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Kendrick
Thrive Program participant

MOVING LIVES FORWARD



CHRISTIAN CITY



Hope Lives at Christian City

MISSION:

To extend Christ's call to love your neighbor through housing, healthcare, crisis intervention, and building community for children, families, youth, and adults.

VISION:

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

PROMISE:

Life-changing hope through faith, community, and care.

Dear Friends,

Last August, Christian City celebrated its 60th anniversary with a special Alumni Homecoming. Hundreds of former residents, house parents, staff members and friends returned to the Children's Village, a place so many once called home.

People traveled from near and far to reconnect with brothers and sisters they had grown up with years before. Former house parents, now senior residents on campus, were greeted with hugs from men and women who still remembered the love and care they received as children. Stories were shared, photos were taken and memories came rushing back.

That celebration served as a powerful reminder that the work of Christian City continues long after someone leaves our campus.

For over sixty years, people have come to Christian City in search of a place to belong. ***Generation after generation, they have found caring people willing to walk alongside them during some of life's most important moments.***

Many of the people who returned for Homecoming first came to Christian City after experiencing unstable childhoods and hardships no child should ever have to endure. Now, they are parents, grandparents, professionals and leaders in their communities. Their stories are reminders that when people are surrounded by faith, love, encouragement and opportunity, the effects can last for generations.

As you read the stories in this report, I hope you will see that same truth reflected throughout these pages. Whether it is a child finding a loving home through adoption, a young adult preparing for independence, or a senior enjoying connection and purpose, every story points back to the mission that has guided Christian City since the beginning: ***loving ALL people and helping them thrive.***

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for making this work possible. We are grateful for the dedicated staff, volunteers, foster parents, donors and friends who faithfully support this mission every day. ***Your generosity and commitment continue to change lives in ways that often cannot be fully measured.***

As we reflect on this past year, we do so with gratitude for all God has accomplished through Christian City and with confidence in what lies ahead. The needs around us continue to grow, but so does the opportunity to serve. Together, we will continue building a future where more children, families and older adults can experience the care, community and hope that have defined Christian City for six decades.

Thank you for being part of this story.

With appreciation,

Ed Richardson, DMD

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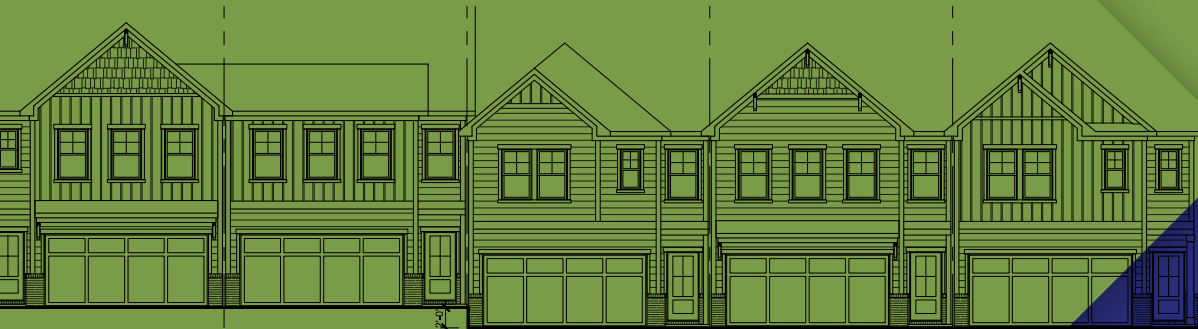
Hope for the future

HOPE LIVES HERE FOR THE FUTURE

Hope grows when a community comes together. For more than six decades, Christian City has been blessed to see our ministry grow thanks to the generosity of donors, volunteers and individuals who believe in our mission. In 2025, we launched the **Growing with Purpose** comprehensive campaign, an investment in the future of Christian City that will create new opportunities for children, families, young adults and seniors for generations to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

Operated by the YMCA of Metro Atlanta, the **Ron and Vicki Canakaris Early Learning Center** will serve up to 120 children from six weeks to five years old, providing high-quality early learning and a strong foundation for future success while helping meet a critical need for childcare in South Fulton County.



Seven Planned Thrive Townhomes

Ron & Vicki Canakaris Early Learning Center



Expanded Thrive Housing

Plans include renovating three Children's Village cottages and constructing seven townhomes, nearly tripling the number of young adults served through Thrive.

Along with expanded housing, participants will receive life-skills training, career development, mental health support and other wraparound services as they prepare for independent living.

Campus Improvements

Strategic investments across campus will strengthen infrastructure and enhance the programs and services that help change lives.

Growing  with **Purpose**

*A Comprehensive Campaign
for Christian City*

*The stories in this report reflect lives being changed today. Through **Growing with Purpose**, we are investing in the stories that have yet to be written.*

▶ Hope lives here for children

Many of the kids who come to Christian City's Children's Village arrive carrying the impact of trauma, grief, an unstable childhood, abuse or neglect. Along with those challenges often comes self-doubt and feeling unloved and unworthy.

◀ In 2025, Jeremy was one of the children finding support at Christian City. He attended school, participated in tutoring, spent time with his siblings, and enjoyed outings with other children in the program. Like many young people, he was still learning to recognize his own strengths.

One of his teachers saw those strengths clearly and wanted to make sure our team knew how special he was. In a note sent home to Jeremy, she thanked him for helping without being asked and praised his participation in class, his sense of humor, and the positive spirit he brings to others.

Then she shared a message *every* child should hear:

"You are capable of so much more than you give yourself credit for. I hope you see that soon. You are a terrific young man."

Those words reflect what the Children's Village team strives to provide every day.

During 2025, the children took part in after school activities, family visits, community celebrations and fun events off campus, including summer camps. They did readings at campus events, earned strong grades, built relationships with their siblings and developed the confidence that comes from having caring adults in their lives.

At the Children's Village, dedicated house parents and staff create a family-like environment where each child is cared for. Because of generous supporters, children who have experienced difficult circumstances are reminded every day that they are valued, capable and loved.





Hope lives here for families

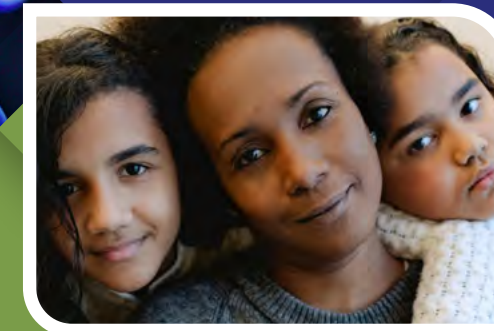
ANGELA'S STORY

When Angela* came to Christian City's Healthy Families program in 2025, she was determined to rebuild her life.

She was experiencing homelessness while working to reunite with her children and searching for stable employment. Through Christian City's Rapid Re-Housing program, Angela partnered with a case manager who helped her develop a plan for stability. With short-term housing assistance and ongoing support, Christian City helped her find a safe place to

live so she could begin to rebuild the foundation her family needed.

Today, Angela is safely housed, financially independent and has built a stronger relationship with her children. Her journey is a reminder that when families are given the right support at the right time, **hope can take root and lasting change becomes possible.**



*Not her real name or likeness pictured

Stock photo



Healthy Families

1,176
Families Served

2,719
Children Supported

3 new Rapid Re-Housing grants and the Carlos Emergency Assistance Fund expanded Christian City's ability to help families find stable housing and move toward long-term independence.

Hope lives here for young adults

When Rue came to Christian City's Thrive program, she was ready for a different future.

Growing up in an abusive household, she spent much of her life focused on survival. She often felt powerless and unsure about her future. But, despite the doubt she had, she was determined to take control of her life and made the decision to reach out to Christian City and join Thrive.

Through Thrive, Rue received therapy, learned practical life skills, and gained the confidence to advocate for herself and set healthy boundaries. With support from the program's staff, she began to see new possibilities for her future.

In 2025, Rue reached a milestone she once thought was out of reach: moving into her own home. She is also continuing her college education at Georgia State University and is looking forward to graduating.

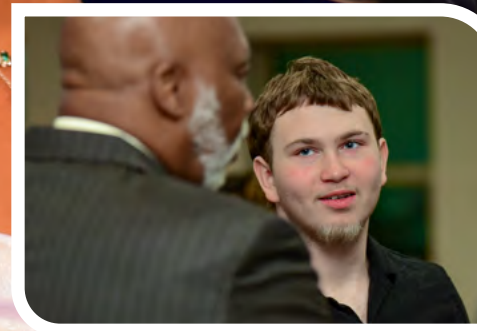
Rue's journey reflects the purpose of Thrive, Christian City's transitional living program for young adults ages 18 to 24 who are aging out of foster care or experiencing homelessness. Thrive provides housing, supportive services, life-skills training, and guidance as the young people work on finding long-term independence.

During 2025, Thrive served 32 young adults. Five participants earned a high school diploma or GED, while others enrolled in workforce development programs, pursued higher education, found employment, did professional development training, and worked toward career goals. They also volunteered in the community, learning the value of service while helping others.

More importantly, they were surrounded by loving adults who encouraged them, challenged them and reminded them that their circumstances did not define their future.

Today, Rue is building a future she once believed was impossible, and many more young adults are discovering that same hope through Thrive.

Rue speaks at Community
Champion Awards



Hope lives here for seniors

Janice & Bob Turber

When Janice Turber and her husband, Bob, moved to Christian City in 2018, they were looking forward to a simpler season of life.

After spending more than 40 years as a Licensed Professional Counselor, Janice was ready to slow down. But after touring the campus, she felt there was a deeper reason they were being led to Christian City. *"It felt like we were being led here so I could work at the Children's Village,"* she said.

That feeling proved true. Years later, a conversation about her professional background led to an opportunity to counsel children and young adults across Christian City programs.

Today, at 75, Janice spends three days each week helping young people work through trauma, build confidence and discover their own potential. Her office is stocked with snacks and encouragement, and she often extends that care

beyond counseling sessions by cooking meals for the youth she serves.

Over time, Janice has watched young people who arrived angry, guarded, and uncertain about their future begin to heal and thrive.

Janice's story reflects something special about Active Senior Living at Christian City. Residents are part of a community where relationships span generations and where experience, wisdom and compassion continue to make a difference. Whether through volunteering, mentoring, participating in campus life, or simply being a caring neighbor, seniors remain an important part of the mission.

For Janice, retirement did not mean stepping away from serving others. Instead, it opened the door to a new chapter of purpose.

"Christian City is where I am supposed to be," she said. *"And this work is what I am supposed to be doing."*

Senior Living by the numbers

7,315
Participants
in Recreation Center programs

3,117
Transportation
riders served

1 NEW 55+
Community
Crossing Pointe - across from Graceland Thift Store

1,110
Active Seniors
engaged in life on campus!

New ways hope lives here

As community needs continue to evolve, Christian City remains committed to finding new ways to serve. In 2025, that commitment led to meaningful growth across our campus, creating additional opportunities for people to find connection, support and purpose.

Two Sparrows Village Joins Christian City

In 2025, Two Sparrows Village officially became a program of Christian City, expanding our ability to serve adults with developmental differences in both residential and day programs.

Two Sparrows Village provides opportunities for participants to build life skills, develop meaningful relationships, and engage in activities that foster independence and confidence, including employment.

The addition of Two Sparrows Village strengthens Christian City's commitment to serving people across generations and abilities while creating new opportunities for inclusion throughout our campus community.

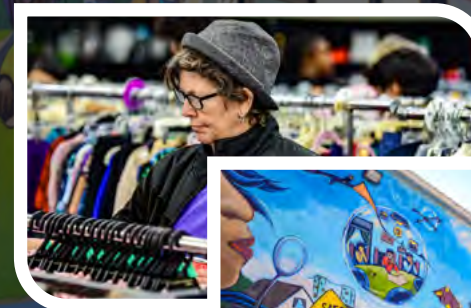


Graceland Thrift Store Begins New Chapter

A longtime favorite among shoppers, donors, and volunteers, the Graceland Thrift Store reopened in November 2025 following significant renovations.

The updated space features an improved shopping experience, expanded donation areas, and enhanced accessibility for visitors. **A colorful new mural by local artist and former Children's Village resident Arshaad Norwood** now welcomes guests and reflects the creativity and community spirit that define Graceland.

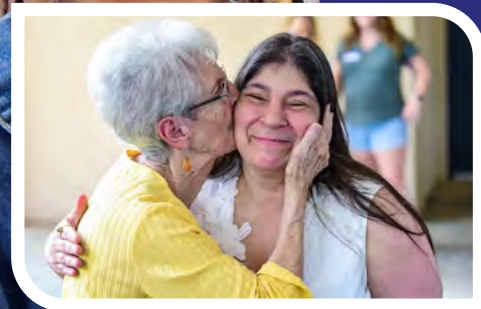
More than a thrift store, Graceland serves as an important source of funding for Christian City's Children and Family Programs. Every donated item, volunteer hour, and purchase helps support children, young adults and families on their journey toward brighter futures.



Celebrating 60 Years

of CHANGING LIVES

For six decades, Christian City has been a place where children find hope, families discover support, and older adults experience community. In 2025, we celebrated that legacy by bringing together generations of people whose lives have been touched by our mission.



Car Show Brings Out Community

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUED in September with our inaugural Car Show, where more than 30 classic and custom vehicles filled the Children's Village Pavilion for a day of nostalgia, music, food, and family fun. Guests enjoyed live entertainment, local food vendors and friendly competition as attendees selected the **People's Choice Award winner, a 1965 Unique Cobra, fittingly built the same year Christian City was founded.**



Alumni Homecoming Reunites Families

ONE OF THE YEAR'S most meaningful moments came during Alumni Reunion, when hundreds of former residents, house parents, staff members, and friends returned to the Children's Village, a place so many once called home.

They traveled from near and far to reconnect with brothers and sisters they grew up with, share stories, and celebrate the relationships that have endured long after leaving campus. Former house parents, many of whom are now patio home residents embraced the children they once cared for, now adults with families and careers of their own. ***It was a powerful reminder that the impact of Christian City extends far beyond a child's time on our campus.***

▶ See Homecoming group photo on page 2

Together, these events honored our past while celebrating the community that continues to shape our future. As we begin our next chapter, we remain grateful for every child, family, resident, volunteer, staff member, donor and friend who has been part of the Christian City story over the past 60 years.





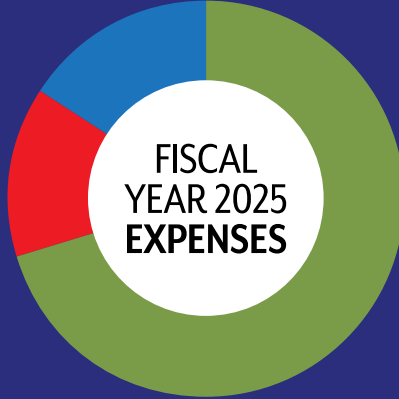
► Hope nourished in 2025

Just SOME of the ways Christian City nourished hopeful living in 2025!

Financial Overview



\$3,348,000	Contributions & Grants
\$2,798,000	Investment Income
\$2,649,000	Program Services
\$1,774,000	Rental Income
\$1,751,000	Gain on Sale of Assets
\$12,320,000	TOTAL



\$8,365,000	Program Services
\$1,645,000	Management & General
\$1,851,000	Fundraising
\$11,861,000	TOTAL

FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS, God has worked through Christian City to bring hope, healing, and opportunity to those He places in our care. Your generosity helps children and families find stability, equips young adults for independent living, provides dignity and community for seniors and expands our ministry to include neurodiverse adults through Two Sparrows Village.

WE BELIEVE EVERY GIFT IS A SACRED TRUST. Through faithful stewardship and wise financial management, *we honor the resources God has entrusted to us and the generosity of those who make this ministry possible.* Together, we are investing in lives, strengthening our community and advancing God's work for generations to come.

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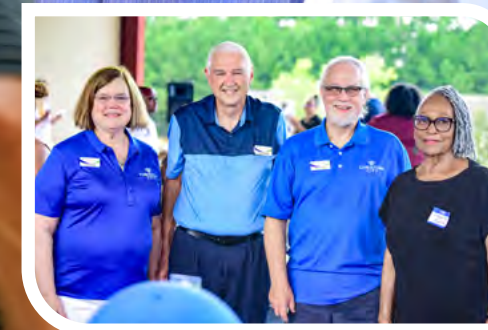
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THROUGHOUT 2025, MORE THAN 1,500 VOLUNTEERS gave their time and talents to Christian City. They helped do renovations at Graceland Thrift Store, developed relationships with and mentored young people, helped beautify our campus, served at special events, supported our chaplaincy services,

raised funds, assisted seniors with heavy chores and stepped in wherever there was a need.

Corporate teams, church groups, civic organizations, and individual volunteers became an extension of our ministry. Throughout the year, teams from organizations including **Atlanta Gas Light, Delta Air Lines, McKenney's Contractors,**

Chick-fil-A, Georgia Power, Hands on Atlanta and many others rolled up their sleeves to make a lasting difference.

Whether someone served for one day or returned week after week, every volunteer helped create moments of hope, encouragement and belonging.



HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM provides housing support, food assistance, counseling and services that help strengthen families, promote stability and prevent crises.

CROSSROADS FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION PROGRAM recruits and equips foster and adoptive families for teens, sibling groups and children with specialized needs, providing ongoing training and support every step of the way.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE PROGRAM provides safety, stability and loving care for children through residential cottages where they can heal from their trauma, grow up with loving houseparents and thrive.

SAFE PLACE PROGRAM provides 24/7 crisis response and access to safety, shelter and support for runaway and youth experiencing homelessness across Metro Atlanta.

THRIVE PROGRAM helps young adults 18-24, who have aged out of foster care or are homeless, navigate adulthood by providing housing, supportive services, life-skills and employment education.

TWO SPARROWS VILLAGE PROGRAM empowers neurodiverse adults to thrive through residential and day programs that foster independence, meaningful relationships and a true sense of belonging in a supportive, faith-centered community.

ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING PROGRAM features a welcoming community with life-lease patio homes, engaging activities and a variety of amenities designed for vibrant senior living.

Who do we serve?

*We serve people of **ALL** backgrounds, beliefs, and circumstances. Guided by the love of Jesus Christ, we welcome every person with compassion, dignity and respect, without discrimination. We believe God's love is expressed through caring for our neighbors and offering hope to all.*

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