NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Leadership!

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Rev. Leonard Hodges	Second Providence Baptist Church		

Thank you for your dedication to our mission!

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
- Crown Kingdom Cultural Center
- Fairview Presbyterian Church
- First Baptist Church of North Augusta
- First Christian Church of Belvedere
- 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

Have you seen our billboards?

Our Volunteers

At Community Ministry of North Augusta, volunteers play a vital role in our mission. From receptionists who greet clients with a smile, to our Thrift Store volunteers who support our staff in the daily operations of the thrift store. We are incredibly thankful for the gift of time and talents each volunteer brings to our ministry!

- Kate Anderson
- Kay Atkins
- Jennifer Bannecke
- Bruce & Jan Boulineau
- Bill & Candy Brummer
- Ron & Mary Bryant
- Ronda Bryce
- Susan Bledsoe
- Anne & David Comer
- Steve Crater
- Angela Davis
- Elaine Davis
- Scott Davis
- Amber Forrest
- Merlisa Gadson
- Judith Gresham
- Rhonda Hipp
- Lauren Kantz
- Ann Keller
- Phillip Lamar
- Pat McKeon
- Joan Miller
- Sue Norris
- Beth Pate
- Becky Paul
- Gail Peterson
- Mary Beth Pierucci
- Les Powell
- Linda Price
- Paulette Richards
- Carolyn Ritchie
- Doris Shellhorse
- Corine Simpkins-Curry
- Judith Sizemore
- Dick Smith
- Bob Sterdis
- Jackie Sullivan
- Robert C. Swanson Sr.
- Darnell Taylor
- Jean Taylor
- Lee Taylor
- Cindy & Stacy Timmerman
- Robert Tirone
- Rose Tognotti
- Zeny Vo
- Stephanie Wade
- Ted Wasserlein
- Sheila Williams
- Cheryl Wren
- Jeanette Young

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

Hurricane Helene Response

We have had an outpouring of support from our community in response to the hurricane. On October 3, 2024, we distributed emergency food from 9:00am - 12:00pm. During that time frame, we gave away 101 bags of shelf stable food items.

Understandably, that volume of need depleted our food pantry's supplies. We sent out a large wish list of items to restock the food pantry to our volunteers and member churches, who responded with several truckloads of much-needed supplies!

Our pantry was ready to serve more people in our community in no time!

Thank you to our North Augusta community for making our ministry's mission possible!

On the same day, volunteers from Victory Baptist church arrived to clear a large fallen pine tree from our parking lot exit.

We are incredibly thankful to them for ensuring that our parking lot was fully accessible in time to reopen both the Thrift Store and Ministry Operations the following week.

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.

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.

Aiken Center
This expansion will enable Aiken Center to offer substance use treatment and recovery support services to the North Augusta area. 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.

Courage Center
A peer recovery support specialist is housed in the ministry building and sees clients by appointment. The coach works with recovering individuals to help them develop and follow a structured recovery plan. They can serve as a liaison to "recovery capital" such as employment, housing, and health care. The focus of long-term peer recovery support goes beyond the reduction or elimination of symptoms to encompass self-actualization, community and civic engagement, and overall wellness.

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. 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.

La-Z-Boy Southeast
La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings & Décor selected CMONA as one of their seven charity partners. During their Trade-In Sale, the company raises around $22,000 each year for their charity partners and sends 7 to 10 truckloads of gently used furniture donations to organizations that help people in need.

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United Way

United Way of Aiken County, Inc.

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South Carolina Department of Mental Health DMH Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center

Cumbee center

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aiken center SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

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Help CMONA every time you shop by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards Program at www.kroger.com. Login to your Kroger account, if you do not have one – create one by clicking on Community Rewards. Look for "find an organization," and type in Community Ministry of North Augusta. Click "search," then click "enroll"

Every time you shop at Kroger, scan your Kroger card or enter your telephone number. It's that easy!

How we made a difference in 2024

Our food pantry fed 3,058 individuals from 1,215 families

5,556 volunteer hours

3,058 individuals served

2,834 bags of food ($233,778 worth)

$139,866 in utility assistance

$17,629 worth of furniture & clothing

We have an online giving portal!

Scan the QR code to donate online.

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