Christian City Founder Passes

In the early 1960’s, Dr. Byron and Rose Harper met with Jim (minister of Southwest Christian Church) and Dura Dyer and dreamed the dream of Christian City, a place where vulnerable people, such as orphaned children, along with senior adults in various stages of life, would find refuge and healing. The Harpers donated the original land for the first Children’s Home, and continued to donate land, time, money, and energy, Mrs. Harper even included a gift to Christian City as part of her legacy plan.

Rose, the last survivor of that original group, passed September 14, at the age of 94, and a Celebration of Life was held in the outdoor pavilion of The Children’s Village recently.

In an AJC article in 2006, Rose remembered, “We started in a cornfield, dug the first dirt in a pasture and had opening day on a flatbed truck.” She and her husband, and the whole family, continued to invest their lives into the expansive ministry, which now serves 1000 people living on 500 acres. Christian City stands on the shoulders of bold dreamers who stepped out in faith.

Thank you Rose Harper.

“Go Love” Day

70 individuals from One Church in Fayetteville descended on our campus recently and spread love and smiles. Volunteer teams tackled projects such as: washing residents’ cars, installing insulation, organizing items at Graceland Thrift Store, pressure walking sidewalks and making repairs at the Community Garden. View photos at bit.ly/3AtP9Ut.

Serving at Christian City is a meaningful way for your church or group to make a difference in the lives of 1000 children, teens, and senior adults. Any size volunteer team is welcome and needed. Contact Dan Garrett at dgarrett@christiancity.org.

Overcomers

The Children’s Village Residential Program ministers to young people from all sorts of backgrounds, and often sees amazing results. View vimeo.com/618233054 of these three siblings (pictured above at the Community Champion Awards dinner) who are facing their future with hope.
Welcome

New Staff

Our new Director of Residential Programs, Samantha Bolling, comes to this important role with significant experience working with foster and at-risk youth. Samantha holds master’s Degrees in Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapy.

Janice Downing brings her positive energy as the new campus Volunteer Coordinator.

New House Parents

Jarell and Tamika Campbell
Akeyla and Kadaymen Johnson

Chaplain Celebrates 35 Years

In 1986, Carl Ryden completed his master’s work at Emmanuel Seminary and began serving as the Chief Spiritual Care Officer for Christian City. As the ministry expanded, he has played a meaningful role in shaping the culture of grace-filled healing through his compassionate ministry with both staff and residents. Carl directs a team of professional and volunteer chaplains serving 1000 residents across our campus. Chaplain Carl is one of the reasons people love calling this place “home.”

Successful Fundraising Event

350 friends of Christian City gathered recently at the Georgia Aquarium to celebrate the stories of changed lives through the various ministries with children, families, and senior adults.

$369,000 was raised to fund programs such as Safe Place, Crossroads Foster and Adoption, and residential programs.


Feed Kids for a Month

Fill up a “cardboard cottage” and provide nutritious meals for one Children’s Village home. $100 will feed 10 children for one month!

Contact Dan Garrett at dgarrett@christiancity.org to see how your church, group or family can participate.

Speaker Available for Your Group

As Director of Church Relations and a professional speaker, pastor, and motivator, Dan Garrett speaks frequently to churches and civic groups. Invite Dan to preach at your church or make a presentation about Christian City to your organization. Contact: dgarrett@christiancity.org