

Our Story



1969

The National Council of Churches convened in 1967 to conduct research into the needs presented in Robeson County, leading to the formation of the Robeson County Church and Community Center in 1969. Initially funded by the United Methodist Church through the Bishop's Fund for Reconciliation, the center was born as a response to provide advocacy to those in need, to help with emergency aid, to promote the resources available to the economically challenged, and to work toward racial unity in Robeson County.

1970-2005

Early initiatives of the Center included voter registration programs and camps for students in low-income areas. The Center formed a literacy program, seeking to provide those in need an avenue for increased self-sufficiency; brought Alcoholics Anonymous to the area to combat the rising prevalence of substance abuse; and established a home-ownership program based on the national model of Habitat for Humanity.

2005

In 2005, the Center leased the old Lumberton Ford building at 600 W 5th Street to house the organization's growing Home Store. The entire complex was subsequently donated to the center in 2006. The Center's programs continued to grow and change, the Home Store providing affordable, quality clothing; the food pantry providing food to any Robeson County resident regardless of race, ethnicity, or income; home repair assistance; air cooling devices for the elderly; and an Ensure program to provide nutrition to the sick.

2016 -Present

After Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, the center began adjusting to the new realities of Robeson County. The center now runs Robeson's largest food pantry, sells affordable goods at the Home Store, assists with utility and rent payments, provides adult/baby diapers for those in any situation, and is constantly seeking new ways to push back against poverty and fight inequality in Robeson County in the aftermath of a global pandemic.