Christian City changes the lives of children and families experiencing trauma and crisis by offering healing and love through evidence-based programs that lead to productive, hopeful futures.
Dear Supporters,

The unique mission of Christian City, as a refuge for children and families in crisis and as a vibrant community of senior adults, continues to bring daily miracles to those we serve.

Nearly 60 years ago, a group of churches founded Christian City to provide a home for children. Today, we have more than one thousand residents living on our 500-acre campus just south of Atlanta. Our Children’s Village is near or at capacity routinely, our life-lease homes and subsidized apartments have waiting lists, and in 2022 we began two new residential programs for young adults while also inaugurating a program for families in crisis.

With the global pandemic behind us, we look to a bright future of providing healing and love to those we serve. Always remembering our promise to offer “life changing hope through faith, community and care.”

Mike Harbin
Board Chair
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE has provided safety, stability, and love to vulnerable children for nearly 60 years through its residential group homes where children can heal and grow.

CROSSROADS Foster Care & Adoption Program places teens, large sibling groups, and kids with special needs, while providing specialized training and support for the parents who will love and care for them.

THRIVE Graduate Transition Program provides housing, supportive services, life-skills education, and appropriate supervision for youth 18-24 who are aging out of the foster care system or who are homeless and have no one to help them navigate adulthood.

SAFE PLACE responds quickly 24/7 to calls for help from runaway and homeless youth across Atlanta, getting them to a safe place to heal and move forward.

HEALTHY FAMILIES provides a variety of support for working families facing a crisis. From housing to food to therapy, we help strengthen and stabilize families preventing homelessness and/or the need for state intervention.

TWO SPARROWS VILLAGE, in partnership with Christian City, provides a supportive living environment on campus for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism, allowing residents greater independence and quality of life.

AFFORDABLE ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING offers an active, caring community of seniors including life-lease patio homes and subsidized apartments.

HIGHLY-RATED HEALTH CARE FACILITY PruittHealth operates the assisted living center and the skilled nursing center on the Christian City campus.

Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes. Christian City’s programs are here to help our neighbors in crisis so that they can get on with the life God wants for them: a life of growth, joy, and love.

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“... deeply felt love for each child, along with a host of services and evidence-based programs, like therapy, tutoring, athletic opportunities, is the balm that heals. Christian City is a place of daily miracles!”

— Keith Horton
Christian City CEO
Tykeria came to us through our Safe Place program. She’d been withdrawn from high school because she just wasn’t going and she had not seen or spoken to her mother in over four months.

Our Safe Place coordinators teamed up with the school social worker, and with Tykeria’s mother, and together they were able to get Tykeria back on track and in school, where she earned her diploma!

“If it wasn’t for you guys,” Tykeria told us. “I wouldn’t have graduated. Thank y’all so much.”

A second chance and loving support made all the difference in Tykeria’s life.
The need is great. Expanding service Strengthening collaboration

Across Georgia, families are struggling to stay together.

Ten thousand children languish in the foster care system. The downturn in the economy and rising rents conspire to throw many hard-working families into crisis. Aging parents of neuro-diverse children struggle to imagine what their adult children will do without them. And young adults, many aging out of foster care, without a family to guide and support them, look to the future with uncertainty.

Three programs were inaugurated at Christian City in 2022 in hopes of pushing back on these escalating needs in the community.

People are suffering and many are without hope. Healthy Families, Thrive, and the cottage for Two Sparrows Village all represent hope for the future.

Four neuro-diverse young adults are learning to live independently at Christian City through our collaboration with Two Sparrows Village. Not far from that cottage, young women have moved into the Thrive cottages where they will learn, work, and prepare for adulthood in a supervised residential program for young adults. The cottages for young men will open in 2023. Healthy Families served more than 100 families and children in just a few months of operation, helping them weather crises and move to stability by accessing available resources.
Christian City specializes in changing lives.

One child at a time

‘At Christian City, I found family that is supportive of me as well as my dreams, and though we’re not actually brothers and sisters, we have that kind of bond. You don’t just forget it: you are family.’

— Jade

LIFE CHANGING NUMBERS

2,509 TUTORING HOURS

2,454 STAFF & VOLUNTEER PASTORAL VISITS TO RESIDENTS

282 CHILDREN SERVED

28 RESIDENT AND STAFF VETERANS

2,454 ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

3,746 MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUTH

33 FOSTER FAMILIES

562 YOUTH WERE BAPTIZED

37 MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUTH

56 RESIDENT AND STAFF VETERANS

7 YOUTH WERE BAPTIZED

100% GRADUATION RATE

2,578 TRANSPORTATION RIDES FOR SENIORS

47 YOUTH SERVED BY SAFE PLACE

312 AVERAGE CHAPLAIN VISITS EACH MONTH

148 FAMILIES SERVED

6 CHILDREN ADOPTED

312 AVERAGE CHAPLAIN VISITS EACH MONTH

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One child at a time
The Alexanders are hard-working parents devoted to their kids. When we met them - mom, dad, and three young children - the family was living in a rental car. Both parents were gainfully employed, but they had been evicted from their home after the landlord raised the rent and they couldn’t cover it. They squished into the family car with all their belongings hoping to quickly find a new home. The car also served as the father’s “work place” for his job making deliveries. Before they could find that new home there was a bad car accident. The family had no other option but to rent a car – the father’s job required it.

They arrived at Christian City in diapers, behind in most markers of child development. With the energy and daring of a host of young children combined, he rarely stopped moving. Our remarkable houseparents showered Sam with love and structure. One of eight children in their care, they guided Sam, understanding the trauma he’d suffered and what it would take to help him heal. The other boys in the home, all wrestling with their own trauma, took pride in setting an example for their “little brother.” It wasn’t long before Sam shed the diapers. The boys taught him to ride a bike. In the school carpool line reports of improvement in Sam’s behavior moved his housemother to tears of joy.

Relentless love brings hope and healing to all that we do at Christian City.”

— Samantha Bolling
Executive Director of Children & Family Programs

The car wreck and the cost of a rental car made a bad situation worse. It was financially impossible for the Alexanders to get into a new apartment even though both parents were working! The Healthy Families program helped them access available resources, get them into a hotel for the short-term, and create a long-term plan to help the family move beyond the eviction crisis. Collaborating with organizations throughout the Atlanta community helped prevent this family’s crisis from becoming a disaster.

Sam arrived at the Children’s Village after shooting himself with his father’s gun. Love, stability, and care in a family-style home in our Children’s Village gave him a second chance.
IT WOULD BE EASY TO THINK OF OUR WORK AS BEING ABOUT PROVIDING “BASIC NEEDS.” The kids who come to live at Christian City arrive from broken families where abuse, neglect and trauma rule their daily lives. They need relief and protection. So, yes, we provide safety, a warm bed, good food and houseparents to care for and love them.

What makes Christian City so unique is its concern for the whole child. We believe each child is unique, made by God for a special purpose. We don’t just send the kids to the nearest school; we look for and provide educational opportunities. Some of our kids are behind, so we help them catch up. We enroll the kids in extracurricular activities that mirror their interests and talents. We send them to camp and take trips to the museum. We help them to see a world with beauty and opportunity.

IN OUR EXPERIENCE, WHEN YOU SHOW KIDS THE PURPOSE, THE POSSIBILITIES, THE LOVE IN LIFE, THEY BLOOM IN EVERY WAY. Take the boys in cottage seven: a passing invitation to help at our thrift store, Graceland, turned the boys into avid volunteers around campus. “From helping shoppers load their cars, to emptying trash cans, to helping with food provided for hungry shoppers, the boys of cottage seven worked with smiles on their faces,” Houseparent Cliff remembered.

BEING ASKED - INVITED - TO HELP IS KEY. It signaled to the boys that they belong. It said to them loud and clear: this is your home. And it implied a responsibility: if it is home, you need to pitch in and help. All of this and the fun of working together with the other boys, volunteers, and staff, are key life lessons in purpose, possibility and love. This is good for growing souls.

“For nothing is impossible with God.” — Luke 1:37
Financial Data 2022

“The theologian Henry Nouwen said, ‘Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. At Christian City, being good stewards of all that has been given to us is not only a responsibility, but also a loving response to those we serve.’” — Keith Horton, CEO, Christian City

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Financial Highlights

- Christian City sold its HUD subsidized apartment buildings, allowing partner organization National Church Residences (with the aid of tax credits) to invest $37k per unit in renovations and provide an updated homes for our residents.

- Proceeds from the HUD sale allowed Christian City to acquire an important piece of property and establish an endowment fund.

- Unrestricted revenue & support: $8,659,000
- Total expenses: $11,430,000
- Deficit of unrestricted revenue & support over expenses: $2,771,000
- Net assets released from restrictions: $938,000
- Operating loss: $1,833,000

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Financial Highlights

- Net Resident Service Revenue: $2,417,000
- Rental Revenues: $1,075,000
- Unrestricted Donations: $3,095,000
- Other Operating Revenues: $2,072,000
- TOTAL: $8,659,000

- Program Services: $2,821,000
- Management & General: $1,358,000
- Fundraising: $1,546,000
- Investment Loss: $11,430,000
- TOTAL: $11,430,000

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Volunteers and ministry partners are the foundation of Christian City.

CHURCH SUPPORT MATTERS.

More than 100 churches financially support our work. In 2022, one of our founding congregations, Southwest Christian Church, reached the $1 million mark for sixty years of donations. Many churches send volunteers to help out on campus. In 2022, church groups, from the metro area and as far away as Texas, visited to serve our resident community. Elizabeth Baptist Church engaged in a comprehensive way on our campus in 2022, putting faith into action by leading Bible studies on campus, delivering encouragement cards, landscaping, and donating furniture and other needed items to our various programs.
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Christian City envisions a world where even the most vulnerable among us have a safe home and loving community enabling them to thrive.

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

PROMISE
Life-changing Hope Through Faith, Community and Care