HEALTH CARE FACILITY**, operated by PruittHealth, that includes 150 assisted living units and a 200-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. Memory care support units are included.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** that provides hundreds of opportunities for residents of Christian City, civic and corporate groups, and residents of the nearby communities to serve seniors and children.
Making a difference in the lives of children & families.
Impacting futures in a positive way.

- 2,685 Senior adult residents participated in social, education and recreation programs 2,685 times.
- 25% of children served were reunited with family or placed with a family member.
- 100% of eligible Children’s Village kids graduated high school.
- 17 homeless young adults from across metro Atlanta were provided crisis support and emergency shelter through Safe Place.
- In 2018, new Crossroads Foster Care & Adoption Program launched with state certification and state contract.
- 188 Children’s Village youth volunteered 188 hours in various community service activities.
- 5,195 Staff & volunteer chaplains conducted 5,195 pastoral visits to Christian City residents, their families, and staff.
- 100% of kids at the Children’s Village heard “I love you” every day.
- The Children’s Village received a three-year CARF accreditation.
- 51% of Children’s Village youth participated in extracurricular activities.
- 64% of high school-aged youth obtained & maintained employment for 3+ months.
- 6 kids professed their faith and were baptized at their church.

“This is the first place I’ve lived where I wasn’t being abused.”
— Children’s Village Resident
Did You Know?

MANY RETIRED CHILDREN’S VILLAGE HOUSE PARENTS now live in our patio homes. They often report receiving calls and visits from the adults who once lived in their cottages as children.

AS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION, Christian City’s motivation to serve comes from the teachings of Jesus Christ. (Mark 12:31) Each day begins with a devotion time. Our services and programs, however, are available to ALL people, regardless of their faith or worldview.

GRACELAND THRIFT STORE is thriving under new management by Children’s Village alumnus and former Delta Air Lines employee Steven Farrell. Steven’s many volunteers include his former house parents, Cheryl and Mike Cater. Stop by to say hello!

SENIOR ADULT RESIDENTS on our campus enjoy a community garden, a dog park, outdoor recreation amenities, a monthly Coffee & Classics program of live music, and numerous educational, physical and social programs at our Recreation Center.

“Christian City is a peaceful place to live in retirement.” — an Active Senior resident
Providing life-changing hope through faith, community and care.

Because of you...we are able to minister to children and families in need.

January - December 2018

- Total days of care provided in Children & Family Programs: 3,692
- Children & Family Programs served: 58 children
- 17% of Children’s Village youth were privately placed. 83% percent of Children’s Village youth were placed by Department of Family and Children Services.
- RACE: African American - 53.4%, Caucasian - 29.3%, Hispanic - 10.3%, and Bi-racial - 6.8%
- GENDER: Male - 53%, Female - 47%
- AGE: birth to four - 10%, five to twelve - 31%, thirteen to nineteen - 59%
“When it comes to giving, everything we do is for ourselves or someone else.”
—Steve Swope, Philanthropist
Leadership

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Volunteers are VIPs!

196 volunteers contributed 11,904 hours of their time during 2018 to serving our mission in a variety of ways both on and off campus.

Because of our volunteers:

• Our residents enjoyed a “refreshed” community garden.
• Books are being shared through 5 little free libraries.
• Grounds are improved with clean-up and fresh plantings.
• Children can experience a life-long relationship with a family.
• Funds are raised through events and campaigns.
• Assisted Living & Skilled Nursing residents enjoyed a visit from Santa & his elves.
• Children’s Village enjoyed a Christmas party at Delta Flight Museum.
• Children were treated to a day at Six Flags and tour at Chick-fil-A HQ.
• Senior residents received birthday cards and holiday cards.
• The inaugural Drive & Dine event was an overwhelming success.
• Graceland Thrift Store is well-organized and welcoming.
• Visitors to campus receive a friendly greeting.
• Residents receive visits from volunteer chaplains.
MISSION

Our mission is to extend Christ’s call to love your neighbor through housing, health care and crisis intervention for children, families and older adults.

VISION

Christian City envisions a world where the most vulnerable among us have a safe home and loving community, which enables them to thrive.

PROMISE

Providing Life-changing Hope Through Faith, Community and Care