
THE VILLAGE
AT CHURCH OF THE CITY

Together, We Are The Village.

The Village is a place where individuals and families can find hope, healing, support, and community. We believe that happens best when we come together. This book highlights the organizations partnering with The Village during our pilot year.

Each partner plays a unique role in helping individuals and families find support, stability, and hope through practical resources and meaningful relationships.

Together, we are working to address four important areas of need:

- Mental health and suicide prevention
- Helping individuals and families move from crisis to flourishing
- Supporting foster families
- Walking alongside youth aging out of the foster care system

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Wrap Around Ministry.

Who They Are

The Wrap Around Ministry at Church of the City exists to care for foster, adoptive, and kinship families by surrounding them with practical support, meaningful relationships, and a community that walks alongside them. Their mission is to ensure that no family navigates the challenges of caring for vulnerable children alone.

What They Do

The Wrap Around Ministry provides practical care, encouragement, and long-term support to families throughout their journey. Through a network of trained volunteers, they help meet both everyday needs and unexpected challenges by providing meals, laundry assistance, childcare, emergency response following a new child placement, birthday celebrations, and consistent relational support.

In addition to caring for families, the ministry creates opportunities for connection and community through support groups, childcare during ministry programming, and special events throughout the year, including the Back-to-School Carnival and Fostering Hope at Christmas. They also invest in young adults who have aged out of foster care through our program called Village Voices.

At its heart, the Wrap Around Ministry exists to remind foster, adoptive, and kinship families that they are seen, supported, and never walking alone.

Wrap Around



The Village Shop.

Who They Are

The Village Shop is a free clothing resource that provides children, teens, and sometimes adults with quality clothing in a welcoming, dignified shopping experience. Rather than simply meeting a physical need, The Village Shop creates a place where individuals and families feel seen, valued, and cared for during seasons of transition or hardship.

What They Do

The Village Shop provides new and gently used clothing, shoes, and other essential items to individuals and families facing financial hardship or life challenges. Through referrals from trusted community partners, foster and kinship families, local schools, and other ministries, the shop helps ensure that people have access to clothing and essential items.

At The Village Shop, families are invited to shop in a welcoming boutique-style environment where they can choose items that fit their personal style and needs, helping restore dignity and confidence while reducing financial barriers.

In addition to serving families year-round, The Village Shop hosts special initiatives throughout the year, including seasonal Open Houses where families can receive clothing, shoes, and other essentials, as well as a back-to-school event that helps children begin the school year with confidence. Each Christmas, The Village hosts Fostering Hope, an event that provides Christmas gifts for the entire family and reminds families they are seen, valued, and supported.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our local community. Every donated item helps meet tangible needs with compassion and dignity, allowing individuals and families to experience hope, stability, and the care of a supportive community.



Anchored Together.

Who They Are

Anchored Together is a support community through Church of the City's Wrap Around Ministry created specifically for single foster and adoptive parents. It provides a place where parents can connect with others who understand the unique challenges and experiences of navigating foster care and adoption as a single caregiver.

What They Do

At The Village, Anchored Together creates a space for single foster and adoptive parents to build relationships, receive encouragement, and find support from others walking a similar journey. Through community, prayer, and shared experiences, parents are reminded that they are not alone.

The group exists to strengthen and encourage single foster and adoptive families by providing connection, support, and a community that walks alongside them as they care for vulnerable children.

ANCHORED
TOGETHER



Foster Together.

Who They Are

Foster Together is a support group through Church of the City's Wrap Around Ministry designed specifically for foster parents and those who have adopted through foster care. Foster Together is a community where caregivers can connect with others who understand the unique challenges, joys, and complexities of parenting vulnerable kids.

What They Do

At The Village, Foster Together creates a safe space for foster parents to gather, share their experiences, receive encouragement, and build meaningful relationships with others walking a similar journey. Through conversations, prayer, and mutual support, foster families are reminded that they are not alone.

The group helps foster parents find connection, strength, and encouragement as they navigate the realities of foster care. By creating a community of understanding and support, Foster Together helps caregivers remain encouraged, supported, and equipped to continue providing safe and loving homes.

At its heart, Foster Together exists to care for the caregivers by strengthening foster parents through community, compassion, and the reminder that their faithfulness makes a lasting impact in the lives of children.

Foster Together.



Village Voices.

Who They Are

Village Voices is a support community through Church of the City's Wrap Around Ministry created for young adults who were adopted as teens through foster care or are preparing to age out of the foster care system. Recognizing that the transition into adulthood can feel overwhelming and uncertain, especially for those who have endured trauma, Village Voices provides a place where young adults can find connection, encouragement, and a community that supports and believes in their future.

What They Do

At The Village, Village Voices creates a supportive environment where young adults can build relationships, receive encouragement, and develop connections with others who understand their experiences. Through community, conversation, mentorship, and practical support, the group helps young adults navigate the challenges of transitioning from foster care to independence.

The group exists to remind young adults that their story is not defined by their circumstances. By creating a consistent community of care, Village Voices helps youth feel known, valued, and supported as they pursue purpose, stability, and a flourishing future.

Village Voices.



Cars Ministry.

Who They Are

The Cars Ministry at Church of the City exists to remove transportation barriers for single parents and youth aging out of foster care who are experiencing financial hardship by providing reliable vehicles. Recognizing that dependable transportation is essential to daily life, the ministry helps individuals regain stability, independence, and hope through the gift of a reliable car.

What They Do

For many families, a vehicle is much more than transportation—it is the key to maintaining employment, getting children to school, attending medical appointments, buying groceries, and staying connected to essential resources. When a family loses access to reliable transportation, the effects can be overwhelming, creating obstacles that impact every area of life.

The Cars Ministry receives donated vehicles from generous community members. For safety, donated vehicles are repaired, test-driven, and inspected prior to being given. By providing dependable transportation, the ministry helps remove a significant barrier to financial stability, allowing families to move forward with greater confidence, security, and opportunity.

Through this practical expression of generosity, the Cars Ministry helps individuals not only get where they need to go, but also take meaningful steps toward long-term flourishing.



Human Flourishing Initiative.

Who They Are

Human Flourishing Initiative is a community-led initiative focused on helping individuals and families move from crisis toward stability, resilience, and long-term flourishing. Based in Tennessee, the initiative brings together churches, nonprofits, community organizations, and public systems to create a more connected and coordinated network of care.

Recognizing that families often face complex challenges that cannot be addressed by a single organization, the Human Flourishing Initiative works to break down barriers to resources and create a unified approach that supports people.

What They Do

Human Flourishing Initiative connects individuals and families with the resources, relationships, and support they need to navigate difficult seasons and build a stronger future. Through collaboration with local partners, the initiative helps identify needs, coordinate care, and create pathways toward stability and opportunity.

At The Village, the Human Flourishing Initiative serves as a connector between families and community resources, helping ensure people feel known, valued, and supported. Their work includes relational support, advocacy, practical care, resource navigation, and other forms of assistance that help individuals overcome barriers and move toward flourishing.

The Human Flourishing Initiative believes every person has inherent value and potential. By surrounding families with a community of support, they help create a future where people are not defined by their circumstances but empowered to experience hope, belonging, and a life of flourishing.



Freedom Prayer.

Who They Are

Freedom Prayer is a Christ-centered prayer ministry that helps people encounter the healing, freedom, and transforming love of Jesus through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Rooted in the belief that God desires every person to live in the freedom Christ offers, the ministry provides a safe, grace-filled environment where individuals can experience deeper intimacy with God and find healing from past wounds, fear, shame, and spiritual burdens.

What They Do

Freedom Prayer provides guided prayer ministry that helps individuals identify and replace lies with God's truth, experience emotional and spiritual healing, and grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus. Prayer sessions are led by trained prayer teams who create a welcoming and confidential environment where people can listen for God's voice and invite Him into areas of pain, brokenness, and struggle.

At The Village, Freedom Prayer offers regularly scheduled prayer sessions for individuals seeking healing, restoration, and renewed hope. Through intentional, Spirit-led prayer, participants are invited to experience God's love, receive His truth, and walk in freedom. The ministry's goal is not simply to address difficult circumstances, but to help people experience lasting transformation as they grow in their identity in Christ and live with greater peace, wholeness, and purpose.

FREEDOM
PRAYER



GriefShare.

Who They Are

GriefShare is a support community through Church of the City designed for individuals walking through the loss of a loved one. GriefShare provides a safe and caring environment where people can process grief, find encouragement, and connect with others who understand the challenges of navigating life after loss.

What They Do

At The Village, GriefShare helps individuals walk through the grieving process by providing biblical encouragement, practical guidance, and meaningful community. Through group discussions, shared experiences, and resources focused on healing and hope, participants are given space to process their emotions, ask questions, and receive support during a difficult season.

The group reminds those who are grieving that they do not have to walk through loss alone. Through compassionate relationships and the hope found in Christ, GriefShare helps individuals move toward healing, comfort, and renewed hope.

GriefShare®



Agape Nashville.

Who They Are

AGAPE Nashville is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to strengthening children and families through foster care, adoption, counseling, and family support services. Through compassionate care, education, and practical resources, AGAPE provides hope, healing, and support to children, foster families, and women impacted by domestic violence as they navigate seasons of transition and need.

What They Do

At the Village, AGAPE Nashville provides the required Tennessee Key Training classes for individuals and families in our community who are interested in becoming foster parents. By equipping prospective foster families with the training and resources they need, AGAPE helps prepare more families to open their homes and provide safe, stable, and loving care for children.

They will also host a variety of group therapy sessions, including groups for adults managing anxiety and OCD, teen boys, teen girls, and a Child-Parent Relationship Training (CPRT) group.

AGAPE

Love Works



Belmont University Occupational Therapy.

Who They Are

Belmont University's Occupational Therapy program prepares future occupational therapists to help individuals participate more fully in the activities that give life meaning and purpose. Through education, clinical experience, and community partnerships, Belmont OT students apply their training to support individuals with diverse abilities and needs.

Through The Village partnership, Belmont Occupational Therapy students provide compassionate, accessible care for foster and adoptive children, children with special needs, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

What They Do

Belmont OT students provide individualized and group-based occupational therapy services designed to help individuals develop skills needed for greater independence and participation in daily life. Services focus on sensory processing, emotional regulation, social skills, fine motor development, self-care, and other daily living skills.

At The Village, these services create opportunities for children and adults with special needs at zero cost. Through hands-on care and relationship-based therapy, Belmont students help individuals build confidence, increase independence, and reach their full potential.

By combining education, compassion, and practical support, Belmont Occupational Therapy provides valuable resources to families and individuals in our community while offering future therapists meaningful opportunities to serve.

BELMONT UNIVERSITY



Williamson County Capernaum.

Who They Are

Williamson County Capernaum is a ministry of Young Life that creates a place of belonging, friendship, and faith for adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through meaningful relationships and shared experiences, Capernaum helps students discover that they are valued, included, and deeply loved by God and their community.

What They Do

Capernaum builds authentic friendships with students through weekly gatherings, community activities, and relationship-centered experiences that encourage connection, confidence, and spiritual growth. Students have opportunities to participate in games, music, celebrations, conversations, and activities alongside caring friends and mentors who consistently walk with them.

At The Village, Williamson County Capernaum provides opportunities for students to experience community, develop friendships, and deepen their understanding of God's love. Through intentional relationships and a welcoming environment, Capernaum helps ensure that adolescents with disabilities are not overlooked or isolated, but are known, celebrated, and included.

At its heart, Capernaum believes every person has unique value and purpose. By creating spaces where friendships flourish and faith is explored, the ministry brings joy, belonging, and hope to students and families throughout Williamson County.



Cul2vate.

Who They Are

Cul2vate is a nonprofit ministry that cultivates both food and people by combining regenerative farming, meaningful employment, and discipleship. Through hands-on work in agriculture, Cul2vate creates opportunities for individuals rebuilding their lives—including those overcoming addiction, recovering from crisis, or re-entering the workforce—to experience purpose, develop job skills, and grow in community. Their mission is to see lives transformed as people flourish physically, emotionally, spiritually, and economically.

What They Do

At The Village, Cul2vate operates a community garden at the Village House, where fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers are grown to nourish both people and relationships. The garden serves as a place of restoration and connection, providing meaningful work opportunities while producing healthy, locally grown food for the community.

By growing food and investing in people, Cul2vate creates opportunities for healing, dignity, and hope. Their work demonstrates that flourishing happens not only through meeting physical needs, but also through meaningful relationships, purposeful work, and a community committed to walking alongside one another.

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Growing Food. ***Growing People.***



FrankTown Open Hearts.

Who They Are

FrankTown Open Hearts is a Christ-centered nonprofit ministry serving at-risk and underserved youth in Franklin and South Williamson County. Their mission is to inspire, empower, and equip young people by providing meaningful relationships, educational support, vocational training, life skills, and opportunities for spiritual growth. Through every program, FrankTown helps students discover their God-given potential and prepares them for a hopeful, successful future.

What They Do

FrankTown Open Hearts walks alongside elementary, middle, and high school students through year-round programs that foster academic, personal, and spiritual growth. Students receive mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, vocational training, recreation, Bible study, and practical life skills in a safe, encouraging environment where they are known, valued, and loved.

At The Village, FrankTown brings its relational approach to serving youth by creating opportunities for 5th and 6th-grade students to build healthy relationships, develop confidence, and grow in character and faith. Through caring mentors, shared meals, engaging activities, and consistent encouragement, FrankTown helps young people build a strong foundation that equips them to thrive in school, at home, and in their community.

FrankTown
OPEN HEARTS



Kingdom Founders powered by Corner to Corner.

Who They Are

Corner to Corner is a Nashville-based nonprofit that believes ownership is one of the most powerful pathways out of poverty. Through entrepreneurship, education, and mentorship, they equip underestimated neighbors with the tools, relationships, and confidence needed to build sustainable businesses, strengthen their families, and create lasting impact in their communities.

What They Do

At The Village, Kingdom Founders powered by Corner to Corner is a faith-based entrepreneurship program that helps aspiring business owners transform ideas into sustainable businesses. Through practical business education, mentorship, and encouragement, participants learn how to develop a business plan, understand their customers, manage finances, and launch or grow a business with confidence.

Kingdom Founders is more than starting a business—it is about creating pathways to ownership, financial stability, and long-term flourishing. By combining biblical principles with proven business practices, the program empowers individuals to use their God-given gifts to create income, provide for their families, and make a meaningful impact in their communities.



One Generation Away.

Who They Are

One Generation Away is a 13-year-old, 501(c)(3) nonprofit that believes no one should have to wonder where their next meal will come from. They share hope, honor, and dignity through food by removing barriers to access and welcoming every neighbor with compassion and respect—no questions asked. In fact, the only question they ask at mobile pantries is, "Is there anything we can pray with you about today?" Because while food meets an immediate need, caring for people means nourishing both body and soul.

What They Do

One Generation Away provides fresh, nutritious food to families experiencing food insecurity through mobile food distributions, home delivery, and partnerships with churches, schools, businesses, and community organizations. To ensure families receive the healthiest food possible, they purchase approximately 70% of the food they distribute and rescue the remaining 30% from restaurants, farmers, grocery stores, and other partners, maximizing both quality and stewardship. They will share more than 10 million meals this year.

At The Village, together with Church of the City, we're ensuring that families experience more than a meal. We're ensuring they experience the love of Christ through practical care, meaningful relationships, and the hope of a community that sees and values them.

OneGenAway®



The Refuge Center for Counseling.

Who They Are

The Refuge Center for Counseling is a nonprofit counseling organization dedicated to providing accessible, affordable, and professional mental health care for individuals, couples, and families. They believe that everyone deserves access to quality counseling and a safe place to experience healing, growth, and hope.

Through compassionate, licensed counselors, The Refuge Center walks alongside people navigating emotional, relational, and mental health challenges by providing support rooted in dignity, empathy, and care.

What They Do

The Refuge Center provides counseling services designed to support individuals and families through a wide range of life experiences and challenges. Services include individual counseling, couples counseling, family therapy, and support for mental and emotional health needs.

At The Village, The Refuge Center brings accessible counseling resources directly into the community, helping individuals and families receive support in a welcoming and convenient environment. Through professional counseling relationships, people are given space to process challenges, develop healthy coping strategies, strengthen relationships, and move toward greater emotional health and flourishing.

By offering counseling services on a sliding fee scale, The Refuge Center makes mental health care treatment more accessible. This commitment ensures that individuals and families can receive the support they need, regardless of their ability to pay, reminding them that they do not have to navigate life's difficult seasons alone.

The Refuge Center
FOR COUNSELING



Shepherds College.

Who They Are

Shepherds College is a post secondary education program designed to empower young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to grow in independence, confidence, and purpose. Through academics, vocational training, life skills development, faith formation, and community engagement, Shepherds College equips students to pursue meaningful work, build relationships, and live more independently.

This is the first commuter program offered by Shepherds College. Designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the program creates opportunities to learn, grow, and build meaningful connections within a supportive community. Participants attend Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., engaging in experiences that foster independence, personal growth, and a sense of belonging.

What They Do

Shepherds College provides a comprehensive educational experience that focuses on the whole person. Students participate in individualized learning, career preparation, independent living skills, spiritual growth, and opportunities to engage with their community.

At The Village, Shepherds College creates a welcoming environment where students are encouraged to discover their strengths, develop practical skills, and build meaningful relationships. Through classroom experiences, vocational opportunities, social activities, and community involvement, students are supported as they take steps toward greater independence and a purposeful future.

At the heart of Shepherds College is the belief that every person is created by God with unique gifts, abilities, and purpose. Through education, encouragement, and community, they help individuals experience belonging, grow in confidence, and pursue a life of flourishing.

ShepherdsCollege



charity: water.

Who They Are

In 2006, charity: water began with a simple mission: to bring clean and safe drinking water to people in need around the world. Since then, millions of supporters have united across the globe, helping more than 22 million people in 29 countries get access to this life-changing basic need.

But the work is far from over. Today, 696 million people still drink dirty water.

What They Do

At The Village, charity: water and Church of the City are joining together to bring clean water to those in need. Proceeds from the Village Cafe will fund water projects for communities in Rwanda who are waiting for clean drinking water.

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