



NEWSLETTER



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& improving lives
by serving as the
hands of Christ*

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Celebrating 2 Years in Our New Facilities

On August 23, 2020, we held the ribbon cutting ceremony announcing the official opening of our new facilities. This was the result of our ambitious capital campaign, Forward in Faith, in which the North Augusta community banded together to create two buildings - the Ministry Building, and the Thrift Store - which could better serve our mission.

The need continued to grow, and CMONA needed to grow with it in order to effectively meet that need. Our previous building was unable to support the services that our community needed us to help provide, and we began the Forward in Faith Campaign in 2017 to develop a new campus that could accommodate the increased volume and the unique nature of the organization's mission.

We held the official groundbreaking ceremony on September 19, 2019.

Our Ministry Building now has separate office spaces that provide a nurturing and private environment in which we are able to minister to our clients. Our new facilities are optimized for accessibility by providing space for our partner agencies, which helps to reduce transportation barriers. Families now have access to more resources in one building, which gives them tools to shorten the journey toward stability and wellness. Our Food Pantry is larger and able to receive donations from businesses, churches, and individuals in bulk. This allows us to accommodate our larger service area and better serve our neighbors in need.

Our Thrift Store funds over sixty percent of the basic operating budget, with the remaining forty percent from cash and non-cash donations. The new store is twice as large as the store in our previous building. The added floor space and streamlined intake area allow us to accept and process more donated items, which in turn provides more sales to support our ministry's operations. The new thrift store sales floor is more accessible and organized, which provides a more comfortable shopping experience for both our customers and ministry clients.

Thank you to our North Augusta community for making these improvements to our ministry possible!

Member Churches



Prior to 1984, the churches of North Augusta had individual food pantries and clothes closets to help those in need. However, several area churches felt that a community ministry was needed, in which they could share resources and provide unified assistance to their neighbors. In 1984, six local churches successfully banded together to create Community Ministry of North Augusta (CMONA).

By 2023, CMONA had grown from the original six to twenty-eight member churches.

- Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity
- Behind the Veil Church
- Bel-Ridge Baptist Church
- Belvedere United Methodist Church
- Crown Kingdom Cultural Center
- Fairview Presbyterian Church
- First Baptist Church of North Augusta
- First Providence Church of Belvedere
- First Providence Baptist
- Grace Fellowship
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Hammond Grove Word Power Ministry
- Holy Trinity Lutheran
- Immanuel Baptist Church
- Midland Valley Community Church of the Nazarene
- Mt. Transfiguration Baptist Church
- North Augusta Baptist Church
- North Augusta Church of Christ
- North Augusta Community Fellowship
- Old Storm Branch Baptist Church
- Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
- Pine Grove Baptist Church
- Second Providence Baptist
- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
- Sweetwater Baptist Church
- True North Church
- Victory Baptist
- Warren Belvedere

Thank you for your continued support!



Community Ministry
of North Augusta
Thrift Shop

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Meet Our Leadership!



Tammy Butler
Executive Director
Damascus Baptist Church



John Dyson
Board President
Mount Transfiguration Baptist Church



Marty Bruce
First Vice President
TrueNorth Church



Mary Johnson
Second Vice President
Bel-Ridge Baptist Church



Neil Crossley
Board Treasurer
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church



David Shellhorse
Board Secretary
First Baptist Church of North Augusta

Board of Directors

Jane Carter	Fairview Presbyterian Church	Pat Carpenter	First Baptist Church of NA
Anne Comer	Grace United Methodist Church	Rev Elaine Davis	Mt. Transfiguration Baptist
Bob Bigger	Grace United Methodist Church	Cheryl Jones	Crown Kingdom Cultural Center
Rich Salizzoni	Our Lady of Peace	Rev Leonard Hodges	2nd Providence Baptist Church
Don White	First Baptist Church of NA	Rev Josh Tesch	Victory Baptist

Partner Organizations

Community Ministry of North Augusta has expanded its partnerships, which allows for collaboration between agencies to better serve our community.

CMONA has partnered with the following agencies because we believe that people with substance use issues, mental illnesses, trauma and others who have experienced severe emotional distress, are often the object of misunderstanding and stigmatizing attitudes. Much of the homelessness and poverty that we encounter is a direct result of substance use or mental health issues.

Each of these agencies along with CMONA have pledged to treat each client with respect and dignity. We provide safe and therapeutic environments that promote self-sufficiency. We offer a hand up, not a handout.



Staff Photo by Elizabeth Hustad – The Post and Courier, North Augusta

Aiken Center

This expansion will enable Aiken Center to offer substance use treatment and recovery support services to the North Augusta area. A lead counselor for opioid use and Medication Assisted Treatment and a Peer Support specialist will be housed in the ministry building and see clients by appointment. It is our hope that we as a ministry, in partnership with Aiken Center, can engage families and walk with them through their recovery journey.

Cumbee Center

Community Ministry of North Augusta continues its partnership with The Cumbee Center to assist abused persons. The mission of The Cumbee Center is to support and empower domestic violence victims, sexual violence victims, and their families. A lead case manager and DSS liaison is housed in the ministry building on the third Wednesday of every month. Clients in the North Augusta area are seen by appointment.

Rural Health Services – Clyburn Center for Primary Care

The mission of Rural Health Services is to provide accessible, quality, comprehensive primary healthcare services in a dignified and culturally competent manner. Through a funding grant, the Clyburn Center for Primary Care Mobile Medical Van will be available to see patients every Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, in the parking lot of Community Ministry of North Augusta. Any client or resident of Aiken County can receive medical treatment at no or reduced cost.

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

The mission of Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health is to support the recovery of people with mental illnesses. Each person receiving services is treated with respect and dignity. ABMHC believes that people are best serviced in or near their homes. Through our partnership, clients can be referred to ABMHC for immediate evaluation and assessment.





How we made a difference January - June 2023

**Our food pantry fed 1194 individuals
from 503 families**

742 bags of food were given out, which
amounted to \$58,044 worth of food

\$4,582 worth of furniture, clothing, household
goods, and medicine were provided.

\$52,721 in
utility
assistance

1,194
individuals
served

6,149.25
volunteer
hours

We have a new online giving portal!

Scan the QR code to donate online.

After donating, a portal login can be
created to manage your giving.

