

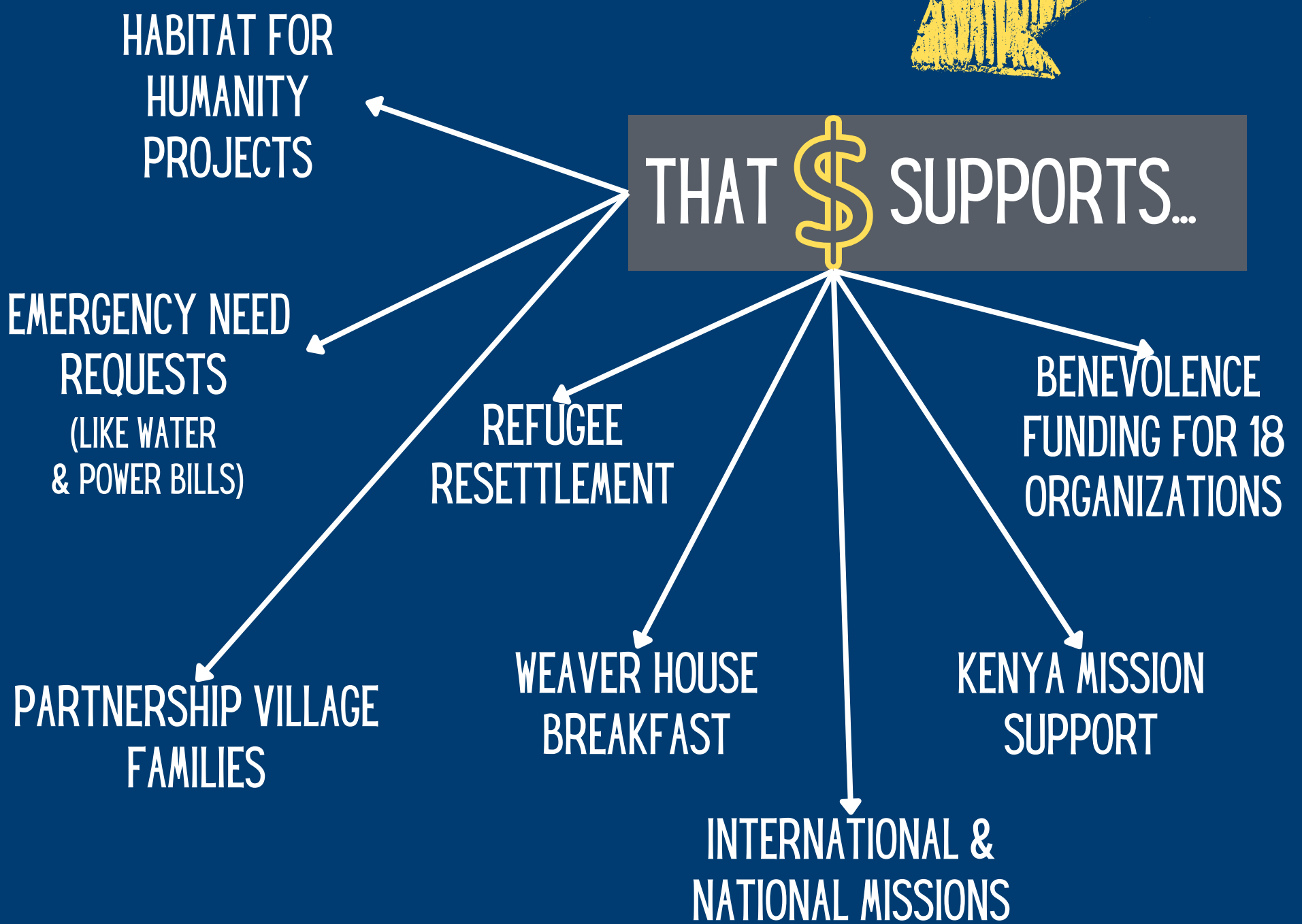
MISSION ENGAGEMENT

@ Westminster Presbyterian Church

DID YOU KNOW...

10% of the total pledges each year are designated to the Mission Engagement budget?

Pretty cool, eh?





DID YOU KNOW SINCE JANUARY...



WPC has provided over **\$4000 in emergency financial assistance** to local families for basic everyday needs such as keeping the power on, the water running and for temporary housing.



In partnership with Habitat for Humanity, WPC welcomed **50+ volunteers over 4 days under the big tent in the parking lot totaling 300+ volunteer hours** prepping material for Habitat's Playhouse Build Project.



Every summer before school starts in the fall, WPC collects backpacks and school supplies for approximately **65 students** (Pre-K to 12th) who call Partnership Village home.



A team of 13 (3 youth & 10 adults) from WPC continued our partnership with Comunidad Connect and Puente Desarrollo Internacional and ventured to **Constanza, Dominican Republic** this past July improving lives by constructing bathrooms, improving accessibility and building relationships.



WPC sponsored, designed, and built a **Habitat playhouse** that was gifted to a child of a Habitat Greensboro homeowner.



Our **Giving Garden** group of dedicated volunteers plant, pick weeds and water throughout the growing season. Veggies are donated to Out of the Garden Project and Mustard Seed Community Health. **OVER 115 lbs donated!**



Rise Against Hunger event: **121** Volunteers packaged **10,153** meals in just **45** minutes! **47** boxes went to hungry children in the Philippines and Nicaragua.



WPC is developing a new initiative in **Affordable Housing** centering around a vision to increase access to permanent housing for children and their families by supporting families through meaningful relationships, providing financial support, and locating and increasing housing availability.

Kenya Missions: WPC partners with Maxim Grace Academy - a Kenyan primary school - providing financial assistance for teacher salaries, materials, and scholarship for high school students who once attended Maxim Grace. A September 2024 trip is in the works.



This past summer, **13 middle school youth and 5 adults** spent a week in Charlotte, NC embracing & learning about urban poverty with **CROSS Missions** - an organization committed to crossing over boundaries that divide us, crossing out stereotypes that judge us, and keeping Christ's love as our focus

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PARTNERSHIPS & WHERE YOU MIGHT FIT?

You got it!

Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House

Greensboro Urban Ministry's Weaver House provides a single bed and bedding up to 100 adult men and women. The shelter welcomes all who are in need of housing. No one in real need is turned away unless space is not available. Westminster serves breakfast to Weaver House guest, as well as takeout meals, the 1st Sunday of every month. We have had a group of dedicated WPC volunteers keep this ministry moving forward for many years - even through the pandemic!

When: 1st Sunday each month. **Time:** 6:00-8:00 am.

Location: 305 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27406

Contact: Jake Van Wyk - jakevanwyk@me.com,
Scott Neely - scott.neely@westpreschurch.org



Out of the Garden Project - Fresh Mobile Market

Out of the Garden Project's Fresh Mobile Markets program is a mobile food pantry service available currently at 20+ locations in Guilford County every month. Westminster provides volunteers on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month located at Peck Elementary, 1601 W. Florida St. 8 - 10 people are required each month, and the minimum age is 13. Ages 13 - 16 must be with a parent or responsible adult.

OOTGP Fresh Mobile Markets take place at high need GCS schools and Guilford County food deserts. WPC's sponsored site serves between 90+ families, and each family receives between 50 - 70 pounds of food. Each Fresh Mobile Market provides 60+ pounds of fresh produce, meat, and bread per qualifying family.

When: 3rd Saturday each month. **Time:** 9:45-11:45 am.

Location: 300 NC-68, Greensboro, NC 27409

Contact: Pamela & Greg Rosendale - pamelarosendale@gmail.com
Scott Neely - scott.neely@westpreschurch.org

Click on the Link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA82EA13-fresh>



Out of the Garden Project - Warehouse Volunteers

Westminster volunteers work alongside Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church in the Out of the Garden Project warehouse each Friday from 3pm-5pm to help prepare for their weekend Fresh Mobile Markets. Warehouse location is 300 NC-68, Greensboro, NC 27409. If you'd like to come out to the warehouse, please sign up by clicking on this link:

When: Each Friday afternoon **Time:** 3:00-5:00 pm.

Location: 305 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27406

Contact: Jennie Benton - bettonfamily@aol.com,
Scott Neely - scott.neely@westpreschurch.org

Click on the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA82EA13-warehouse>



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Partnership Village Friday Produce Delivery

Partnership Village is a transitional housing community that offers affordable housing in a supportive environment for homeless individuals or families that are working towards greater self-sufficiency. The primary goal of the program is for each household to become independent and qualify for conventional housing. Westminster volunteers pick up food from Greensboro Urban Ministry and deliver to Partnership Village Apartments ever 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. This is a vital service opportunity that takes only 30-45 minutes of your time from pickup to delivery. You are always greeted by many friendly residents at the community center who are there ready to help unload the food.

When: 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. **Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

Location: GUM - 305 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro), Partnership Village - 135 Greenbriar Rd, Greensboro

Contact:

Scott Neely - scott.neely@westpreschurch.org, **Gretchen Hudson** - tanrz2mom@gmail.com. **Debbie Danials** - dddz97@hotmail.com, **Pamela Rosendale** - pamelarosendale@gmail.com



Meals On Wheels

Many local seniors are homebound and struggle to obtain healthy meals. Hundreds have no one to talk with or check on them on a regular basis. When volunteers come to the door with a hot meal Monday through Friday, the food and visit help these seniors stay healthy and independent longer. Volunteers from the faith community, local businesses and schools work in pairs to deliver the meals, which are prepared by a local caterer. The volunteers also check on the well-being of each senior they visit.

A team of Westminster volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels the first Wednesday morning of each month. The time commitment is 2 – 2.5 hours. Training is provided and both monthly and substitute volunteers are needed for our Westminster delivery team.

When: 1st Wednesday of the month. **Time:** Starting at 9 am

Contact: **Elaine Thompson** - elthompson07@gmail.com, **Buck Young** - byoung3004@gmail.com



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Habit for Humanity of Greater Greensboro

Habitat Greensboro works toward a vision of a world where everyone has a safe and affordable place to live. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.



Westminster partners with Habitat of Greensboro in many ways. One opportunity is through scheduled workdays. These workdays can vary throughout the year. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help and learn something new. You may bring your own tools if you'd like, but Habitat will provide everything you'll need for the day. Habitat volunteers perform a variety of critical tasks, including framing, roofing, floors, and installing cabinets, doors, and windows.

The following dates are set workdays for the fall.

Wednesday, September 27 (8:30-3:30 pm)

Saturday, October 28 (8:30-3:30 pm)

Click on the link to sign up:

[https://habitatgreensboro.vomo.org/opportunity/westminsterpres.](https://habitatgreensboro.vomo.org/opportunity/westminsterpres)

Contact: Scott Neely: scott.neely@westpreschurch.org,

Community Housing Solutions

Community Housing Solutions provides home repairs to homeowners in Guilford County, supporting neighbors and neighborhoods. With a skilled construction staff, volunteers work with homeowners who fall below specific income levels to make needed repairs making their homes warmer, drier and safer. CHS supports neighbors by providing safe and decent housing, preserving assets, and helping people stay in their homes longer. They support neighborhoods by creating wealth, stabilizing neighborhoods, and building relationships. Westminster partners with CHS in many ways. One opportunity is through scheduled workdays. Common repairs for volunteer opportunities include:



- Installing grab bars and other safety features for people who are elderly or disabled.
- Bathroom & kitchen repairs.
- Repairing water damaged floors and installing new flooring.
- Building wheel chair ramps and other accessibility modifications.
- Installing locks, weatherizing and repairing windows and doors.
- Repairing exterior damage and painting homes.
- Repairing or replacing roofs.

We are currently setting up workdays for this fall and winter. To find out more, reach out to **Scott Neely** scott.neely@westpreschurch.org

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Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. This fall a crew from WPC will journey to Jonesville, VA. On a service trip like this, you can expect to do home repairs for low-income families in Central Appalachia, form relationships with homeowners and community members, learn about the Appalachian region, and come away with a rejuvenated spirit to serve.



Next trip is scheduled for **October 15 - 18. Cost is \$125 per person.**

We will leave Sunday morning and come back later in the afternoon on Wednesday.

Click on the link for more information and/or to sign up.

<https://www.westpreschurch.org/events/2023/6/15/irv3ust11zalkcxigjcm6jnhvv7eir>

New Affordable Housing Initiative

The vision is to increase access to permanent housing for children and their families by supporting families through meaningful relationships, providing financial support, and locating and increasing housing availability.

Inward / Outward Journey – Listening, learning, building relationships and discernment to identify needs, obstacles, resources, opportunities for our church to address affordable housing and then developing and implementing plans. A few project ideas we are working on now include:

- Partnering with Habitat of Greensboro on the Olde Asheboro Neighborhood Development and Housing Project through workdays and community building events.
- Partnering with Community Housing Solutions to preserve home ownership by improving lives through repair and accessibility with dignity.
- Exploring models around guaranteed rent to families, Community Land Trust, working with undeveloped / under-developed property owned by faith communities, and more.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS



Dominican Republic with Comunidad Connect

For over a decade, Comunidad Connect has worked to alleviate poverty and create sustainable change in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. With local partners, they create programs that improve community health, empower youth through sports, and support sustainable community development. This past July 2023, a work team of 13 served in the mountain valley of Constanza. During our time the team built and renovated bathrooms, improved sidewalks for better accessibility for those with physical challenges, played countless games of dominoes and made friends for life!



Dates for the 2024 trip has not yet been set, but we'll keep you posted!



ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Here is the good news! You are here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world and those colors look different for everyone. Whether you are super busy or have more time on your hands, there are a multitude of ways to get involved beyond what is mentioned above. One way is to start with your gifts and interests. Another way is to jump right into something new. Sometimes you may see a need during your day and want to help, but could use some help getting started.

Additional Opportunities:

- Serving on the Mission Engagement Committee
- Coordinating and/or purchasing Honor Cards during the month of December.
- Backpack & school supply collection for students who call Partnership Village home June-August
- Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Prep Week and Build Day the end of May.
- Reading Buddy at one of our local elementary schools.
- Lean on WPC as a resource to try something new where you see there is need.

Mission Engagement Email List

One way to stay informed about upcoming volunteer dates and last minute needs that come up is to sign up to be on the Mission Engagement email list. No commitment, just stay informed! Sometimes we are looking for a person to fill in to deliver food from Urban Ministry to Partnership Village on a Friday afternoon, helping someone in need of getting furniture to a refugee family, to reminding folks about an upcoming workday.

If you'd like to be on this list, send Scott Neely a message and he'll get you taken care of.

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