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GLOBAL SUPPORT



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is the ministry and mission agency of the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**. Four ministry areas carry out our work: **Compassion, Peace & Justice**; **Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries**; **Theology, Formation & Evangelism**; and **World Mission**. We work together to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church's work.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Complementing the work of local congregations, the mission of the **Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)** is to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. We recognize hunger as an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political, environmental and social causes, and we work to address the "root causes" that keep people hungry and impoverished.



CEDEPCA (Guatemala), the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, is a non-profit education organization headquartered in Guatemala City. For more than 30 years, CEDEPCA has been transforming lives in four ministry areas: Disaster Ministry, Women's Ministry, Intercultural Encounters, and Biblical and Theological Education Program.



POTJ: THE WORLD MISSION MINISTRY builds support for mission co-workers, educates leaders, and provides engagement in God's mission through presbytery trips to Haiti and Guatemala. World Mission Ministry connects congregations with Presbyterian World Mission, with a special focus on Cindy Corell, now working remotely, in Haiti and with a shared mission initiative with Peaks Presbytery in Guatemala.

REGIONAL SUPPORT (Within VA)



GEORGIA'S FRIENDS

HOPE HEALS

Georgia's Friends provides programs and services in the Charlottesville-Albemarle community to help women suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and co-occurring mental health challenges. Georgia's House, the signature initiative, provides hope and healing through a safe, therapeutic and structured home for women in recovery.

HumanKind

Humankind is a non-profit human services organization that has been serving children and families for more than 120 years. We offer programs and services that instill hope and equip people with the tools to build a sturdy foundation for life. With an emphasis on inclusion, we help individuals and families who face any number of life's challenges. Our programs cover everything from financial education to mental health counseling, from early childhood resources to services for adults with developmental disabilities.



JABA Charlottesville has been serving individuals and caregivers along the journey of aging since 1975 providing a gateway for information and support for seniors, adults with disabilities and their families through Central VA. JABA, Inc. a 501©3 non-profit raises funds from private sources to enhance programs. Their mission is to promote, establish and preserve sustainable communities for healthy aging benefiting individuals and families of all ages. JABA supports the rights and well-being of older adults and caregivers by advocating for those in long term care environments, education the public about the damaging effects of ageism, isolation, and elder abuse, and by participating the Charlottesville Area Alliance, a group of local organizations and non-profits dedicate to making our area more age friendly.



Monticello Area Com. Action Agency/MACAA: offers Early Head Start programming including weekly home visits for eligible children ages birth to three and expectant mothers in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson Counties, and the City of Charlottesville. The Head Start program is designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool-age (three and four-year-old) children impacted by low-income with a comprehensive early-childhood development program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. Other regional MACAA programs include Hope House to support families to reach their full potential and Project Discovery which assists students first in their family to attend college from low- and medium-income families.



The Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA) is a 501 (c)3 non-profit agency working to eliminate sexual violence and its impacts through education advocacy, and support services SARA serves individuals and communities in the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. SARA works with child and adult survivors of all genders, as well as nonoffending friends and family of survivors and any kind of sexual violence.



Our Mission We are the Southern Environmental Law Center — the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan environmental legal advocacy organization rooted in and focused on the South Our Mission is to protect the basic right to clean air, clean water, and a livable climate; to preserve our region's natural treasures and rich biodiversity; and to provide a healthy environment for all.



Since 1980, Hospice of the Piedmont has been leading families in Virginia through the experience of serious illness and death. We are a community-based nonprofit—that means we offer the broadest range of services to the widest number of people possible, no matter what it takes. Serves residents, and counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Buckingham, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock



In 1990 a group of local citizens joined together with the goal of bringing Habitat for Humanity to the Farmville Area. 32 years later, during which 56 homes have been built or repaired, Piedmont Habitat for Humanity continues to serve those in need of safe, decent, affordable housing in the counties of Prince Edward, Buckingham, Cumberland, Charlotte, Nelson, and Nottoway. The addition of the ReStore in 2009, where gently used furniture, household goods, appliances, and building materials are donated and resold to the public, helps Habitat serve even more people locally. In 2019, Nelson County Habitat for Humanity merged with our affiliate and the Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity became Piedmont Habitat for Humanity. Piedmont Habitat partners with individuals, churches, businesses, civic organizations, government, schools, and other nonprofits to make a lasting impact in the community.

LOCAL SUPPORT (Nelson County Area)



All Blessings Flow is a local faith-based nonprofit founded to help families living with disabilities and serious health conditions. Our primary mission is to promote health equity by collecting and refurbishing healthcare items and providing them to those in need in the Greater Charlottesville area. For underserved families, obtaining the healthcare items they need can be a life changing.



COVESVILLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | FOXES

CCDC is an early learning center where teachers develop a close and positive relationship with families through daily contact and planned conferences. Licensed childcare provided by Covessville Presbyterian Church. They open at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. and provide breakfast and lunch. There are three classes, Busy Bees (toddlers 16 months to 2½ years); Terrific Turtles (preschool ages 2 ½ to late 3); Rainbow Bears (pre-K ages 4-5.) There are spots for 20 children.

In 2018, a group of like-minded, dog loving friends founded **Dogs Deserve Better Blue Ridge**. They wanted to create a different kind of rescue, one that not only helped dogs in distress, but also worked to address the root causes that lead to the overwhelming number of neglected and abused canines here in Central Virginia.

In addition to delivering doghouses to chained dogs, building fences so family dogs may finally live life off the chain, and assisting families with medical costs and vaccinations, DDB Blue Ridge spends considerable time and resources focusing on the issues most critical to giving our dogs a chance at a better life: advocating for humane legislation, promoting spay and neuter, working with trainers to rehabilitate distressed canines, and educating families and communities on animal welfare.



HERITAGE CENTER FOOD PANTRY: Our mission is to provide the less fortunate in the Nelson County Community with access to supplemental and emergency food for individuals and families while serving with kindness, respect, and confidentiality. Approved by Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Heritage Center's all volunteer staff provide food for those at risk of hunger in Nelson and surrounding counties. They also distribute animal



HOWS (Houses of Wood & Straw) HOWS Project is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization, working to improve the lives and well-being of outside dogs in Charlottesville and surrounding counties. We build HOWS Project Dog Houses to improve the often legal but inadequate shelters outside dogs call "home." We have built over 1,000 to date. We are thankful for our volunteer builder workforce of local schools' carpentry classes, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, youth mentoring groups, and animal-loving adult volunteer carpenters who build HOWS-designed wooden dog houses for outside dogs (and the occasional goat, cat, pig) in need in our community.



HORIZON CENTER: Horizon Center is a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program (PSR) and day treatment program in Lovingston, VA providing rehabilitative services for individuals with mental health and/or developmental disability concerns. Horizon PSR program provides an environment where individuals can develop or regain interpersonal and daily living skills, develop a supportive system of peers and providers and benefit from a supportive structure.



Financial support to provide weekend food bags for kids in Nelson County public schools. A room in RPC basement is provided to stock food and volunteers pack the bags for Rockfish Valley Elementary School.

The Nelson County Pantry is located at 9890 Thomas Nelson Highway next to St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Pantry is a member of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. This privately funded, non-profit organization is operated entirely by volunteers and the generous contributions from many local churches, civic organizations, businesses, and private individuals. On a monthly basis the Pantry provides supplemental food to an average of 250 households, representing approximately 700 individuals.



Established in 2000 by Nelson Co. resident Gordon Smith, who donated \$10,000 as seed money to start a fund dedicated to tackling the many challenges confronting local citizens and agencies. NCCF operates with a totally volunteer board of directors. Grants are made to local charitable organizations and agencies with the expressed goal of improving the lives of Nelson County residents. NCCF collects contributions from generous donors and raises funds through events such as the Opportunity Ball. NCCF also partners with local nonprofits and businesses.

Annual donations to the Nelson County High, Middle and Elementary Schools. Funds are used at the discretion of guidance counselors to help disadvantaged students with supplies, clothing and other needs to help teachers address unmet needs in their classrooms.



RPC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Care Bear Tree

Church families shop for Christmas gifts for county families identified through the school system. Typically, more than 60 children are served.

Backpacks for Kids

Provides backpacks and school supplies to Nelson County children for State funded pre-school programs.

Children's Food Pantry

Each month the RPC youth purchase and pack 75 bags of nourishing food for Nelson County children that are delivered to the Nelson Food Pantry. This ministry started in 2008.

Easter Baskets & Thanksgiving Boxes

Provides a full Easter Meal and Thanksgiving meal for many needy families in Nelson County.

Emergency Relief Fund

One time support for Nelson County residents unable to meet expenses such as utility bills or prescriptions. Funds are sent directly to the vendor.

Goodness Grows Garden

The RPC Garden hoes are busy planting and harvesting vegetables and flowers to share with the community. Congregational donations are given to Heifer International, whose mission is to end world-wide hunger and poverty.

Knitting and Nurture

The Knitting Ministry team provides prayer shawls for those in need of comfort. The team also knits for charities locally and abroad. The team is knitting baby sweaters to donate to the Magnolia Rose store in Waynesboro. Sales from the store benefit victims of human trafficking.

Scholarships: Light in the Valley & MLK

Light in the Valley provides scholarship funds to Nelson County High School students going to community college. There is an application process for the Mission committee to select recipient(s). MLK Scholarships sponsored under the auspices of Reverend James Rose for African American Students who are seniors at Nelson County High School.

Wood Ministry

A large supply of firewood is gathered and kept on hand to be delivered to those in need in the community who use wood for heat in the winter.

5 Cents a Meal Offering

The Hunger Ministry of Presbytery of the James invites you to give five cents for each meal you enjoy and to relieve hunger locally and globally. Funds go to church emergency food centers, school backpack programs, county food pantries and advocacy groups.

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RRPC congregation members are encouraged to bring requests forward to the Missions Committee when they see a need in the community. Feel free to contact one of the members below.

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