General Ministry Report of National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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GENERAL BOARD REPORT FOR 2023

Serving as the Disciples health and social service general ministry since 1887, the National Benevolent Association (NBA) exists to: inspire and connect the people and
ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity. This mission guides the work of the NBA each day and especially through our shared experiences of this past year—from navigating a global health pandemic, to addressing systemic racism and inequities experienced by people of color, to responding diligently and with care to the needs of Disciples health and social service nonprofit ministries. Following are program updates, meaningful accomplishments, and the comprehensive directory of Disciples health and social service ministries with whom we partner.

Young Adult Leadership Development
The NBA has engaged with young adults (persons aged 18 to 30) in a multitude of ways throughout our history. Whether via our Leadership Scholars Program in the 1990s, to our work alongside congregations and nonprofits with missions to serve young people, or hosting the NBA XPLOR Residency program, intentionally and thoughtfully working with young adult communities has been an important part of NBA programming.

The recent years have been an intentional time of reflection, conversation, and visioning regarding NBA’s young adult initiatives. In 2022, we held multiple feedback sessions to hear directly from young adults and those who work with them about what young people need most. After much consideration and analysis, we have decided to discontinue the NBA XPLOR residency program. This time of reflection has led to understanding that the NBA should engage with young adults in new ways that meet the changing needs of this demographic.

This year, we will launch our Young Adult Leadership Development program which seeks to co-create spaces for learning and engagement with and for young adults ages 18-30 that will:

- Cultivate healthy and wholistic identity formation,
- Discover and/or affirm leadership potential,
- Explore leadership opportunities that transform the landscape of church & communities through health and social services and justice,
- Build capacity and life skills for leadership in health and social services and justice related fields.

The NBA has also launched young adult Peer Learning & Wellness Groups that center activists and Hispanic leaders. In addition, we are actively laying the groundwork for a peer group for Asian-American and Pacific Island young adults, plus a leadership experience for young Black women, and special granting opportunities to support professional development and continuing education.

Mental Health & Wellness
We believe creating communities of compassion and care begins with an integrated vision of wellness that prioritizes a holistic approach centered in justice, equity, theology, spirituality, and clinical awareness.
In 2022, we created a video series named “Celebrating Our Stories of Cultural Resilience: Sharing Diverse Mental Health Stories,” that centered the experiences of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Disciples. Along with the work of our 2021-22 Mental Health Equity cohort, we have begun developing a wellness retreat model for BIPOC clergy that will support communities in creating their own space for clergy wellness. We look to finalize a toolkit and offer a pilot version of the retreat model in 2023.

In 2023, NBA plans to begin developing, implementing, and evaluating a substance abuse and recovery initiative. For some time, NBA has listened and engaged in conversations with those impacted by substance abuse, their loved ones, and their journeys toward recovery and rebuilding lives. We have seen that stigma continues to be a pervasive barrier to addressing substance abuse. The NBA will intentionally explore developing a substance abuse and recovery initiative that offers insights and justice implications for congregations, wider church, and social service partners.

Community Engagement
Our vision is to inspire and invite people of faith into activism and advocacy for communities that are often overlooked and underserved. NBA nurtures engagement strategies to transform the root causes of social injustice. Our commitment is to bring to light how we are complicit in maintaining unhealthy systems of discrimination and oppression. NBA actively supports denominational efforts to be an anti-racist and pro-reconciling church, including our shared efforts as a member of the Disciples Justice Ministries working group. In addition to these efforts, our Community Engagement program also includes our Peer Learning & Wellness Groups and our Prison & Jail Ministry focus areas.

Peer Learning & Wellness Groups
NBA calls together Peer Learning & Wellness Groups (PL&WG) around common areas of ministry or professional roles. The Groups provide an opportunity for Disciples to engage in peer support and encouragement, mutual dialogue, spiritual renewal, and peer-to-peer learning. In 2023, NBA will host a multitude of new and ongoing cohorts, such as: Executive Leaders of Disciples nonprofit ministries (2021-23); La Lucha (The Struggle) (2021-23), people of color working in justice and advocacy; Hispanic young adult leaders (2021-23).

NBA’s Director of Community Engagement, Rev. Héctor J. Hernández Marcial and team are strategizing on how to share our PL&WG model across the church so that congregations and ministries can form impactful cohorts in their local communities.

Prison & Jail Ministries
Our recent efforts have been focused on education and resources for restorative justice and other alternatives to the punitive U.S. incarceration systems. Visit NBAcares.org/resources to access a variety of webinars, liturgical materials, and information about restorative justice, immigration, returning citizens, and more.
Social Entrepreneurship
NBA’s Social Entrepreneurship program encourages and supports the development of new and innovative faith-rooted social enterprises that embody care and compassion in tangible ways. One of the ways we accomplish this is through our annual SENT Seminar, which will continue virtually this September for the eighth consecutive year. The Seminar became a virtual workshop in 2020 in response to the pandemic. The online model enabled more people to attend and was so successful that we continue to run the workshops virtually. In 2022, our SENT Seminar keynote speakers included Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Rev. Dr. Mary Donovan Turner, and Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III. Look for announcements about the 2023 SENT Seminar lineup this summer.

Incubate Partnerships are another way we seek to accompany and resource social entrepreneurs in launching their organizations, anywhere from the start-up phase to nonprofits that have been operating for some years (1-10 years). In 2022, we welcomed Empower Hope Center (Louisville, KY), the Global Arts and Theology Experience (Austin, TX), and Camp Sunflower (Wichita, KS) as new Incubate Partners. Applications for Incubate Partners typically open in early spring.

The NBA Social Entrepreneur Cohort is entering its third year in 2023. This year’s Cohort is comprised of 10 members whose social enterprises are in the initial launch stages. Their ministries cover a range of area such as professional development for adolescent men, mental health care for LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals, and trauma therapy for women.

For NBA, we understand that impact investing means making an intentional commitment to systemic and transformative change through financial investment in leaders and their organizations. In 2023, we are laying the groundwork for direct impact investing by building a fellowship program for social entrepreneurs. The fellowships will enable two social entrepreneurs to move from part-time or ‘side hustle’ roles with their ministry into a full-time role with a salary. Applications will be open to members of our Incubate Partners and Social Entrepreneur Cohort, further deepening our relationship with new nonprofits on an established path to sustainability.

Mission & Ministry Grants
Launched in 2017, the NBA Mission & Ministry Grants program has made purpose-restricted funds available for Disciples’ congregations and health and social service ministries for six years. As of 2022, the NBA granted a combined total of over $1,235,350 to ministries that educate disenfranchised youth or support older adults.

In 2022, the NBA increased the allotted funds from $200,000 to $400,000. Also in 2022, we began accepting applications in two cycles each year, the original Fall cycle and the new Spring cycle. With the addition of funding and the second application cycle, NBA added additional promotion and awareness campaigns which led to receiving applications for the first time from states and Regions such as Montana, Hawaii, and Pennsylvania.
The 2023 Spring Cycle will be in February/March, and the Fall Cycle will be in August/September. The application period is open for roughly six weeks. Learn about the qualifications and how to apply for a Mission & Ministry Grant at NBAcares.org/grants. Information is available in English, Spanish, and Korean.

**Disciples Health & Social Service Partners**
The NBA continues to accompany and support our network of health and social service partners. In 2022, some of the ways we supported our partners included:
- Engaging with the board and staff of a nonprofit to identify a new executive director after a long-term leader retired.
- Providing emergency crisis care grants for natural disasters and public service outages for ministries in the southeast.
- Offered on-site mental health retreats and workshops for health and social service organizations who have experienced pandemic-related burnout.

**Creating Communities of Compassion and Care**
Our NBA vision of creating communities of compassion and care faithfully continues and, in many ways, expands into new areas of compassion, healing, and justice during these ever-changing social times. On our NBAcares.org website, we welcome you to follow the stories, ministries, and people making possible transforming and meaningful health and social service ministry each day.
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Be The Neighbor
Revs. Mary Lu Johnston, Allison Lanza, Co-Exec. Directors
15907 Braesgate DR, Austin, TX 78717
Reach Beyond Mission is a fully planned youth mission/poverty education experience. Youth join youth from other churches across the country to explore issues of culture, gender, and poverty in an urban setting. Participants volunteer at numerous metropolitan area nonprofits working with the homeless, low-income families, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Summer mission week focus on food justice, housing, or advocacy. RBM provides speakers, age-appropriate activities, and discussion starters to help young people explore the biblical, theological, economic, social, and political issues related to poverty. Our goal is to help youth begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the systems that sustain poverty through their votes, career choices, and how they spend their money.

Broken, Mended, and Restored
Rev. Dr. Lisa Enders Tunstall, President/CEO
Los Angeles, CA
Broken, Mended and Restored (BMAR) is an organization that equips churches with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide emotionally healthy environments for the emotionally traumatized and relationship abuse victims. Founded in 2008 by Rev. Dr. Tunstall, their mission is to engage communities in promoting abuse-free relationships, family violence prevention/intervention education and resource/referral information. For more than a decade, the organization has held conferences and learning opportunities for clergy and faith leaders in efforts to shed light on the type of abuse that can happen behind closed doors and across communities.

Camp Sunflower
Finn Lanning, Executive Director
5620 E 21st ST N, Wichita, KS 67208
The mission of Camp Sunflower is to create places of safety for youth of all sexual orientations and gender identities where each person is celebrated and a healthy life-giving community is modeled with love. The Camp Sunflower experience is designed to engage LGBTQ+ youth in: leadership development; Identifying a personal sense of safety; Developing self-awareness; Making life-long connections with others; Learning new coping and advocacy skills.

Chain Reaction Ministries
David Finklea, Executive Director
Memorial Drive CC: 11750 Memorial DR, Houston, TX 77024; First Christian: 3700 N Walker AVE, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Chain Reaction Ministries provides freedom of transportation to those in need through a ministry of bicycle recycling. Started at Memorial Drive Christian Church in Houston, Texas, CRM recycles bicycles by linking donors with identified needs in the community. CRM had humble beginnings in 2009 by answering a call by Westside Homeless Partnership for used bikes for kids in their program. People have an emotional attachment to their bicycles. It was their first bike, or their kid’s first bike – and they don’t simply want to set it on the curb, or donate it to a large, faceless charity. They want to know that their bike can provide the same freedom and hope to a person in need that they experienced.
Child Saving Institute
Peg Harriott, President and CEO
4545 Dodge ST, Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 553-6000
ChildSaving.org
Child Saving Institute provides a safe haven and healing for thousands of innocent young victims of family crisis, neglect, and abuse. We offer the vital services necessary to make at-risk children safe and fractured families whole through programs such as early childhood education, foster care, adoption, an emergency shelter, parenting classes and therapy. Our mission is “responding to the cry of a child,” but it is our vision that guides us as we work to give the children we serve safe, happy childhoods. Our vision is that all children have homes where hope is kindled and dreams can be achieved. This is our work, and they are ALL our children.

Christian Care Communities
Mary Lynn Spalding, President/CEO
12710 Townepark WY, STE 1000, Louisville, KY 40243
(800) 662-1738
ChristianCareCommunities.org
Christian Care Communities is the oldest provider of older adult care related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are Kentucky’s largest faith-based provider of housing, long-term care, adult day centers, and community-based services for older adults. We serve approximately 3,000 individuals and their families throughout Kentucky. We actively work with churches helping them with older adult ministries.

Christian Church Homes
Don Stump, Interim President and CEO
303 Hegenberger RD, STE 201, Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 632-6712
CCHNC.org
At Christian Church Homes (CCH) we build and manage affordable housing communities where seniors can live and thrive in the comfort of their own homes, because we believe doing so is better for communities as a whole and the seniors we serve. Having served more than 100,000 seniors over 50 years, CCH has now grown to 57 caring communities that are More Than a Home to residents in seven states.

Christian Services for Children in Alabama
Scott Strissel, Executive Director
1792 Highway 14 E, Selma, AL 36702
(334) 875-0608
CSCAlabama.org
Christian Services for Children in Alabama strives to be an organization that has a positive, recognizable, long-term impact on ALL children and youth in our care by providing professional, cost-effective, and timely services. CSCA is a pioneer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Alabama/Northwest Florida in promoting ministries that nurture, restore, and reclaim those children who have experienced various types of abuse and neglect. We provide opportunities for families and individuals (who wish) to share their love, time, and resources to nurture vulnerable children and youth toward independence and enriched lives.

Cleveland Christian Home
Charles Tuttle, CEO
1400 West 25th ST, 2nd Flr, Cleveland, OH 44113
(216) 671-0977
CCHome.org
Cleveland Christian Home exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse, and neglect. Cleveland Christian Home will be a center of excellence providing the highest quality services to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural, and spiritual needs of children, youth and families.
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry
Rev. Sally A. Robinson, Chaplain
101 N 10th ST, Columbia, MO 65201
The Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry (CAOAM) provides spiritual and emotional support to the growing elderly population in long-term care and retirement communities in the Columbia, MO, area. Though this is an ecumenical ministry, it is recognized as a ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, MO. Currently CAOAM provides spiritual support in seven long-term care and retirement communities on a regular schedule.

Disciple Homes Management Group
Susie Blakeley, Administrator/CEO
327 Eden DR, Longview, TX 75605
Disciple Homes has been providing quality affordable housing for senior adults (age 62 years or older) and their household since 1972 in Northeast Texas. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, rental assistance is available to all of our residents that qualify. Qualified residents pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent and utilities. Disciple Homes Management Group provides social services and housing to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of person, in the loving and caring spirit of Christ.

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma
Sallie Spillman, Board Member
301 NW 36th ST, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO) provides funding to assist Disciples older adults living in Bradford Village senior living community in Edmond, OK.

Empower Hope Center
Rev. Syvoskia Bray Pope, Executive Director
1875 Farnsley RD, Louisville, KY 40216
The mission of the Empower Hope Center is to empower families, change lives, and bring transformation in the community. Our vision is to offer a diverse range of programs in social services, that are designed to empower individuals and strengthen families in our family success plan. Through life skills classes, career pathways, financial education, and entrepreneurship training, single mothers support and parenting, youth development, food pantry, senior care and these families can be better prepared to meet the demands of life.

Florida Christian Center
Rev. Kimberly Weir, Executive Director
1115 Edgewood AVE S., Jacksonville, FL 32205
The Florida Christian Center provides ministry, pastoral care, worship services, classes on faith and aging and other programs and services focused on the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the senior and disabled residents in our community. Serving more than 300 residents in three buildings—Sundale Manor Apartments and Florida Christian Apartments provide subsidized housing for senior and disabled adults, along with Edgewood Condominiums, a senior community on-site—and with a full-time Activity Director and full-time Chaplain/Executive Director, FCC seeks to provide an array of services that honor the body, mind and spirit.
Garden of Eden Health Center
Alicia Rodriguez Davila, Founder/CEO
2833 Eagle Eye CT, Kissimmee, FL 34746
(407) 414-5511
GardenofEdenHealthCenter.org

The Garden of Eden Health Center (GOEHC) is a vision of a future community health clinic; a faith-based health education program focused on women, infants, and children; and a senior and therapeutic health center, deep in the heart of the central mountain range (Cordillera Central) of Jayuya, Puerto Rico. As a not-for-profit healthcare organization, GOEHC aims to provide quality healthcare, preventive medicine, and holistic health education to higher risk communities (rural residences, women, children, and seniors), while also providing local work and volunteer opportunities for children, youth, and families.

Global Arts and Theology Experience
Rev. Yolonda Norton, Executive Director
505 Rathervue PL, Austin, TX 78705
202-487-0711
WomanistGATE.org

The Global Art and Theology Experience (GATE) is a new initiative focused on cultivating resources, programs, and pathways for Black girls and women. GATE develops practical and experiential curriculum centered on womanist thought and theology and constructs creative mechanisms for dissemination. Currently, the primary project of GATE is the Beyoncé Mass—a Christian womanist worship service that uses the music and life of Beyoncé as a tool to cultivate an empowering conversation about Black women—their lives, their bodies, and their voices. The Beyoncé Mass is a space that encourages a practice of Christian faith that sees and acknowledges people where they are and for who they are. The mass is a space story, Scripture, and song that calls for the liberation of all people by creating welcome, fostering healing, and engaging contemporary conversation and culture as a part of Christian identity and praxis.

Good Life Care Resource Center
Rev. Hyo-Cheol Kim, Executive Director
3388 W 8th ST, STE 103
Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 841-5480 (English), (213) 820-8855 (Korean)
GLCRC.org

Founded in 2018, in Los Angeles, California, Good Life Care Resource Center (GLCRC) was created to support immigrant and low-income families. The organization is supporting these communities in a variety of ways including providing free daycare, preschool and afterschool programming for children; offering Spanish and Korean translation services for families looking for support in the city; and transportation services for those in need.

HER Faith Ministries
Rev. Dr. Elaine Y. Sanford, Executive Director
3396 Park AVE, Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 324-3705
HerFaithMinistries.org

HER Faith Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Christian charity that provides assistance to homeless and needy women and children. The ministry provides emergency food, clothing, transportation, dental assistance, and housing to impoverished women and children. HER Faith also provides family counseling and programs for ministry and reading to incarcerated individuals.

Hiram Farm
Leeanne Saro Jereb, Executive Director
PO Box 157, Hiram, OH 44234
(330) 569-3441
HiramFarm.org

Hiram Farm is a nonprofit organization, agricultural setting that serves developmentally disabled adults, with an emphasis on adults on the autism spectrum. The Farm provides opportunities for these adults to grow, learn, and work in a setting focused on respect and support for individuals and the environment. Here, farmers can develop both professional and social skills and accomplish meaningful work. The program began serving six adults with autism in June 2009. Today, the Farm has grown to provide meaningful work for 24 farmers.
Juliette Fowler Communities
Nicole Gann, President and CEO
1234 Abrams RD, Dallas, TX 75214
(214) 827-0813
FowlerCommunities.org

Juliette Fowler Communities is a neighborhood of choice and connection, of caring and service, of faith and fulfillment. Founded more than 120 years ago as an intergenerational community, Fowler serves children, youth, and seniors, as well as their families, at our East Dallas location. As a continuing care retirement community, Fowler’s residential services and care offerings for older adults include Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Support, Health Rehabilitation, and Affordable Senior Housing. As an intergenerational community, Fowler’s residential offerings for children, youth and young women include: Foster-to-Adopt and The Ebby House.

Kansas Christian Home (also a DHM partner)
Karen Sturchio, CEO
1035 SE 3rd ST, Newton, KS 67114
(316) 283-6600
KSChristianHome.org

In the loving memory and caring spirit of Jesus Christ, Kansas Christian Home (KCH) exists to provide social and health services to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of its residents. Our emphasis of service is to the elderly, although we recognize God’s love has no limits.

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes
Debi Windahl, Administrator
7987 N 53rd AVE, Glendale, AZ 85301
(623) 915-5039
ManisteeManor.com

In the loving and caring spirit of Christ, Disciples House of Glendale Inc. and Manistee Manor are passionately committed to exceed the needs and expectations of our residents by providing quality senior housing and other services to enhance the lives of those we serve in a friendly family-style community environment. A place our residents are proud to call home. Manistee provides apartment home rentals for our low-income senior residents in a safe and caring environment where they can continue to age in place independently (with or without the help of out-side services) in an active senior community.

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond
Rev. Dr. D. Anthony Everett, Executive Director
PO Box 22-34, Louisville, KY 40252
(502) 396-3543
MissionBehindBarsandBeyond.org

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is a nonprofit, faith-based organization providing community-based mentoring programs for those released from prison and returning to communities in Kentucky. In conjunction with a Disciples of Christ congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located in a women’s halfway house, we minister to those incarcerated, train outside volunteers to form Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups (NSAG) and connect returning citizens with a NSAG which will then walk alongside each person for six months to a year to equip them for a successful re-entry into the community to which they are returning.

New Communion
Rev. David Harrison, Jr., Director
2320 Country Club RD, Winston-Salem, NC 27104
(336) 722-2714
NewCommunion.org

New Communion is a faith-based organization with the goal of enhancing community relationships and diminishing the impacts of hunger and food insecurity. We are committed to providing nourishing food and being in relationship with those experiencing food insecurity and hunger in the communities we serve. Through the model of Asset Based Community Development, New Communion emphasizes shared abundance in ways that transform individuals and systems of poverty. We function as an interfaith organization and utilize interdisciplinary practices in order to promote healthy food systems through shared abundance and redistribution of resources. Currently, New Communion is feeding over 150 local families a week, and would like to continue to grow, increasing the number of families being fed, using shared abundance and expanding our food and financial sponsorship to support securing healthy nutrition for all.
As an emerging social entrepreneurship nonprofit model of ministry, the Oakland Peace Center exists as a physical space (40,000 square feet gifted by First Christian Church of Oakland) and a network of people and organizations (over 40 Bay Area based nonprofits). It brings together more than 40 direct service, advocacy, youth empowerment, art and culture-shift nonprofits to connect and collaborate with each other in the struggle for peace and justice.

**Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center**  
Rev. Sharyn Cosby, Executive Director  
1020 S Garnett RD, Tulsa, OK 74128  
Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center, a related organization of In the Spirit Christian Church, is a not-for-profit agency that seeks to provide resources and assistance to individuals and their families that will empower them to live a successful and purposeful life. In an effort to reduce the disparity of minority contact with law enforcement, Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center has entered into an agreement with the City of Tulsa and partnered with various state, local, and community agencies to implement the Tulsa County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Community and Strategic Planning Demonstration Project through a grant funded by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

**Opportunity Tulsa (formerly Tulsa’s Table)**  
Rev. Christy Moore, Founder and CEO  
2232 S Nogales AVE, Tulsa, OK 74107  
Opportunity Tulsa is a project of StoneSoup Community Venture, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2010. Our identity springs from the heart of the stone soup folktale, in which community members provide valuable contributions that turn a soup of stone into a nourishing, sustainable meal. The mission of Opportunity Tulsa is to provide enriching, seed-to-table educational experiences as solutions to hunger and poverty for youth living in at-risk communities in Tulsa. Our objective is to nourish community for a purpose by providing opportunities for youth to obtain solid job and life skills through the learning laboratory operations of a food production garden and our pay-what-you-can community café. The long-range goal is for our garden and café to be fully operated by graduates of our programming who develop a sense of ownership in the operation through their learning experiences at Opportunity Tulsa. The garden will supply fresh, locally-grown food to the café that will function five days per week, serving lunch or dinner to everyone on a pay-what-you-can basis.

**Patchwork Central / Sozo Health Ministry**  
100 Washington AVE, Evansville, IN 47713  
Patchwork Central has worked to serve its neighborhood through flexible and innovative programming that matches the talents and interests of those involved to the needs of our community. Today, Patchwork serves individuals and families with a food pantry (since 1982), neighborhood hospitality (a cup of coffee, telephone usage, someone to listen, etc.), a community garden (created in 1995), low-rent facilities for other community organizations, a bicycle program for the homeless, a Health Ministry, and unique art/education programs (Arts & Smarts) that have been available free of charge to at-risk children and youth since 1980. As part of the community fabric, Patchwork Central changes the lives of those it serves by giving them a sense of hope, a place of acceptance, and a bright outlook for the future.
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<td>Revs. Helms &amp; Greg Jarrell, Executive Directors&lt;br&gt;2910 Parkway AVE, Charlotte, NC 28208&lt;br&gt;(704) 654-7429&lt;br&gt;QCFamilyTree.org</td>
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<td>QC Family Tree’s mission is to be kinfolk rooted in discipleship in West Charlotte, NC. They embody this mission through creativity, prayer, and welcome. The Family Tree offers hospitality in their homes to neighbors who are in transition. Participants enjoy family-style meals each evening with neighbors and guests and gather for prayer every weekday morning and midday. The ministry has grown to include: Freedom School summer literacy camp, Wednesday evening dinner and devotionals for youth and children, twice monthly community meals, arts activities, young adult leadership development through internship programs, edible gardens, community outreach activities, and microbusiness in order that provides employment to neighbors as well as sustainable income to their nonprofit.</td>
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<td>Northern California/Nevada Region</td>
<td>Kathy Cordova, Executive Director&lt;br&gt;80 S 5th ST, San Jose, CA 95112&lt;br&gt;(408) 294-2963&lt;br&gt;RecoveryCafeSJ.org</td>
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<td>Recovery Café San Jose is a healing community for those traumatized by homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. We are founded on the belief that every human being is precious, worthy of love, and deserving of the opportunities to fulfill his or her potential. Located in the heart of downtown San Jose, Recovery Café San Jose members come for long-term support in a safe, sober, and supportive environment. Program elements include Recovery Circles (small, peer-support groups), School for Recovery classes in job and life skills, group meals, guest speakers, creative activities, and connections to community resources. Through the Café, members gather the skills and strength needed to gain and maintain employment and housing, and achieve their goals in health, family, and sobriety.</td>
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<td>Safe Haven Day Shelter</td>
<td>Virginia Region</td>
<td>Joni Laurence and Donna Hawley, Co-Coordinators&lt;br&gt;6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044&lt;br&gt;(703) 532-8220&lt;br&gt;FCCFC.org/safe-haven/</td>
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<td>Safe Haven in Falls Church, VA, is a drop-in program working together with Northern Virginia Family Services to provide a welcoming environment for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. This program began as an outreach program at First Christian Church to an average of 15-20 individuals and has grown to a drop-in program serving more than 100 clients weekly, now an interfaith coalition of faith-based communities contributing hot meals and volunteers to the program.</td>
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<td>Serra Center</td>
<td>Northern California/Nevada Region</td>
<td>Lisa Senadenos, CEO&lt;br&gt;2610 Central AVE, STE 120, Union City, CA 94587&lt;br&gt;(510) 477-1000&lt;br&gt;SerraCenter.org</td>
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<td>Serra Center offers three types of support services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-DDH) provides 24-hour care and supervision in six-bed homes in residential neighborhoods. Individuals in Supported Living Services live in the environment of their choice, with care and support based on their individual needs. Independent Living Services provide services focusing on specific identified living skills, working toward eliminating the need for services when the skills are mastered. All individuals served are active during the day either at jobs or in a day program.</td>
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<td>SHARE (Sharing Hands: A Respite Experience)</td>
<td>Southwest Region</td>
<td>Traci Hopper, Executive Director&lt;br&gt;3500 N A ST, STE 2200, Midland, TX&lt;br&gt;(432) 818-1250&lt;br&gt;ShareWTX.org</td>
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<td>Upon the diagnosis of a child’s disability, families find themselves on a lonely journey in which they are isolated from friends, other families who care for children with special needs, and the community. The constant care demands of the child’s disability create stress and leave little time for relationships and personal care. SHARE provides respite care for these families, including parent support groups, counseling services, family events, and programming for siblings. SHARE cares for the whole family because strong families are needed to provide care for the person with special needs—now and well into the future.</td>
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<td>Great River Region</td>
<td>Jamie Himes, Executive Director 860 East River PL, STE 104, Jackson, AL 39202 (601) 354-0983 SCSCY.org</td>
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<td>SquareOne Villages (formerly Opportunity Village)</td>
<td>Oregon/Southwest Idaho Region</td>
<td>Rev. Dan Bryant, Executive Director 458 Blair BLVD, Eugene, OR 97402 (541) 606-4455 SquareOneVillages.org</td>
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<td>Greater Kansas City Region</td>
<td>Chaplain Jose Martinez, Founder 1712 Main ST, Kansas City, MO 64108 (660) 864-3503 StoryWagen.org</td>
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<td>Gina Meadows, Executive Director 1400 Enterprise DR, Lynchburg, VA 24502 (434) 941-7606 SummitLynchburg.com</td>
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<td>Tennyson Center for Children</td>
<td>Central Rocky Mountain Region</td>
<td>Mindy Watrous, President &amp; CEO 2950 Tennyson ST, Denver, CO 80212 (303) 433-2541 TennysonCenter.org</td>
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Whosoever Will Community Assistance Program  Northeast Region
Rev. Dr. Edwin Lloyd  (301) 257-2264
Beltsville, MD  WhosoeverWillCC.org

Their mission is to reduce food insecurity, increase nutritional value in their community, enhance self-sufficiency, provide health and wellness information, and impart hope. During the pandemic, members of Whosoever Will realized just how much food insecurity was plaguing the Beltsville community and they wanted to do something about it. The organization wants to create multiple avenues in which the quality, safety, and efficacy of food distribution are ensured. They have a deep understanding of what their community needs in order to access fresh, healthy food and therefore they are working to fill the gaps. Already this year, Whosoever Will has held several food drives where they’ve been able to donate food to the community. Their partnership with NBA will allow them to continue this important faith work and expand it as well.

Woodhaven  Mid-America Region
Dan Soliday, CEO  (573) 881-9840
1405 Hathman PL, Columbia, MO 65201  WoodhavenTeam.org

Woodhaven is a caring team advocating for those with disabilities. Its Community Living program supports more than 100 men and women in more than 50 apartments and homes, and its Community Connections program provides opportunities for individuals who do not work during the day. Our mission is not just about providing supports; it is about working toward a fundamental shift in how the community perceives people with disabilities. Every day, the people we support are living full, independent lives as active members of the community. With every shirt they buy, hour they work, and life they touch, they are changing the face of ability.

The General Board receives this report and forwards it to the 2023 General Assembly for consideration and discussion.