



Fourteen Common Good Students and Graduates on Staff This Summer

This summer at Common Good we had eight high school students and six graduates on staff—over half of our team! They were involved in everything from our learning how to co-lead a classroom in Summer Program to hand-building ceramics with Matchstick Goods to helping Common Good run behind the scenes in the Development Office. Andrea, a junior and Elementary Program Summer Youth Employee, said she wanted to work with us this summer because Common Good has given her so much, and she wanted to give back. One of Andrea's favorite parts of the summer was the connections she built with the other staff and our students. She also loved the field trips, especially the pool and helping teach our younger students to swim.

Because of our staff like Andrea, our students had a safe, educational, and fun summer!

Thriving children.
Strong families.
Flourishing neighborhoods.



Senior Spotlight

Meet Faustin, age 17, who joined Common Good in 2016.

What's one of your hobbies?

I like to take photos at sporting events.

What are your college plans?

I want to go into the medical field! Right now I'm most interested in neuroscience.

What is one thing you have learned in the college process?

To better manage my time for writing essays.

What is your favorite thing about Common Good?

My favorite thing about Common Good is being able to be myself and build friendships with my peers in the Youth Program and students I mentor in the Elementary Program. Common Good has helped me build my leadership and confidence, and I am truly grateful to call Common Good my family.



Welcome Jake Tecau

Meet Jake! Jake joined the staff in March of this year as our Path Program Manager. He comes to us having worked in youth and young adult ministries and nonprofits for the last eight years. He's passionate about learning from others, listening to their stories, and celebrating the journeys of young adults. He is proud to work in a community that makes space for everyone to be themselves.

Jake loves cooking, playing board games, taking naps with his two kids, and visiting local coffee shops with his wife when they have the chance.



Common Good's
14th Annual

Fundraising Breakfast

Thursday, October 23rd
from 7:30–9 AM

Our Annual Fundraising Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 23rd from 7:30–9 AM at the Foundry at Centenary Church (2800 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40502). It will also be available virtually! The Breakfast is the best opportunity for community members, business leaders, and partners to learn about Common Good and to hear meaningful stories coming directly from our students, parents, and graduates. **RSVP or donate at www.commongoodlex.org/breakfast.**

Celebrating Long-Term Staff at Common Good

This August, Brenda (left) and Noranne (right) celebrated 9 and 8 years at Common Good! We are grateful for their long-term commitment to our families, neighborhood, and mission.



What is your favorite Club Time?



Marilu, Age 9

Music club! I love learning about new music and listening to new styles of music. I wish we had music club every day!



Mike, Age 12

It's got to be cooking club. I think cooking is an important skill everyone should know. And you get to eat your own work after!

Please consider supporting students like Marilu and Mike by making a gift today! Your donation directly impacts children in Common Good's After-School Program, ensuring they have a safe space, a meal, homework help, and an opportunity to form bonds with friends and mentors.





New Matchstick Goods Studio Space

by Faustin Luka, Matchstick Goods Student Employee

Matchstick Goods (MG) has grown a lot since its start in 2020, especially in the past few years. This summer, MG added a new studio space to better fit the needs of their Student Employees. Staff and students put a lot of hard work into updating this new space in May. We renovated the space by painting the ceiling grids and replacing the ceiling tiles, adding speakers so we can listen to music while we work, and, what I think is the best feature, building a large workspace table for everyone to work around. This table is also a favorite of Studio Assistant Brisa. In this new space we are able to better communicate and have meaningful conversations while we work at Matchstick Goods.

When I started in the old studio space, we sat beside each other, but because of the limited space, we were facing the wall. Now in this new studio space, I appreciate the chance to get to face my co-workers and have more room in the studio to move around. Our Studio Lead, Michele, said this new space creates a nice environment where we can socialize more while we're working by facing each other. Overall, I am happy with the new space that helps create a closer bond with my co-workers.

Fall Mentors Needed!

We are looking for mentors to help in our After-School Program this fall. This is a weekly commitment and our program runs Monday–Thursday from 2:30–6 PM at Common Good. Register at commongoodlex.org/volunteer or contact Noranne Hendricks with any questions at noranne@commongoodlex.org.

GoodGiving Is Now Bluegrass Gives

GoodGiving, the fundraising challenge in which Common Good has participated in the past, will be called Bluegrass Gives this year. Instead of being a week long challenge, Bluegrass Gives will take place on just one day: Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025 from 6 AM to midnight.

Common Good is registered and we'll be raising funds again this year! Among the things you've helped us raise funds for in the past have been scholarships, a second van, and fresh, nutritious food for our students. Stay tuned to our socials or sign up for our newsletter to hear about our exciting campaign this year for Bluegrass Gives.

OUR MISSION

Common Good is an inclusive community in North Lexington dedicated to whole families. We create a safe space for our community to know love.

OUR VISION

We want to see thriving students, strong families, and flourishing neighborhoods live into their God-given potential.



Support Common Good

GIVING OPTIONS:

- I will sponsor ___ student(s) for the After-School Program
(\$300 per semester/\$600 for the entire 2025-26 school year)
- I would like to become a monthly supporter and give
\$ _____ each month
(Recurring donations can be made online or by check)
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for their next steps

Our 2025-26 school year

Our Social Enterprise,
Matchstick Goods

Our graduates

Our new staff

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