



Christian City Champion Remembered with Day of Service

UNION CITY, GA (August 30) Christian City will welcome volunteers to its campus on Friday, September 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the inaugural Terry Chapman Day of Service, which honors a prolific, longtime volunteer who died last spring. Volunteer teams from Chick-fil-A, Delta Airlines, and Southwire, including many people who volunteered alongside Terry, are among those expected.

Individuals and groups are invited to participate as we honor Terry and celebrate all volunteers for their faithful service. Christian City's 500-acre campus is located just 15 minutes south of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Volunteers can sign up and choose a preferred project online at ChristianCity.org. A complimentary lunch will be served, and every volunteer will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Founded in 1965 with the opening of its first children's home for homeless and runaway youth on Valentine's Day, Christian City today serves more than 1,000 individuals - children, youth, and seniors. The one-of-a-kind, not-for-profit organization provides affordable senior living and healthcare, residential group homes for children, foster and adoption services, runaway and homeless youth services, support and homes for youth who have aged out of foster care, and independent living for neuro-diverse adults. Through each of its programs, Christian City seeks to extend Christ's call to love your neighbor.

A civil engineer by profession, in retirement Terry Chapman became a fixture at Christian City acting as a leader - a sort of volunteer member of the staff - for a host of building and renovation projects.

"Terry loved Christian City and he was faithful - and we are so grateful." said Keith Horton, CEO of Christian City.

You can't go far on the campus without seeing Terry's handiwork: eight projects in the Children's Village, upgrades at senior patio home neighborhoods, the Recreation Center, Two Sparrows Village residence for neuro-diverse adults, and more!

"Terry was talented and generous. He made life better for everyone living on our campus," said Chief Advancement Officer LaVann Landrum.

Christian City is not the only place Terry picked up a hammer to do God's work. He was a lynchpin volunteer for the Southern Crescent chapter of Habitat for Humanity, driving a nail in at least 155 Habitat houses. He founded the Gray Ghosts, a collective of retired men committed to the same cause of helping build places for people to live.

"We could not think of a better way to remember Terry than to invite others to serve at this place he loved so much," Horton said.

Terry Chapman gave Christian City, and the many people it serves, the gift of his talents and kind heart. Using his hammer and saw, he quite literally changed the face of its campus, and in doing so, changed many lives for the better.