CHARLOTTE

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NONPROFIT GUIDE

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Our Mission

Build community over coffee to empower the city of Charlotte and support its nonprofits to love and serve our neighbors in need.

Our Why

- Connect people to local nonprofits through simple, welcoming coffee gatherings
- Create consistent volunteer and donation pipelines for organizations serving Charlotte
- Make generosity and service feel accessible, relational, and sustainable Build a culture of community, compassion, and faith in action.

Our Vision

We envision a city where no nonprofit lacks volunteers, no neighbor feels unseen, and community is built through everyday moments-starting with a cup of coffee.

Upcoming Events

We meet on the second saturday of every month for our Charlotte Coffee Club event and additional volunteer opportunities range each month. For all upcoming events, please reference our instagram, groupme, and website linked below.

Website : https://www.charlottecoffeeclub.org/
Instagram handle : @charlottecoffeeclub
Groupme : https://groupme.com/join group/98552467/C4mKFHeM

Hello!

We invite you to explore the nonprofits we've partnered with. This list is always growing, and our hope is that you'll discover one or two organizations you feel excited to support more deeply.

As we look ahead, our mission remains the same: strengthening the connection between Charlotte Coffee Club volunteers and the organizations in our community that need helping hands. We hope you find a cause that inspires you.

If you have questions about getting more involved or want help thinking through your options, reach out to charlottecoffeeclub@gmail.com.

If you would like your nonprofit to be featured, please email Emily at eschoonhagen@gmail.com.

Thank you!

ALEXANDER YOUTH NETWORK

Mission statement: To provide quality professional treatment to children with serious emotional and behavioral problems and to deliver an effective and efficient array of services, enabling children and their families to exercise self-determination, achieve their potential, and become positive contributors to society.

Website link: www.alexanderyouthnetwork.org

Ways to Volunteer: Alexander Youth Network has several volunteer opportunities available to either work directly with the children we serve or by supporting our organization with non-direct volunteer opportunities (i.e. landscaping, clerical tasks, etc.). Volunteers can serve as an individual by being a tutor or lunch/dinner buddy or in a group from an organization or company doing recreational activities or crafts with our kids or assisting behind the scenes with non-direct opportunities. For more information on volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Engagement Officer, Ashley Nieves, at anieves@aynkids.org.

Best point of contact: Kaitlyn Dixon, kcoppadge@aynkids.org

Mission Statement: Bags of Hope seeks to bring hope to the Lake Norman and greater Charlotte area by supplying free weekend food provisions to school children who experience food insecurity.

Website Link: https://bagsofhopelkn.com

Ways to Volunteer: We pack weekend food bags in bulk. Volunteers gather at "packing events" to pack 100-200 bags at a time. It's a fun way to serve together with friends, church groups, office teams, scout troops, or total strangers (a.k.a. soon-to-be friends)! Follow us on Facebook or subscribe to our newsletter to learn about upcoming events. You'll love serving with us!
https://bagsofhopelkn.com/volunteer/#volunteer-contact

Mission statement: The mission of Beds for Kids is to provide beds and essential furniture to children and their families in need.

Website link: bedsforkids.org

Ways to Volunteer: We would love to have more individual volunteers to help us deliver furniture to local families during the week! Our shifts are 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Monday-Friday and you can see our availability here or sign up over email! You can also email to check in about opportunities outside of business hours.

Point of Contact: Rachel Grotheer at volunteers@bedsforkids.org

Breakthrough T1D™

Formerly JDRF

Mission Statement: Improve lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications.

Website Link: https://www.breakthrought1d.org/

Ways to Volunteer: There are many flexible ways to get involved, depending on your interests and availability: Event support- help with walks, rides, galas, or fundraising events. Tasks- egistration, setup, greeting guests, logistics. Community & peer support- support newly diagnosed individuals/families, Participate in outreach programs or support groups. Advocacy- promote policies and funding for T1D research. Contact legislators or spread awareness.

Best Point of Contact: scoello@breakthrought1d.org

CHARLOTTE FAMILY HOUSING

Mission statement: At Charlotte Family Housing, we aim to empower families to overcome the obstacles they are facing and achieve long-term housing stability and financial independence.

Website link: https://www.charlottefamilyhousing.org/

Ways to Volunteer: We currently welcome volunteers to support a variety of one-off opportunities, including hosting Kid Nights, leading fun workshops for our summer camp kids, or lending special skills like photography or graphic design. These flexible roles allow individuals and groups to get involved in ways that match their interests and availability. Volunteers can easily sign up for upcoming opportunities by reaching out to our team.

Best point of contact: Junie Vargas, jvargas@charlottefamilyhousing.org

Charlotte Rescue Mission

Mission Statement: Charlotte Rescue Mission serves men and women at the intersection of homelessness and addiction. Our programs seek to facilitate whole-life transformation from the inside out. It's more than just about getting sober. It's about helping people truly break the vicious cycles of addiction so they can ultimately achieve their greatest God-given potential in every facet of life. Watch the video below to see what this actually looks like.

Website LInk: https://charlotterescuemission.org/

Ways to Volunteer: At Charlotte Rescue Mission, volunteers not only help with essential tasks but also send a message to residents that the community cares about them. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to those working to overcome addiction as part of our residential recovery program.

Volunteer Hubs:
Rebound for Men:
https://cltrescue.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/rebound
Rebound for Women:
https://cltrescue.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/dovesnesthome
Community Matters Cafe:
https://cltrescue.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/Communitymatterscafe

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Mission Statement: The mission of Crisis Assistance Ministry is to provide assistance and advocacy for people in financial crisis, helping them move toward self-sufficiency.

Website LInk: https://crisisassistance.org/

Ways to Volunteer: Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds support services that stabilize housing for Mecklenburg County families.
https://volunteer.crisisassistance.org/

Best point of contact: volunteer@crisisassistance.org

DIAPER BANK
of North Carolina

Mission statement: To increase awareness of and access to essential hygiene items to promote dignity, health, and quality of life for the people of North Carolina.

Website link: https://www.ncdiaperbank.org/

Ways to Volunteer: The Diaper Bank of NC needs many things to help close the diaper gap. Most of all, we need people who understand that a seemingly small thing like a diaper can make a big impact on families. We work with hundreds of volunteers each month to repackage and prepare products for distribution. Individuals, groups large and small, and volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! You can sign up to volunteer here: https://x.gldn.io/e/qfx4J9cTNYb

Point of contact: Jerry Garcia, Charlotte Branch Director - Jerry@ncdiaperbank.org

DREAM CENTER

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG

Mission Statement: To see lives transformed through the power of the Gospel

Website Link: http://cltdc.org/

Ways to Volunteer: We have multiple opportunities, throughout each week, as we show up consistently for our neighbors. Our goal is to build relationships through our pillars of Reach, Relate, and Restore. All volunteer opportunities are posted on our website.

Best point of contact: Kelly Trott, Partnerships Coordinator, kelly@cltdc.org

ETHOS INITIATIVE

Mission Statement: The ultimate goal of the organization is to create stronger communities where we can listen and understand others of different backgrounds and perspectives. We include dialogue based events and discussions with the aim of examining ideas and creating civil discussions around a variety of topics. We also participate in community service aimed at not just helping those in need, but creating community while doing so. We believe that discourse and service with others whom we may have differences with leads to humanization that is necessary for our society.

Website Link:https://www.ethos-initiative.com/

Ways to Get Involved: get connected!

https://www.ethos-initiative.com/#:~:text=Get-,Connected,-Community%20Partners

Best Point of Contact: ethosinitiative0@gmail.com

FAMILIES FORWARD
CHARLOTTE

Mission Statement: Families Forward Charlotte partners with families experiencing poverty to achieve lasting economic stability. We provide educational opportunities, offer essential support, and foster long-term relationships through individualized mentoring.

Website link: https://www.familiesforwardcharlotte.org/

Ways to Volunteer: We are currently in need of Family Liaison mentors, volunteers for our Child Watch, and groups willing to host donation drives. Head to our website to learn more and sign up for other volunteer opportunities!

Best point of contact: Emma Privitera. You can reach me directly at emma@familiesforwardclt.org.

FriendshipCircle

Mission statement We create real and lasting friendships between typically-developing teens and children with special needs. We are committed to sparking dreams, increasing confidence and building a more inclusive community. We recognize that individuals of all abilities have the potential to influence our society and teach us what really matters in life. We know that a true community is one that includes all of its members and we are determined to create that reality.

Website link https://friendshipcirclenc.org/

Ways to Volunteer: we are looking for adult volunteers passionate about working with people of all abilities who are able to volunteer on a somewhat-regular basis (1-2 times a month). Our afterschool Friends Together play-date program and our Sunday All Ages Group Program require responsible adults willing to keep an eye on safe play and lend a helping hand with crafts, games, etc. We could also use single-time volunteers for organization and special program-based work.

Best point of contact Sarah Howe - Director of Programming - sarah@friendshipcirclenc.org

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Mission Statement: Furnish for Good serves our neighbors in need by providing well-loved home furnishings to underserved communities through an experience of empowerment. We support Charlotte-area individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness, poverty, and other dire circumstances through the effective reuse of quality home furniture and household donations. We move beyond simply handing out donated items – we transform lives through a process of empowerment, providing hope, dignity, and a renewed sense of possibility for every person and child we serve.

Website Link: https://furnishforgood.org/

Ways to Volunteer: Furnish for Good relies on weekly volunteers Monday–Thursday from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, with additional volunteer opportunities on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM during our donation drop-off hours. Volunteers help prepare furniture and household items for the families we serve by sorting, cleaning, testing, and repairing donations, assembling cook, bath, dish, and bed packs, and designing furniture packages for participants to select for their new homes. To get started, please contact Ellie Tallman or Beau Samples to schedule a warehouse tour and be added to our SignUp Genius so you can volunteer at times that work best for you.

Best Point of Contact: Ellie Tallman, ellie@furnishforgood.org and Beau Samples, beau@furnishforgood.org

HOPE HAVEN

Mission statement - Hope Haven is a Therapeutic Community that provides a foundation of recovery for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder, so they can build healthy independent lives.

Website link - Hope Haven Inc. - Recovery Is Possible

Ways to Volunteer: If there are individuals or small groups of 5 -7 people we can always use volunteers to help out on Saturday prepare and serve lunch to the residents on Saturdays. We also have some administrative and hands on opportunities available if anyone is handy and would like to do a room makeover, that is also an available option.

Best point of contact - volunteer@hopehaveninc.org

HOSPITALITY HOUSE
of CHARLOTTE

Mission statement: Hospitality House of Charlotte creates community for patients connecting to vital medical care

Website link:
https://www.hospitalityhouseofcharlotte.org/about/

Ways to Volunteer: There are many ways to get involved at Hospitality House and make a difference for families in medical crisis. We invite individuals and groups to the House to participate in meaningful activities, meet our guests, and see their impact. Offsite opportunities are also available. Volunteer opportunities are offered on a scheduled basis, and we do not accept walk-in volunteers.

Best point of contact: info@hhocharlotte.org

Mission statement: Hope Vibes exists to develop creative exit strategies to end homelessness through direct relief, research, innovation, advocacy and systemic disruption.

Website link: https://hopevibes.org

Ways to Volunteer: We welcome volunteers for our on-site outreach events and Serve Days, where teams help us distribute supplies, support hospitality, and assist with logistics for our unhoused neighbors. We also occasionally have one-off opportunities for sorting/packing supplies and event support. Volunteers can learn about upcoming opportunities and sign up here: www.hopevibes.org

Best point of contact: admin@hopevibes.org

ISABELLA SANTOS
FOUNDATION

Mission Statement: Our mission is dedicated to improving rare pediatric cancer treatment options to provide transformational care for kids with cancer, aiming to increase survival rates worldwide.

Website Link: https://isabellasantosfoundation.org

Ways to Volunteer: Our volunteer needs are diverse and cater to a range of interests and skills. Whether you enjoy event planning, providing event support, conducting raffle pulls or have interest in serving on our board of directors, we have a role for you.
Volunteer Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/317782788656913

Best Point of Contact: info@isftorch.org

KINGDOM KICKBACKS

IN CHARLOTTE AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Mission Statement: We aim to make God-fearing young adult community accessible to all Believers. Through authentic relationships and a shared love of Jesus, we host spaces where people feel known and uplifted.

Website Link: https://www.kingdomkickbacks.com/

Ways to Engage: Kingdom Kickbacks meets 3-4 times a month. Typically one social, one worship, one service, and one pop-up event! Follow their instagram or join their groupme linked on their website.

Best Point of Contact: contact@kingdomkickbacks.com

nourish up

Lifting our community through food.

Mission statement: To nourish our neighbors with food and compassion.

Website link: www.nourishup.org

Ways to Volunteer: Our passionate army of volunteers dedicates their time and efforts to ensure our neighbors receive nutritious food. We rely on families, individuals, and groups to help make our work possible. Various opportunities include meal delivery driver, grocery delivery driver, warehouse volunteer.

Best point of contact: Martha Cochrane, Community Engagement Coordinator, MCochrane@nourishup.org, 704-970-4846

our BRIDGE for KIDS

Mission statement: To support the education, acculturation, and overall well-being of newly arrived and first generation immigrant and refugee children and their families

Website link: joinourbridge.org

Ways to Volunteer: ourBRIDGE for KIDS is always accepting after school program volunteers to support consistently, but one time projects could be volunteers on-site to do organize and declutter our family support storage units, assembling kits (hygiene, school supply, etc), and on-site beautification projects.

Best point of contact Amilia Keomuongchanh - Volunteer Coordinator: amilia@joinourbridge.org

Queen City
PREGNANCY
RESOURCE
CENTER

Mission Statement: QC PRC is a ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies that partners with the local church to serve her family, save her child, and share the gospel.We envision being Charlotte's trusted resource empowering women to choose life for their children and abundant life in Christ.

Website Link: https://www.friendsofqcprc.org/

Ways to Volunteer: By supporting one of the volunteer project initiatives below, you are directly engaging in the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center's mission to SERVE families, SAVE children, and to SHARE the Gospel.
https://www.friendsofqcprc.org/volunteerprojects

Best Point of Contact: queencityprc@myqcprc.com

Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Greater Charlotte

Mission Statement: The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Charlotte mission is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. Our purpose is to care for families with children who are ill or injured.

Website Link: https://rmhclt.org/

Ways to Volunteer: Our volunteers are the heart of our mission! Every day, our volunteers' dedication to our families eases their struggle and helps them stand strong for their child. With every moment of compassion, we keep hope beating in their hearts.

Opportunities here: https://rmhclt.org/volunteer/

Best Point of Contact: info@rmhclt.org

ROOF ABOVE

Working together to end homelessness

Mission statement: To unite the community to end homelessness, one life at a time.

Website link: www.roofabove.org

Ways to Volunteer: We have many ways volunteers can help serve our neighbors, shelter guests, and tenants. We have onsite individual volunteering. Volunteers commit to 2 or more shifts per month at our Day Services Center or at our Shelters. On-site group opportunities to serve drinks or a meal during lunch or dinner. Off-site opportunities for groups to make sandwiches or bag lunches for our Day Services Center and Shelters.

To connect please visit our website - click here for the link to our volunteer platform where you can sign up for above opportunities. In-Kind program – Amazon Wishlist & Tenant needs of Welcome Home Kits and Fresh Start Kits. Please click here for the links.

Best point of contact – Christine DeLia – cdelia@roofabove.org

Mission statement: RyzAb0ve Fitness empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through adaptive fitness, inclusive social experiences, and community-building programs that strengthen confidence, friendships, and overall well-being.

Website link: www.RyzAb0ve.org

Ways to Volunteer: RyzAb0ve Fitness is growing, and we're looking for volunteers who want to make a meaningful impact. Whether that's helping at classes, supporting social events, sharing new program ideas, joining our 2026 Gala Committee, or even becoming an instructor. Volunteers can sign up for one-off opportunities or ongoing roles that fit their schedule. To get connected, simply reach out to us or sign up through our volunteer interest form, and we'll plug you in where you can shine.

Best point of contact: Ryan Bost - (704) 244-6247
Info@RyzAb0ve.org

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF METROLINA

Together We CAN End Hunger

Mission statement: The mission of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is to feed hungry people by soliciting and distributing food and household items through partner agencies. Second Harvest works to educate people in the community about the nature of and solutions to the problem of hunger. Second Harvest supplies food throughout a 24 county region of North and South Carolina through a network of over 950 emergency pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and programs for low-income children and seniors.

Website link: https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/about-us

Ways to Volunteer: We need volunteers Tuesday – Saturday. We have 2 shifts a day with approximately 35–40 volunteers per shift. Please see our website for more information and details on how to register: https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/give-time

Best point of contact:

For Volunteers: Betsy Van Dyne,
bvandyne@secondharvestmetrolina.org, 704-805-1712

For Food Drives: Megan Pierce,
mpierce@secondharvestmetrolina.org, 704-805-1749

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMMUNITIES

A place to live again.

Mission statement: Our mission at Supportive Housing Communities (SHC) is to provide affordable housing to alleviate homelessness and human suffering. We serve neighbors who have experienced long-term homelessness and who are living with a serious health challenge or disability. By combining safe, affordable housing with ongoing support services, we help residents build stability, improve their health, and move toward greater independence.

Website link: www.supportivehousingcommunities.org

Ways to Volunteer: We have several hands-on volunteer opportunities that support our residents and help strengthen program operations. Neighbors can sign up for activities like preparing meals, hosting donation drives, assisting with light property projects, or helping assemble care packages. Volunteers can view upcoming opportunities and register anytime through our online volunteer portal or by contacting our community engagement manager.

Best point of contact – Leslie Leitner, Community Engagement Manager, leslie@aplacetoliveagain.org, 704-248-3784

Mission Statement: West Blvd Ministry is connecting hearts and building relationships between schools, churches, and local businesses. These organizations are uniting to invest in the future of our youth. WBM is more than a group, it's a family. Practicing intentionality, honesty and openness has created a family environment. This family puts love, hope and accountability at the foundation of what we do and how we do it.

Website Link: https://westblvdministry.org/

Ways to Volunteer: The West Blvd Ministry gives back to the community by fostering positive relationships between the West Blvd Corridor and educational professionals, law enforcement officers and other families. This is critical to reducing stereotyping and bias by encouraging positive interactions. At the same time, fostering these relationships can lead to a greater impact on a child's academic success.
https://westblvdministry.org/how-we-help/

Best Point of Contact: bart@westblvdministry.org

WHAT'S NEXT

Mission Statement: To open doors for young men from underserved communities by building life-long relationships to grow their levels of character, confidence, and hope for a brighter future.

Website Link: https://www.whatsnextministry.org/

Ways to Volunteer: We need volunteers for academic tutoring, buying and serving meals, and there are many other ways to mentor tailored to your interests. Please fill out the application below and you will hear back from our team within 48 hours.
https://forms.gle/inz9BZ96KzUFAMtz5

Best Point of Contact: Carly McMahon, cmcmahon@whatsnextministry.org