



Furnish a Future Team Making an Empty House a Home

Upcoming Events

- Every Tues - Sort donations for Furnish a Future, 9:00-11:00 am
- Every Tues - Sort clothing donations at the ARC, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Apr 9 & 10 Handicap Ramp Build, 9:00 am, Click Building and Repair box for details.
- Apr 11 Caregiver Support, 10:00 am-noon, Pursuit, St James Rd
- Apr 13 East Lincoln Historical Society hosting Dr Ed Perry, who will enlighten us about Andy Griffith, Mundy House Annex, 6:00 pm
- Apr 18 Amy's House Gazebo Build, 9:00 am
- Apr 18 Hesus House' 5th Annual Fish Fry, N Academy and Main Streets, Lincoln, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Apr 25 Denver Community Garden Planting Day, 9:00 am
- Apr 25 Journey of Hope Distribution Day, 10:00 am. See text box for details.
- Apr 27 Helping Hands Golf Tournament, Verdict Ridge Golf Course 11:00 am
- May 4 Next Helping Hands Meeting, 10:30 am, DUMC Chapel
- May 5 Backpacks for Kids last packing date this school year, 9:00 am
- May 6 Chicken Pick'n, 9:00am in FLC
- May 7 First Thursday Lunch, 11am-1pm DUMC, Family Life Center
- May 15th Foster Parent Appreciation, Betty G Ross Park, Lincoln, 6:00-7:30 pm
- May 16 ARC Sunrise Shopping Day, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- May 16 Historical Society Community Yard Sale, Mundy House Annex, 8:00 am until noon, \$20/venders, call 704-604-7767 for details
- May 29 ARC Community Shopping Day, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates

Click on the text box for details and contact information about each ministry.

The Advocate Mission is working with DSS, foster families, and churches to increase community support for those caring for vulnerable children. Click here to learn more.

Amy's Closet sells like-new clothing to support Amy's House. They are open Tues-Sat, 10:00 am with stores in Denver and Lincoln. Volunteer applications are available in the stores.

Amy's House Domestic Violence Shelter is building a gazebo on-site on April 18th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Contact Crystal, 828-301-5247 to volunteer. Click here for additional information about Amy's House.

The Asbury Resource Center (ARC) has been blessed with recent donations and served 3000 children last year! Additional volunteers are needed to help transition from winter to summer clothing Tues from 10:00 - 3:00 and to help during upcoming Community Shopping Days, May 16th and 19th from 9:00 - 2:30.

Backpacks for Kids supports 40 students at both Lincoln Charter campuses and North Lincoln Middle and High Schools. Second Harvest blessed the ministry with a \$2000 shopping credit at their warehouse that will help provide 7 meals and 5 snacks per student each week. The last packing date of the school year is May 5. Click here to sign up.

LCS social workers, aka "Birdies", continue to identify opportunities to support families. DUMC collected over 500 new books to be given to at-risk children to enjoy over summer break. Helping Hands funded a Title I school's spaghetti dinner and assisted with various other needs identified by these social workers last month.

Bridge of Love provides support to minorities facing social, economic, and cultural challenges. This new ministry has likely found a space from which to work and meet. Efforts are being made to connect this mostly Latino population with the wider Lincoln County community. More information will follow.

The Building and Repair Team completed a handicap ramp last month and are building a large one beginning Apr 9th. To help with this ramp or to receive emails about future projects, click here to email Wally.

The Denver Community Garden is planting the summer crop of April 25th. These veggies will be given to food-insecure neighbors. Last season we donated over 2000 lbs of produce! Click this box for contact information.

Lincoln County Foster Care Program currently has 71 children in care, with 8-10 entering care last month. There are 33 foster families. A Foster Care Appreciation event will take place May 15th. Volunteers are needed to entertain the children. Activities will be provided. Door prizes and raffle items are needed. Email amber.mayo@lincolncountync.gov for details. Click this box for more information about Fostering.

East Lincoln Christian Ministry provided Easter dinner to 500 families this month. Contact Charlie to volunteer in this food pantry or learn of specific needs. 631-455-8989

The final First Thursday Lunch of this school year will be May 7th, with chicken pick'n May 6th. Volunteers are welcome, as are dinners! All proceeds support local children. Click here for more information.

Fostering Grace provides essential supplies, encouragement, and support to foster family so they can offer a place of refuge and love, free from financial worry. Click this box for details and how to help.



First Thursday Lunch Chicken Pickers - Join us May 6th!

So we, being many, are one body in Christ ...and are all vitally joined to one another, with each contributing to others.

Romans 12:5

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Furnish a Future has logged 280 volunteer hours in 2026, receiving donations from 46 households, assisting 29 families, and distributing 28 beds, 15 in March! Volunteers are needed to pick up donations and to deliver them to struggling families and to assist in the depot. The Mission Depot is open Tues 9:00-11:00 am. Click this box for contact information.

Matthew 25 Ministry is collecting pill bottles and monetary donations needed to ship the bottles. Bottles free from labels and glue may be brought to Helping Hands meetings before being sent to support medical teams serving in other countries.

Children unable to read by the end of 2nd grade are likely to not complete high school. Those unable to read by the end of 3rd grade may be on the path toward incarceration as adults. Mentoring a child can make a difference! Opportunities to mentor are available at many local schools. A list of contacts will follow. For now, click [here](#) to email Mary Repko to mento a student at Rock Springs and [here](#) to email Bob Smith for Battleground's opportunities.

Gaston Community Action helps clients connect to local resources to help them gain or maintain employment. Volunteers can help by answering the phone and welcoming potential clients. Click [here](#) to email Cynthia for details.

The Mission Response Center (MRC) in Terrell receives and distributes humanitarian aid items, serves as a depot for UMCOR, and offers staging for Disaster Response. Reed Thomas, its Director, wants to expand their mission to support local families/communities experiencing disasters like flooding and house fires. Volunteers are welcome! Click this box for details and Reed's contact information.

Harbour Health held their annual banquet last month and continue to support families experiencing unexpected pregnancies.

Hesed House of Hope Homeless Shelter is hosting its 5th Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, Apr 18th. Enjoy a great meal while supporting a worthy cause! Volunteers are needed. Click [here](#) for details. Purchase tickets in advance by clicking [here](#).

Moms & Munchkins and Sunrise Resource Center Outreach hosted a well-attended Easter celebration last week, with 100 filled Easter baskets provided by the Trilogi community and food prepared by Pursuit Church. They're now gearing up for summer and need volunteers to help with tutoring, summer camps, and more! Click [here](#) to contact Lea for details.

Hill's Chapel's Free-Choice Food Pantry provides food for struggling neighbors every two weeks. Shoppers choose the items they receive. Donation needs are listed below.

The Lincoln County Room in the Inn ministry has completed its second winter of providing food and shelter for local unhoused neighbors. Preparations are being made for the late summer season. If you and/or your church are interested in being a part of this ministry, click [here](#) to contact Denise for details.

Journey of Hope is hosting a distribution day on Apr 25th, when they will pass out "to-go" meals, blessing bags, and other essentials to unhoused and those at risk of becoming unhoused. Meet in their office at 10 am to prepare, then distribute at the Soup Kitchen from 11:00 - 1:00. To help, click this box for Melissa's contact information.

Sipe's Orchard Home provides a home for 16-21 year old unhoused youth and guides them into becoming self-sufficient, contributing adults. Click [here](#) for more information.

Lake Norman Food Mission at Denver Wesleyan provides food for 2000 neighbors each month. Prayers and volunteers are needed on-site Sat mornings 8:30-noon and daily, 7:00-9:00 am, to pick up donations from local stores. Vehicle provided. Must be 18 and licensed to drive. Click this box for details.

Soul to Soul Outreach is kicking off the Hope in Motion bicycle program April 18 at Hesed House, with the first bicycle repair class being on April 25th. A small bike repair kit will be given to each participant to keep. They are kicking off a book drive for the Reading is Life! Mobile Library this week. They are collecting kids books through your favorite authors. They are also starting a Monthly Giving campaign and have 5 new volunteers starting this month! Click this box for contact information.

The Lakewood TV Project provides TV's and service to residents of Lakewood Care Center who are able to use the remote control but unable to afford this service on their own. Service for each TV is about \$190/year. Click this box for sponsorship information.

Current Donation Requests

Current Needs

Most items may be brought to DUMC
Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm.

ASBURY RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

Funds for new socks and underwear

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Jelly in plastic jar/bottle
Vegetables
Small cereals and grits and oatmeal packets
Applesauce- cups or squeeze
Fruit cups
Snacks

BRIDGE OF LOVE

Latino foods - Long Grain White rice
Pueblo Lindo (dry) black beans
Instant corn masa
Corn and flour tortillas
Chili beans and black beans, canned

DSS FOSTER CARE

Gift baskets and other items \$25 or more for foster
parents to receive during the Foster Care
Appreciation Event

FOSTERING GRACE

Fast food and Walmart gift cards

FURNISH A FUTURE

Washers and Dryers
Lamps with white/off-white lamp shades
Dinette sets
Queen and full and twin mattresses

HELPING HANDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$200 Tee Sponsors
Raffle items

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Pre-packaged desserts for upcoming Fish Fry

HILL'S CHAPEL FREE-CHOICE FOOD PANTRY

Shelf stable food items

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Tuna and Chicken Salad Kits
Peanut butter crackers
Pudding cups
Cases of water

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Books for Mobile Library
Bicycles

Opportunities for Ministry Support

through Amazon or
Walmart Wish Lists

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Provides food for local children on weekends and school
breaks, click [here](#).

DSS FOSTER CARE

Supports foster families with needed supplies - click [here](#).

FURNISH A FUTURE

Provides furniture and household goods for families
starting over - For the Walmart list, click [here](#).

HARBOUR HEALTH (HEARTBEATS) WOMEN'S CENTER

Provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and
needed supplies for women experiencing an
unexpected pregnancy. For needed items, click [here](#).

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

The only homeless shelter in Lincoln County provides
food, shelter, laundry, education, and more to otherwise
unsheltered neighbors - click [here](#).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Provides outreach, food/meals, blessing bags, financial
assistance and budgeting guidance for unsheltered and
others near homeless - click [here](#).

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Support Lincoln County's unhoused neighbors by
providing blankets, laundry ministry, sleeping bags,
toiletries and more - click [here](#).



Some of the 500+ Children's Books Donated in Lieu of
Easter Lilies for Local Children