

Restoring Hope

Rebuilding Lives

Realizing Dreams





ANNUAL REPORT



DCD Recovery Program - Now Serving Men And Women

Stephen's smile is infectious! If you had known him over a year ago, you would say this is a different person. No longer is Stephen using or dealing illegal substances, but today he is actively seeking the Lord. He has come to know Christ, and is a walking testimony of God's transformational power. One of the many benefits of walking with the Lord is seeing how his family has been impacted. 3 of his 5 children have come to know Christ, and 2 have been baptized!

Thank you for helping **35 men experience the DCD program in 2023 and daily walking with 5 men who graduated.** We saw God move by providing 2 brand new houses built by Robuck Homes and Homes By Dickerson, giving us the ability to expand our program to 13 beds and minister to more people who are finding freedom from addiction. There is more work to do, but it's a good practice to stop and thank the Lord for all He has done.



Food Outreach

In North Carolina, about 10.9% of the population (about 1.2 million people) are experiencing food insecurity. About 394,000 of those individuals are children, with about 1 in 6 children facing hunger. We have seen an increase of people coming to our food outreaches and at our drive up pantry, we see people lining up as early as 5am to receive the free groceries. Our Adopt-A-Block and Mobile Food Pantry outreaches extend into 34 locations. Whether it was raining or sweltering hot, we had **4,513 volunteers come out and serve in our food outreaches**. The power of these outreaches is consistently meeting physical needs while sharing hope, prayer and the gospel!

Amazing Impact Thanks To Your Support

1,981,499 total meals served in communities

- 7,567 volunteers that served
- **35** men impacted by the DCD recovery program

- 1,651,249 pounds of food distributed
- 1,423 children impacted through kids ministry

34 outreach locations throughout Wake County





33 short term mission groups served



Street Outreach / Family Night

"I'm not just noticed here, but I'm seen" - Family Night attendee.

Every Tuesday our Family Night outreach consists of reaching out to people experiencing homelessness and transporting them from Moore Square to RDC for a hot meal and worship with a bible study. In 2023, we saw attendance grow to **200 people each week, and we witnessed 116 salvations and 25 baptisms!** This ministry is at the frontline of relationship building with people in difficult circumstances such as addiction, trafficking and homelessness. One woman in attendance said, "I came tonight just for a hot meal, but Jesus provided me with what I really needed." This is Matthew 25:35 in action! You are invited to come and see what God is doing on Tuesday nights.



Kids Ministry

Our Summer Leadership Program had 12 interns that ministered to children in 8 different underserved communities. Through camp-style games, the interns were able to build relationships with 232 children. Through serving 2,236 meals, they ultimately brought the hope and joy of Christ to local communities. KidzJam is our kids ministry that takes place at Family Night on Tuesdays, after school in certain communities, and at our Adopt-A-Block communities on Saturdays. We were able to distribute 720 filled backpacks and 3,075 wrapped presents to children. In 2023, we were able to consistently minister to 1,423 kids and see 49 pray for salvation!

2023 Financials



Revenue - **\$1**,166,004

Individuals	60%
Foundations/Grants	22%
Churches	15%
Businesses	3 %

Expenses - \$1,156,626	
Outreach	70 %
Capital Purchases	16%
Fundraising	10%
Administration	4%

Value of Donated Items - \$2,311,983

TOTAL REVENUE & DONATED ITEMS \$3,457,837





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A Special Thank You



2023 was a year full of miracles as we saw many lives transformed and major steps were achieved towards the vision of what God has called us to. You helped open new addiction recovery homes in Raleigh & Wake Forest. You helped serve thousands of people across our county, consistently showing the love of Christ and reaching new communities in Cary and Knightdale. In 2014 when we started this journey, we were encouraged by Matthew Barnett of the Los Angeles Dream Center who told us that "whoever is in the community the longest wins the battle for influence." This truly is what we see God doing in and through you and it is incredible to witness!

- Jeremy & Candace Porras, Co-Founders

Launching An Anti-Trafficking Program In 2024

Human trafficking is a global issue that cannot be ignored. In North Carolina there are 23,000 people trafficked every year and there are few EMERGENCY SHELTERS for victims to begin their immediate care.

Raleigh Dream Center is answering the call and is preparing to open an emergency safe house for women.

This program will provide survivors with the care that they need to begin the healing process. If you have wondered how you can personally make a difference in this area, then visit our website to learn how you can get involved with Project Light.



Partner With Our Mission

We desire to remove the barriers for people to serve in "local missions" by creating outreach opportunities to help reach our communities for Christ. We are called to be an inner-city resource center bringing Christ-centered solutions to addiction, hunger, trauma, homelessness, and unemployment through residential and community outreach programs.

Because of our commitment to stay Christ-centered and gospel-focused, we are looking to partner with individuals, churches and businesses to collectively REACH OUR CITY. Go to our website to find out how you can partner with our mission and make a difference today! *RaleighDreamCenter.org*