



**PATHWAYS FOR ADDRESSING
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A DIRECTORY OF FAITH-BASED
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ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**

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Name of the Program/Project	Backpack Blessings of Powell
Program Mission	The purpose of Backpack Blessings of Powell is to provide Powell elementary age children who may not have enough to eat at home with weekend meals during the school year. A young child's life can be improved by giving from the community. Having enough to eat is something that should not be taken for granted. It means the difference between success and failure.
History/Background	In spring 2011, a local church began to serve young children going without food in the Powell community. In the fall, Union Presbyterian Church joined in the project. By 2019 there were several churches involved in the project and they formed a separate board consisting of up to 10 community members. In September 2019, the voluntary organization became a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity
Target Population Served	Children
Geographic Area Served	Three elementary schools from the City of Powell.
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Local area churches and the Union Presbyterian Church
Collaborative Partners	Powell Loaves and Fishes and several local churches who collect food and provide monetary donations.
Key Program Contact	Sharon Earhart, Board President – searhart64@gmail.com , 307-754-3709 329 N. Bent St., Powell, WY 82435
Website Link	https://backpackblessingsofpowell.com/
Summary of the Program/Project	Backpack Blessings provides food for six meals, two drinks and two snacks per weekend for more than 100 children in three elementary schools.
Other Key Information	Andrea Earhart is the registered agent for the non-profit corp. The organization is a volunteer-based 501(c)3. The program is part of the larger Backpack Blessings network that operates in other states.

Reference: <https://backpackblessingsofpowell.com/> and
<https://wyobiz.wyo.gov/Business/FilingDetails.aspx?eFNum=165217119144119202005152045092053223051034178195>

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Name of the Program/Project	Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
Program Mission	As a collaborative of congregations united in action, we create homes and advance equitable housing.
History/Background	The organization was founded in 1999 by a group of faith organizations who believed that their faith called them to action to create a more equitable community and that all people have a right to affordable, quality, and safe housing.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing/shelter, advocacy, community organizing, case management, and referral
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Twin Cities area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Local faith communities in the St. Paul area.
Collaborative Partners	One hundred one faith communities in Minnesota partner with the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative including Lutheran, Catholic, Jewish, Presbyterian, Non-denominational Christian, First Universalist, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Unitarian, Islam, Congregational, Unitarian Universalist, Covenant, Episcopal, African American Methodist Episcopal, Unitarian, Moravian, Baptist, and Greek Orthodox
Key Program Contact	Chris LaTondresse, President and CEO, clantondresse@beaconinterfaith.org , 651-377-8186 2610 University Ave. West, Suite 100, St. Paul MN 55114
Website Link	https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Beacon Interfaith's programs are geared to achieving its vision of imaging their community where all people have a home. <u>Create New Homes:</u> Beacon is a leader in creating supportive housing, combining services with affordable housing. The organization builds quality, affordable apartment homes. <u>Sustain Stable Homes:</u> At many of Beacon's housing complexes, residents have access to support services and advocates on-site. <u>Shelter Families:</u> Partner congregations host families who are experiencing homelessness by extending hospitality and offering a warm and safe place to rest. <u>Change Systems:</u> Beacon works with its congregational partners to change policies at the local, regional, and state level to be about the abundance of the society and a commitment to making sure it is enjoyed by everyone. <u>Bring it Home Minnesota:</u> Beacon is working with 30 other organizations to champion and endorse rent support legislation.
Other Key Information	Rev. Emily Goldthwaite is the Director of Congregational Organizing - egoldthwaitefries@beaconinterfaith.org

Reference: <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/> and <https://www.crunchbase.com/organization/beacon-interfaith-housing-collaborative>

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Name of the Program/Project	Camden Area Christian Food Pantry
Program Mission	We are a group of Christian churches working to provide food to anyone with need in the Camden area. It is our privilege and responsibility to serve God by answering this call.
History/Background	In the late 1990s, five area churches including Chestnut Baptist Church, First Congregational Church, John Street Methodist Church, Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, and St. Thomas' Episcopal Church began discussions about a food pantry to replace smaller pantries operated by the Methodist and Congregational churches. The organization was formed in 2001.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Communities of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Islesboro, Lincolnville, Rockport, Searsmont, Union, and Washington
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The organization had its beginnings with the food pantries started by the First Congregational Church and the old Rockport United Methodist Church that later moved to the John Street Church.
Collaborative Partners	St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Good Hope Church, First Congregational Church, Chestnut Street Baptist Church, John Street United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Food Bank, Hannaford Brothers stores, Erickson Field Youth Agricultural Project, area Rotary Clubs, First National Bank, Camden Area Senior Assistance, and local farmers.
Key Program Contact	Debra Milliken, Board President – president@camdenpantry.org , 207-236-9790 128 Mount Battie St., P.O. Box 337, Camden, ME 04843
Website Link	https://www.camdenareachristianfoodpantry.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Food is distributed to persons in need on Tuesday and Thursday. The organization is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization. Food donations/collections are organized by the volunteers to supply the food pantry.
Other Key Information	Deb Endl is the liaison from First Congregational Church, a founding member of CACFP. 207-236-4821

Reference: <https://www.camdenareachristianfoodpantry.org/> and
<https://camdenucc.org/ministries-of-the-church/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Catholic Charities New Hampshire
Program Mission	Grounded in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities New Hampshire responds to those in need with programs that heal, comfort and empower.
History/Background	In 1945, Bishop Matthew Brady of the diocese founded New Hampshire Catholic Charities. Monsignor McGreal was named the first director of the organization and one of its first ministries was caring for the elderly.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Shelter/housing, care of the elderly, Veterans services, case management, mental health, food insecurity, education, disability services, health education, senior services, immigration services
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, families, Veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, children, immigrants
Geographic Area Served	Entire State of New Hampshire
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Catholic Diocese of New Hampshire
Collaborative Partners	Numerous private foundations, New Hampshire Department of Safety and Department of Homeland Security, New Hampshire Department of Justice, area Catholic Churches
Key Program Contact	Thomas E. Blonski, President and CEO – tblonski@nh-cc.org , 603-669-3030 100 William Loeb Dr., Unit 3, Manchester, NH 03109
Website Link	https://www.cc-nh.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	CCNH offers numerous programs to assist the community including: <u>Community Services:</u> These programs include assessment and case management, financial education and mentoring and support groups. <u>Health Care Services:</u> Programs include long-term care, Alzheimer's/Dementia care, senior living, hospice care, assistance with Medicaid applications, and consults with select medical services. <u>Immigration Legal Services:</u> High-quality and affordable legal services and advocacy are offered for individuals who are eligible under federal law to apply for immigration benefits. Services are also available to assist victims of crime escaping violence or trafficking. <u>Liberty House:</u> The program supports vulnerable veterans by connecting them to available resources and providing safe transitional housing. <u>Mental Health Counseling Services:</u> Flexible mental health counseling services are available to help individuals gain the skills necessary to better cope with difficult situations. <u>Monadnock at Home:</u> The program offers services, support and connections enabling seniors to remain independent and the ability to thrive in their own homes and communities. <u>New Generation:</u> This program helps mothers get back on their feet and build self-sufficient futures with stable housing and jobs by offering family-oriented shelter, transitional housing, aftercare services and a variety of support programs.

	<p><u>New Hampshire Food Bank:</u> The program receives food through donations from community food drives, local farmers, grocery stores and wholesalers and is able to provide food to over 400 qualified nonprofit agencies serving the hungry.</p> <p><u>Our Place:</u> This program provides parenting education focusing on the health and well-being of each parent and child. Caring professionals work with parents so they can provide their children with a loving, caring and safe home.</p> <p><u>St. Charles School:</u> The program provides academic, social, emotional and behavioral services in a therapeutic setting for male and female students in grades K-8.</p> <p><u>The CareGivers:</u> This program helps the homebound elderly and disabled maintain their independence and dignity through volunteers who offer rides to medical appointments and other transportation needs, deliver food to those who are homebound, and offer emotional support to those who are isolated or lonely.</p>
Other Key Information	Dominique A. Rust is the Vice President and COO – drust@nh-cc.org

Reference: <https://www.cc-nh.org/> and

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/member/catholic-charities-of-new-hampshire/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Christian Center of Park City
Program Mission	Meeting people at their point of need as an expression of God's love.
History/Background	The organization was started in 2000 when Susan and Jim Swartz and Tim and Pattie Dahlin developed a project to bring together local churches in Park City to collaborate to assist those in need.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, mental health, basic needs, case management, clothing, financial assistance, medical care, education/training
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, those without homes, children, Native Americans
Geographic Area Served	Park City and Heber Valley area, Summit and Wasatch Counties
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Residents of the local community working with local churches.
Collaborative Partners	Capital Church, Creekside Church, Park City Community Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mountain Life Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Temple Har Shalom, and 23 local businesses and community organizations
Key Program Contact	Steve Richardson, Executive Director, steve@ccofpc.org , 435-649-2260 P.O. Box 683480, Park City, UT 84068
Website Link	https://www.ccofpc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>CCPC helps serve those in needs through its various programs:</p> <p><u>Food Assistance Programs:</u> CCPC seeks to eliminate food insecurity through the food pantries it operates in Summit and Wasatch counties and through a variety of programs and events. Free food is provided to anyone in need.</p> <p><u>Basic Needs Assistance:</u> The program is focused on assisting families and individuals who are in need of food, clothing and facing financial hardships. In addition to meeting immediate needs, the program is also able to provide financial assistance.</p> <p><u>Local Outreach:</u> Services provided through local outreach include financial assistance for school clothes and supplies, gifts and food items at the holidays for families in need, and Easter baskets to those in need.</p> <p><u>Seasonal Worker Outreach:</u> This program offers a weekly dinner to seasonal workers living in the area.</p> <p><u>Goshute Tribe Initiative:</u> The program has provided local Native Americans with a community garden, educational classes, health clinics, food pantry, financial literacy training, and assisting people in getting linked with governmental benefits.</p> <p><u>Counseling and Wellness Services:</u> Caring psychologists, counselors, and coaches are available to help those in need. Health coaching, Enneagram coaching and mental health services are available for all ages.</p>
Other Key Information	Brach Pulver is Director of Operations, brach@ccofpc.org

Reference: <https://www.ccofpc.org/> and <https://www.findhelp.org/provider/christian-center-of-park-city--park-city-ut/4817738811834368?postal=84032>

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Name of the Program/Project	Christian Community Action (CCA)
Program Mission	Christian Community Action strives to meet crisis or emergency needs in our communities. We do not attempt to duplicate the ministries of member churches but rather provide help to needy persons that many churches lack resources to undertake.
History/Background	CCA was founded by churches in Lincoln Parish in 1984. The organization has served as the central location for all churches in Lincoln Parish to refer individuals in need.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, utility assistance, emergency shelter, transportation, medication assistance
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Lincoln Parish, Louisiana
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Network of churches in Lincoln Parish
Collaborative Partners	There are currently 17 member churches that make up CCA.
Key Program Contact	Stephanie Matthew, Executive Director – christcommact@gmail.com , 318-251-3282 108 South Bonner, Ruston, LA 71270
Website Link	https://www.christiancommunityactionlp.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	CCA is a nonprofit organization that strives to meet crisis or emergency needs in the community by offering the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food pantry/distribution - Clothing collection and distribution - Household items - Utility assistance - Prescription assistance - Emergency lodging - Money for gasoline - Linkages to low-cost or free transportation - Referral to community resources
Other Key Information	Beth Anders is the Assistant Director

Reference: <https://www.christiancommunityactionlp.org/> and
<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/christian-community-action-inc>

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Name of the Program/Project	Christian Outreach Program – Elkhorn (COPE)
Program Mission	The Christian Outreach Program – Elkhorn is a multi-denominational non-profit organization made up of Christian churches in western Douglas County. We help families stay in their homes and keep food on the table by providing financial assistance, caring concern, educational assistance and referrals when needed most. COPE provides HOPE to our neighbors in need regardless of religious beliefs, cultural, or ethnic background, while maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served.
History/Background	COPE began in 2001 through a partnership with area churches in Elkhorn offering fellowship and English language learner classes. In 2003, the first COPE food pantry was opened. In 2005, clothing and household goods were offered by COPE to persons in need. The first Christmas pantry was started the same year.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, financial assistance, education/training, rental assistance, disaster case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Eight zip codes in the Elkhorn and surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Ten churches in the Elkhorn community partnered together to start COPE.
Collaborative Partners	Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Relevant Community Church, St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, St. John's Catholic Church of the Valley, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Elkhorn, United Faith Community Church, St. John's Lutheran of Bennington, Love Church of Omaha, Food Bank for the Heartland, Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless, Non Profit Association of the Midlands, West O Chamber, Nebraska Diaper Bank
Key Program Contact	Nancy Lary, Executive Director – help@copeinfo.org , 402-616-2330 20601 Elkhorn Dr., P.O. Box 177, Elkhorn, NE 68022
Website Link	https://copeinfo.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	COPE offers services to help those who are economically disadvantaged in the community. <u>Food and clothing:</u> COPE operates a food pantry and also provides personal care items, diapers, clothing, and home furnishings to persons in need. <u>Special community distributions:</u> Special distributions are provided throughout the year including Easter food baskets, Christmas adopt-a-family program, backpacks with school supplies, and occasional community programs such as free oil changes and haircuts. <u>Rent/utility assistance:</u> COPE provides assistance with a rent or utility payment to those living in the service area. <u>Educational programs:</u> COPE offers classes focused on financial budgeting, home energy savings, nutrition, career coaching, and fellowship opportunities. <u>Disaster case management:</u> Providing assistance with long-term recovery from tornados impacting the area.
Other Key Information	Sue Johnson is the Outreach Services Coordinator – 402-616-2330

Reference: <https://copeinfo.org/> and <https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/200840435>

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Name of the Program/Project	Christian Service Center
Program Mission	The Christian Service Center is the organized expression of the Pleasure Island Ministerial Association social welfare concerns for the people living in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. This concern is expressed through the provision of direct and indirect services to assist in meeting the needs of the population without regard to race, creed, nationality or gender.
History/Background	The Pleasure Island Ministerial Association recognized the value of combining their resources to meet the continuous requests for aid in the area. In June of 1991, PIMA joined with Catholic Social Services to create the Christian Service Center to serve the Fort Morgan-Gulf Shores-Orange Beach area.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, financial assistance, housing, referral to community resources, health services, home repair
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors, children, disabled
Geographic Area Served	Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Pleasure Island Ministerial Association and Catholic Social Services
Collaborative Partners	Twenty-four Christian churches including Presbyterian, Lutheran, United Methodist, Assemblies of God, Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Church of Christ, Unity Church, and several non-denominational churches
Key Program Contact	The Center is volunteer based – 251-968-5256, csccenter1991@gmail.com 317 Dolphin Ave., Gulf Shores, AL 36542
Website Link	https://www.cscgs.com/
Summary of the Program/Project	In addition to immediate aid, the Christian Service Center offers the following programs: <u>Emergency Aid:</u> CSS works to provide help with housing, utilities, and medical expenses to persons dealing with financial emergencies. <u>Food Pantry:</u> The pantry is kept stocked by local churches, Pleasure Island Ministerial Assoc., local businesses, clubs, organizations and residents. <u>OZANAM Charitable Pharmacy:</u> Financial assistance is provided to those needing help obtaining prescription drugs. <u>Medical Equipment:</u> Durable medical equipment is available for anyone to use. <u>Meals on Wheels:</u> Provides hot nourishing meals 5 days/week for homebound persons. <u>Repair Baldwin:</u> Provides home repair for individuals unable to afford these services. <u>Christmas Cheer:</u> The program provides clients with food boxes and gifts for their children. <u>Christmas Spirit:</u> The Center visits persons during the holidays and provides a small gift or food items. <u>Children's Birthday Club:</u> CSC provides families with cake mix, frosting, candles and a toy for their children on their birthday.

	<p><u>Back-Up Pantry</u>: The service is available to any older or disabled adult who has no dependable local support system. Recipients are provided with a free box of non-perishable food providing 16+ meals.</p> <p><u>Camp Happy Sands</u>: CSC screens and coordinates eligibility for children to attend camp.</p> <p><u>Children's Summer Food Program</u>: Provides easy to prepare breakfast and lunch items plus 2 snacks a day for 5 days a week while school is out for summer.</p>
Other Key Information	Linda Chappelle has served as president of the board. The organization is volunteer based.

Reference: <https://www.cscgs.com/> and

https://www.al.com/pr-community-news/2011/11/service_center_director_says_s.html

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Name of the Program/Project	Churches United of the Quad City Area
Program Mission	Bringing together an ecumenical coalition of Quad City area churches to help feed the hungry, offer emergency assistance to those in crisis, and provide a transitional housing program for women and children who are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking.
History/Background	In 1961, the Council of Churches in Rock Island County, IL and Scott County, Iowa, came together to form the "Council of Churches of Scott and Rock Island Counties". In 1971, Roman Catholic and Orthodox congregations were welcomed into the Council and in 1990 the organization was renamed "Churches United of the Quad City Area". Beginning with food pantries, the organization now operates 23 food pantries, 2 free hot meal sites, emergency financial assistance, and an emergency shelter for women and children.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, shelter/housing and financial assistance
Target Population Served	Persons in need and economically disadvantaged living in the Quad Cities area
Geographic Area Served	The Quad Cities area including 10 cities in Iowa and 13 cities in Illinois
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Council of Churches in Rock Island County and Scott County
Collaborative Partners	Includes a cooperative association of over 140 churches representing 20+ different Christian denominations. Other partners include the US Dept. of Agriculture, Project Now, and community organizations.
Key Program Contact	Rev. Jay McCowan, Interim Executive Director – 563-332-5002 Address: 2535 Tech Drive, Suite 205, Bettendorf, IA 52722 General email: info@cugca.org
Website Link	www.cugca.org
Summary of the Program/Project	Churches United offers four programs to serve the community: <u>Food Pantries:</u> The organization has 23 food pantries that serves close to 140,000 persons annually. Individuals are provided with 5-7 days of food for free every 30 days. <u>Hot Prepared Meals:</u> Nearly 100 congregations and other groups provide free hot and nourishing meals to over 20,000 people each year. <u>Winnie's Transitional Housing:</u> Working in collaboration with Project Now, the organization provides transitional housing to women and children in need. A caseworker assists clients in helping to transition them into permanent housing. <u>CareLINK:</u> This project is a partnership of Churches United and human service agencies in the area. This network creates a system designed to effectively and efficiently connect church caring resources and community needs with rent and utility assistance.
Other Key Information	Laronda Bennett serves as the Administrative Assistant

Reference: www.cugca.org and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/churches-united-of-the-quad-city-area,362480784/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Community Assisted Rides (CAR)
Program Mission	Community Assisted Rides (formerly Interfaith Community Partners) champions older adults by providing them with safe and accompanied ride services and supportive, friendly community care.
History/Background	Seven founding churches came together in 1999 and obtained grants from the Community Memorial Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to better meet the needs of older adults in the Greater Lyons Township.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Transportation, companionship, and education
Target Population Served	Seniors
Geographic Area Served	Lyons, south Proviso, and Riverside, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Summit, Westmont, and Willowbrook Townships
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Francis Xavier Church, Congregation of Saint Joseph, Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange, St. John of the Cross Parish, Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, and First Congregational Church of Western Springs.
Collaborative Partners	There are thirteen faith communities that are part of CAR including Episcopal, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, First Congregational, and Presbyterian denominations. The organizations works with 115 volunteers.
Key Program Contact	Janet Garreau, Executive Director – jgarreauicp@gmail.com , 708-354-9328 P.O. Box 310, La Grange, IL 60525
Website Link	https://communityassistedrides.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Community Assisted Rides works with a group of dedicated volunteers to assist seniors dealing with mobility issues in the community. <u>Transportation:</u> Volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other necessary errands to sustain independent living. <u>Home Visits:</u> Volunteers offer physical and emotional support that older adults need to stay in their homes and supply personal contact to allay isolation. <u>Library Delivery:</u> For those who are homebound, CAR works with local libraries to offer in-home deliver of books and materials. <u>Education:</u> CAR helps to facilitate interaction between congregations, the communities, and social service organizations.
Other Key Information	Kate Coutinho is the Office Administrator – kcoutinhoicp@gmail.com

Reference: <https://communityassistedrides.org/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CCGB)
Program Mission	As people of faith and partners in service we create and sustain a more just, healthy, and vibrant society.
History/Background	CCGB was founded in 1945 as The Council for Inter-Church Cooperation. The charter of the Council stated, "The Council shall do jointly what no single communion, congregation or denomination can do alone; namely to express through fellowship, cooperation and service the essential unity of the Christian Church."
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, shelter, substance use treatment, education/training, advocacy, inter-religious dialogue, case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children, families
Geographic Area Served	Bridgeport and its suburbs
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Ten local Christian Churches from the Bridgeport area
Collaborative Partners	60 churches from the area including Methodist, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, United Congregational, Unitarian, Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Non-Denominational Christian, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, and Lutheran
Key Program Contact	Dr. Terry Schmitt, Senior Consultant – 203-334-1121, info@ccgb.org 1718 Capitol Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06604
Website Link	https://www.ccgb.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>CCGB includes several major programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Raising the B.A.R.</u>: This program provides training to raise awareness around anti-racism. ● <u>FEED Center</u>: The Center includes a culinary training program for aspiring food entrepreneurs, SEEK Incubator Kitchen to help persons get into the restaurant business, Mobile Marketplace to bring fresh produce and eggs to low access neighborhoods, FEED Social Enterprise that is an immersion program for those wanting to get into the food business, and Virtual Food Drive which helps to stock 40 area food pantries. ● <u>Learning Services</u>: Project Learn is an after school program for students (K- 6th grade), which improves academic performance, promotes curiosity, confidence, resilience, and supports healthy families. ● <u>Youth Services/Janus Center</u>: Janus Center for Youth in Crisis provides intervention services for youth (ages 11-17) and their families to de-escalate the crises, reunite families, and keep the youth in school and out of the Juvenile Justice system. ● <u>Advocacy</u>: CCGB is focusing its efforts on gun violence prevention through a gun buyback program, distribution of gun locks and safes, and advocacy with State of Connecticut elected officials. CCGB also

	<p>partners with the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants to host virtual meetings at area churches regarding immigrant rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Adult Services</u>: Proyecto Nueva Vida is a 13-year old collaborative that provides culturally specific services to Latinos who have a criminal history, as well as substance abuse prevention needs for those who have or are at risk of HIV infection. ● <u>Bridge Building</u>: The congregations of the Tent of Abraham invite individuals to have coffee or lunch with someone from another faith tradition, in groups of 2-4. They connect people with each other, and then groups decide the date, time, and location of the meeting.
Other Key Information	Coleen Lane serves as the Office Manager.

Reference: <https://www.cccb.org> and
<https://www.idealists.org/en/nonprofit/7bd2b0280fb141c2978f896ffd2e5070-council-of-churches-of-greater-bridgeport-bridgeport>

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Name of the Program/Project	Council of Churches of the Ozarks/Crosslines Community Outreach
Program Mission	To improve the quality of life of our most vulnerable neighbors by doing together what can best be done together in the name of Jesus Christ.
History/Background	The program, originally known as Springfield Area Council of Churches, was founded in 1969 by Rev. Dr. Dorsey Levell and community leaders and pastors from thirteen churches. The group realized that by working together, churches could make a much greater impact than anyone church alone. The first program started by the Council was a food pantry. In 1990, the decision was made to change the name of the organization to the Council of Churches of the Ozarks.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, shelter, home repair, basic needs, education/training, children's services, resource referral, counseling, case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children, seniors
Geographic Area Served	Springfield and Ozarks area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Thirteen churches from the Ozarks area under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Dorsey Levell
Collaborative Partners	71 Christian churches of different denominations, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'I and Temple Israel
Key Program Contact	Jaimie Trussell, CEO – 417-862-3586, CCOzarks@ccoark.org 3055 E. Division, Springfield, MO 65802
Website Link	https://ccoark.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Council of Churches of the Ozarks offers a mix of programs to help those in need.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors for Children:</u> This program assists youth in foster care by providing physical items and support that will help to boost their self-esteem.</p> <p><u>Bio-Parent Advocacy Program:</u> The program provides support, classes, and counseling services for mothers (and fathers) as they work toward maintaining or regaining custody of their children.</p> <p><u>Child Care Food Program:</u> The program provides healthy and nutritious meals to children by working with child care providers to help them offer higher quality meals.</p> <p><u>Connections Handyman Service:</u> The program assists senior homeowners with free, essential home repairs and upkeep that assists them in living safely in their homes.</p> <p><u>Crosslines Resource Center:</u> The program assists food-insecure families, seniors, and children by meeting immediate hunger needs with access to food and essential items.</p> <p><u>Diaper Bank of the Ozarks:</u> The program keeps babies happy and healthy by distributing diapers through partner agencies and to families in need.</p> <p><u>Long-term Care Ombudsman:</u> The program inspires hope for care for nursing home residents by providing advocacy, support, and assistance to empower patients to receive the comfort and care they deserve.</p>

	<p><u>RSVP</u>: The Retired Senior and Volunteer Program utilizes the life experience and compassion of adults 55+ to inspire hope in children through offering mentoring and tutoring.</p> <p><u>Safe to Sleep</u>: The program inspires hope for women dealing with homelessness by offering shelter and case management services, which help them to overcome obstacles to sustainable housing.</p>
Other Key Information	

Reference: <https://ccozaaks.org/> and

<https://sbi.net/stories/the-cco-story-from-what-if-to-why-not,76908>

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Name of the Program/Project	Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families
Program Mission	The Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families is a faith-based health advocacy, education and services organization. We engage, support and assist congregations, groups and individuals of the faith communities in meaningful programs to improve the health, safety and wellness of Delaware children, elderly and families.
History/Background	The Council began in 1988 as the Delaware Ecumenical Council on Maternal and Infant Health, the locus and catalyst for Delaware's participation in the Southern Regional Project on Infant Mortality. Since its inception, the Council has grown to include offering quality training to religious leaders and their congregations on health-related issues from infant mortality prevention to genetic counseling.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Health/infant health, education, advocacy, senior services, services for the disabled, transportation, community linkages/referral
Target Population Served	Infants/children/youth, families, seniors, disabled, economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	State of Delaware
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Area churches that came together to form the Delaware Ecumenical Council on Maternal and Infant Health
Collaborative Partners	Faith-Based Organizations in Delaware, US Dept of Health and Human Services, Delaware Health and Social Services, Delaware Children's Trust Fund, Delaware Health Commission, United Way of Delaware, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, Delaware Criminal Justice Council, The American Legacy Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Key Program Contact	Rev. Brian K. Sanders, Executive Director – b.sanders@deccf.org – 302-225-1040 2629 W. 19 th St., Wilmington, DE 19806
Website Link	http://www.deccf.org
Summary of the Program/Project	DECCF provides the following services and programs: <u>Training:</u> The Council provides quality training to religious leaders and their congregations, and communities on health-related issues from health and wellness, chronic disease prevention and management, and other issues affecting people in local communities. <u>Resource Linkages:</u> Links congregations with health and human services organizations throughout Delaware for collaborative programs which offer effective and efficient approaches to family, elderly, and children's health focused on the areas of prevention, early intervention and therapy. <u>Faith in Action Program:</u> Provides volunteer services to the elderly and persons with disabilities that assist with them remaining as independent as possible by offering transportation to medical visits, errands, etc. <u>The Never Alone Project:</u> This program provides friendly support to elderly and disabled neighbors who may be feeling socially isolated. The program also provides a high-level screening for social isolation and will

	make voluntary referrals to behavioral health professionals should follow-ups be necessary.
Other Key Information	Linda Heller is the President of the Board of Directors

Reference: <http://www.deccf.org> and <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/51-0341283>

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Name of the Program/Project	East Central Ministries/StreetVision Housing Strategies
Program Mission	To develop innovative housing and land use strategies through neighborhood partnerships that elevate local voices and respond to emerging opportunities within the greater International District of Albuquerque.
History/Background	East Central Ministries is a community development ministry founded in 1999 by John Bulten as a mission organization of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Albuquerque. The organization started with a youth leadership program and community food co-op. The organization became an inter-denominational 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, housing assistance, education, case management, youth services, health care
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children/youth
Geographic Area Served	The International District of Albuquerque, NM
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	John Bulten and the Fellowship Christian Reformed Church
Collaborative Partners	Community volunteers and churches/faith-based organizations serving the International District of the city, schools, local non-profits, Adelante Development Center
Key Program Contact	John Bulten is Executive Director, 505-266-3590 123 Vermont St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
Website Link	https://www.streetvision.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	East Central Ministries/StreetVision is a community living out their faith's values of justice and compassion through the following programs: <u>Community Programs and Social Enterprises:</u> Casa Shalom Housing Cooperative assists community members in getting a home. <u>Housing:</u> Working to provide affordable housing focused on both rental units and moving to home ownership. The innovation lab works with building partners to develop in-house micro home concept. The community land trust works to convert vacant lots and abandoned homes into affordable housing units. <u>Advocacy:</u> StreetVision advocates for policy change at the city and county levels.
Other Key Information	Yini Wang is Director of Operations and Development

Reference: <https://www.eastcentralministries.org/> and
<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/east-central-ministries,371426703/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Program Mission	Committed to mutual respect and understanding, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon brings together diverse communities of faith to learn, serve and advocate for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.
History/Background	The organization traces its founding back to 1917 when the Home Mission Council was formed to promote evangelism among the churches of Oregon and to provide a mechanism for the churches to cooperatively work together. In 1919, the Portland Council of Churches was established by 25 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox congregations of Portland. In the 1920s the Oregon Council of Churches was established. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon was started in 1974 when the Oregon Council of Churches merged with the Portland Council of Churches.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, food insecurity, social services/case management, shelter, immigration and refugee assistance, day drop-in center, and education
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, refugees, immigrants, persons with HIV/AIDS
Geographic Area Served	Portland and greater Oregon area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Portland Council of Churches and Oregon Council of Churches
Collaborative Partners	Includes 15 Christian denominations including African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Church of the Brethren, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Community of Christ, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Presbyterian, Quakers, Catholic, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist. There are 79 faith-based organizations that are also partners with the organization.
Key Program Contact	Frank So, President – 503-221-1054, ext. 206 245 S. Bancroft St., Suite B, Portland, OR 97239
Website Link	https://emoregon.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon offers several important programs for the community:</p> <p>Public Policy Advocacy: The voice of the faith community is crucial to ongoing public discourse on key issues facing society.</p> <p>HIV Services: The HIV Day Center is a community center for low income people living with HIV/AIDS. Meals, counseling, and referral are provided to clients. Therapeutic and recreational activities are also provided to clients.</p> <p>Northeast Emergency Food Program: The program meets the urgent food needs for over 40,000 people each month.</p> <p>Second Home: Connects volunteer host homes with unaccompanied high school students experiencing homelessness. The youth are provided with stable housing and ongoing support.</p> <p>Slavic Oregon Social Services: Assisting persons who have experienced or are at risk of domestic/sexual violence. The program also assists refugees from Russia and Ukraine.</p> <p>Cooling Portland: Provides free air conditioning units to seniors in need.</p> <p>SOAR Immigration Legal Services: Offers culturally competent, immigration-related legal representations and education to refugees and immigrants with limited income.</p>

	<p><u>Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees:</u> The program links sponsors with refugees before they arrive in the U.S., and help sponsors welcome and assist the refugees in their adjustment to a new life in the Portland metro area.</p> <p><u>Education and Dialogue:</u> Each year EMO creates workshops, discussions, lectures, presentations, celebrations and prayer vigils to promote Christian unity, foster interfaith relations, and explore ethical and moral issues.</p>
Other Key Information	Dr. Shawn Daley serves as Chair of the Board of Directors

Reference: <https://emoregon.org/> and

https://cdnsm5-hosted.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/Government/HHS/LaneCare/CRW-%20Faith/EMOWellnessProject.pdf

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Name of the Program/Project	Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO)
Program Mission	EChO is a charitable organization that answers the call to feed the hungry and love our neighbors in need. Our purpose is to love others as Jesus loves us. Evergreen Christian Outreach provides services with compassion and dignity to all people as they navigate life's challenges. EChO champions people on their unique path from survival to success.
History/Background	In 1985 Bob Bryan of the Church of the Transfiguration initiated an emergency food and clothing closet in the church. Two years later in 1987, Jim Benson and Gordon Wyant, living in Evergreen and attending Evergreen Fellowship Church approached him and secured the use of an empty building on the church campus where they could office for a year and start what became Evergreen Christian Outreach.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, housing/shelter, utility and rental assistance, veterans services, resource referrals, basic needs
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, veterans
Geographic Area Served	Evergreen, Kittredge, Idledale, Lookout Mountain, Genessee, Indian Hill, Morrison Foothills and Conifer
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Church of the Transfiguration and Evergreen Fellowship Church
Collaborative Partners	EChO works in partnership with local churches, charitable foundations, business partnerships and individual donors. Other partners include Volunteers of America, Benefits in Action, Action Center, and SNAP.
Key Program Contact	Dale Flanders, Executive Director – dale@evergreenchristianoutreach.org 303-670-1796 27888 Meadow Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439
Website Link	https://evergreenchristianoutreach.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	EChO offers a range of wrap around services to assist community members who are facing personal or economic adversity. <u>Client services:</u> Includes rent and mortgage assistance, utility and heat assistance (including free firewood), veteran services, resources and referrals, and other assistance provided by client services staff. <u>Echo Shelter:</u> This program is an overnight emergency shelter open from October to May. <u>EChO Food Assistance:</u> The organization operates a food pantry and provides holiday meals and a summer lunch program. <u>EChO Job Center:</u> The program works to connect local talent with area employers and offers workshops for job seekers, computer lab, job seeker services, and workforce services for local employers.
Other Key Information	Christine Emery is the Director of Administration, christine@evergreenchristianoutreach.org

Reference: <https://evergreenchristianoutreach.org/> and https://rocketreach.co/evergreen-christian-outreach-profile_b5d9695bf42e5e0f

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Name of the Program/Project	Faith Action for Community Equity
Program Mission	Faith Action for Community Equity (Faith Action, formerly known as FACE) is a grassroots, interfaith 501(c)3 non-profit organization driven by a deep spiritual commitment to improving the quality of life for our members and all the people of Hawaii. Through our common values and collective power, we address the root causes of social justice challenges facing our community. Compelled by our faith, we will act justly and speak boldly for all of the divine's creation in Hawaii.
History/Background	Founded in 1996 by a group of faith organizations to advance a deeply spiritual commitment and missional purpose of improving the quality of life for people of Hawaii.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Affordable housing, health care, prison reform, environmental justice
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, incarcerated, general population
Geographic Area Served	Island of Oahu and broader issues facing the entire State of Hawaii
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Founded by a group of faith based organizations in Oahu to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.
Collaborative Partners	Calvary by the Sea Lutheran, Central Union Church, Christ Church Uniting, Church of the Crossroads, COFA Community Action Network, Ecumenical Association for Housing, First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, Harris United Methodist, Kahalu'u United Methodist, Keolumana United Methodist, Kilohana United Methodist, Mu-Ryang-Sa Buddhist Temple of Hawaii, Ohana Family of the Living God, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Partners in Care, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Trinity United Methodist, UNITE-HERE Local 5, Wahiawa Health, Wahiawa United Methodist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, Young Progressives Demanding Action
Key Program Contact	Rev. Dr. Estela Chao-Reza, Director director@faithaction.org , 808-746-2741 P.O. Box 235950, Honolulu, HI 96823
Website Link	https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Faith Action for Community Equity uses a uniquely democratic process to select issues it will act upon. The organization is currently working hard on solutions aimed at the following issues: <u>Affordable housing</u> : The HousingNow task force is working to address affordable housing for the residents of Hawaii with a focus on legislative priorities, brainstorming new policies, conducting research and plan for actions and events. <u>Transformative justice</u> : The task force is focusing on educational and legislative actions to eliminate cash bail and draw attention to alternative ways of building safer and healthier communities. <u>Environmental justice</u> : The task force is working to mobilize the community through education, outreach, community organizing, and self-determination to take action on addressing climate change and protecting the state's natural resources.

	<u>Long-Term care:</u> The task force has worked hard to get legislation passed that would provide caregivers with an allowance of \$70/day to care for aging family members.
Other Key Information	Rev. Moses Barrios – President of the Board, faithactionboard@gmail.com , 808-746-2741

Reference: <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/> and

<https://www.buzzfile.com/business/Faith-Action-For-Community-Equity-808-554-3833>

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Name of the Program/Project	Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
Program Mission	Family Promise of the Coastal Empire has its mission to offer help, hope, and hospitality to homeless families with children in our communities. Their mission is to end family homelessness one family at a time. They do this by engaging faith-based and community organizations to provide emergency shelter and basic needs to families with children who are experiencing homelessness and to provide additional programs to assist them in finding housing and sustaining their independence.
History/Background	In the early 1990s, Savannah ministers identified a critical need for homeless intervention, leading to the formation of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Coastal Empire (IHNCE) in 1998. By 2005, seed money from the Episcopal Church funded a permanent Day Center, completed in 2007. Rebranded in 2015 as Family Promise of Greater Savannah, the organization expanded to Effingham and Bryan Counties. Effingham County launched its program in 2013, establishing a new home by 2018. Bryan County began efforts in 2013, launching a "Building Lives" campaign by 2015. In 2010, the three affiliates merged to form Family Promise of the Coastal Empire (FPCE).
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing/shelter, basic needs, case management, referral, food insecurity, and education/training
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, homeless
Geographic Area Served	Bryan County, Chatham County, Effingham County and Liberty County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Concerned clergy and community members who came together in Chatham, Effingham and Bryan County to assist those who were homeless.
Collaborative Partners	Forty-six congregations currently support Family Promise of the Coastal Empire and represent denominations including Methodist, Non-denominational Christian, Presbyterian, Baptist, African American Methodist Episcopal, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of God, Christian, Church of God and Lutheran. There are an additional 30 corporate and community organizations supporting the work of Family Promise.
Key Program Contact	Katrina Bostick, Executive Director - kbostick@familypromisece.org , 912-790-9446 P.O. Box 22023, Savannah, GA 31403
Website Link	https://www.familypromisece.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Family Promise of the Coastal Empire ultimate goal is to end family homelessness and it does this through several key programs. <u>Day Centers:</u> FPCE tries to address the root causes of family housing instability by addressing the problem holistically, providing prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter and case management when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing. <u>Transitional Housing:</u> FPCE provides short term independent housing to families who are ready to live independently but require additional time and services to achieve total self-sufficiency.

	<p><u>Shelter Diversion</u>: Helping families experiencing homelessness restore housing or find a safe place to avoid entering a shelter by offering rental assistance, landlord partnerships, and developing community partnerships.</p> <p><u>Community Initiatives</u>: FPCE works with other organizations to offer education and training to its clients.</p> <p><u>Club 297</u>: Provides a way for members of the community to financially support the work of FPCE.</p>
Other Key Information	Erika Maston is the current Chair of the Board of Trustees

Reference: <https://www.familypromisece.org/> and

https://www.unitedwayvolunteers.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=22534

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Name of the Program/Project	Greater Boston Interfaith Organization
Program Mission	We believe in making Greater Boston a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Our mission is to build POWER by developing local LEADERS so we can ACT together on issues that matter to our communities.
History/Background	The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) was founded in 1998 with faith communities coming together to create a broad-based organization working for the public good by coalescing, training, and organizing people across religious, racial, ethnic, class, and neighborhood lines.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing, healthcare access, criminal justice, racial disparities, education, neighborhood improvement, and advocacy
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, general population
Geographic Area Served	Greater Boston area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Faith organizations from the Greater Boston area
Collaborative Partners	Sixty faith communities and other partners including Jewish, Non-denominational Christian, African American Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Unitarian Universalist, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Islam, Lutheran, First Christian, Church of the Covenant, and eleven community/faith affiliated organizations.
Key Program Contact	Matt McDermott, Lead Organizer, matt.mcdermott@gbio.org 857-350-2373 1803 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124
Website Link	https://www.gbio.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	GBIO works to address key issues facing individuals in the greater Boston area including: <u>Housing Justice:</u> GBIO has launched a multi-pronged campaign that calls for safe and dignified state public housing, access to quality housing for returning citizens leaving incarceration, and more funding for affordable housing and homeownership. <u>Criminal Justice Reform:</u> GBIO has fought for strong reforms by targeting key issues designed to reduce barriers to a fair criminal justice system. <u>Education:</u> GBIO organized to get funding to improve an unsafe playground and to replace a deteriorating middle school with a state-of-the art STEM academy. <u>Healthcare:</u> GBIO has pushed for progress on health care in Massachusetts including lowering the cost of prescriptions, eliminating out-of-network surprise billing, and increasing access to affordable mental health.
Other Key Information	Jessica Adler serves as Operations Project Manager, jessica.adler@gbio.org

Reference: <https://www.gbio.org/> and

<https://www.idealists.org/en/nonprofit/8ab860d9ef4245b18c9d10c0695e0bbc-greater-boston-interfaith-organization-roxbury>

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Name of the Program/Project	Greater Cleveland Congregations
Program Mission	Our mission is to be a powerful force for change, creating justice and opportunity in Greater Cleveland by uniting our faith communities and civic partners across lines of race, class and religion. We remain steadfastly focused on those issues that keep our members awake at night.
History/Background	Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) was founded in 2011 as a non-partisan collective of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County working together to build power for social justice.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Mental health, immunizations, neighborhood revitalization, education, advocacy
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, local residents and member organizations
Geographic Area Served	Cleveland and Cuyahoga County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Group of faith communities (including Fairmont Temple and other congregations) and partner organizations in the Cleveland area
Collaborative Partners	Four faith-based and community organizations including Baptist, Jewish, Catholic, United Methodist, Nondenominational Christian, Disciples Christian, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Unitarian Universalist, Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal, Institutional Baptist, and Congregational
Key Program Contact	Keisha Krumm, Executive Director/Lead Organizer - Keisha@greaterclevelandcongregations.org , 440-799-5037 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland, OH 44127
Website Link	https://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Drawing on the success of person-to-person organizing, GCC builds the power necessary to be a catalyst for social change. <u>Advocacy and Organizing on Key Issues:</u> Through its well-honed organizing efforts, GCC brings people together for meaningful social support and connections to bring about social change with a focus on current issues of criminal justice reform, health equity, voter rights, and gun violence. <u>PowerUp Purchasing Cooperative:</u> Partnering with Cleveland Owns and Community Purchasing Alliance, this program is a member-owned cooperative that pools the economic power of the institutions and peers to negotiate better deals for facilities maintenance contacts and utilities. <u>Dollars for Doses:</u> GCC works with its partner congregations to host COVID vaccination events and also offers cash incentives for residents of the community to get vaccinated.
Other Key Information	Khalilah Worley serves as Senior Organizer

Reference: <https://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org/> and
<https://www.fairmounttemple.org/social-action/greater-cleveland-congregations-gcc/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Program Mission	Uniting people of faith, serving people in need, through a range of programs and services, including advocacy and education around equity and poverty; volunteerism and service learning; mentoring and youth development; support services for seniors; and hunger-relief.
History/Background	GMCC began in 1905 as a project of the Hennepin County Sunday School Association.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, education/training, environment, youth development, health education, advocacy
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, youth, general population
Geographic Area Served	Greater Minneapolis area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Hennepin County Sunday School Association, Minneapolis Church Federation and the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Collaborative Partners	GMCC is a multicultural, interfaith organization that works in collaboration with the communities it serves. Faith denominations include Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Disciplines of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Evangelical Covenant, United Church of Christ, Greek Orthodox, African Methodist Episcopal, and Roman Catholic. A multitude of community organizations/funders support the work of GMCC.
Key Program Contact	Adrienne Dorn, Executive Director – adorn@gmcc.org , 612-276-1543 1100 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55407
Website Link	https://gmcc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>GMCC is an entrepreneurial organization that partners with communities most impacted by challenges to co-design responses. GMCC works in the areas of food, youth and well-being.</p> <p><u>Minnesota Food Share</u>: The program raised funds and distributes them to food shelves and other partners addressing urgent issues of food security.</p> <p><u>Youth Initiatives</u>: Includes Genius Labs and Tech Teens which offers technological access, studio learning, and youth-centered design to create opportunities for middle and high school youth to foster independence, creativity, critical thinking, and self-awareness.</p> <p><u>Face the Facts</u>: Poverty simulation training is provided that focuses on education and awareness around the complexities and root causes of poverty, privilege, and social justice issues within the community.</p> <p><u>Food Distribution Initiatives</u>: Services include meals and food bags for families, pop-up food shelves in the community, and distribution of food and meals at partner faith communities.</p> <p><u>GMCC Health and Well-being Community Co-Design</u>: The program is a consultancy that supports healthcare systems, community organizations, government agencies, and users of the health care system to turn community lived experiences into organizational strategy and action.</p> <p><u>Youth Innovation Labs</u>: Provides underinvested youth with paid positions that help to bring about systems change. Youth are involved in designing more equitable and innovative products, services, policies and solutions with community organizations, government entities, and corporations.</p> <p><u>Minnesota Venture Farms</u>: This project is in response to inequities in our food system that result in furthering disparities in health, housing,</p>

	education and wealth. This project helps to build a new, equitable food ecosystem.
Other Key Information	Megan Young-Black is the Operations Director – myoung@gmcc.org

Reference: <https://gmcc.org/> and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/greater-minneapolis-council-of-churches.410693933/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Immanuel Community Services
Program Mission	To alleviate the effects of poverty, hunger, homelessness and addiction by providing community-based social services to those in need.
History/Background	The organization was started by Immanuel Lutheran Church 35 years ago to serve and partner with people in need. The program started with a shelter and meal service to those living in poverty.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, shelter/housing, and addiction services
Target Population Served	Persons who are without permanent housing, persons living in poverty, and men dealing with addiction/substance use issues.
Geographic Area Served	ICS serves people living in the Cascade neighborhood and greater Seattle area.
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA
Collaborative Partners	ICS partners with faith communities and community organizations including the United Way of King County, King County, Food Lifeline, Northwest Harvest, The Matt Talbot Center, Washington Service Corps/AmeriCorps, Solid Ground, and the Food Resource Network Federation
Key Program Contact	Shawna McMahan, Executive Director, 206-622-1930, info@icsseattle.org 1215 Thomas St., Seattle, WA 98109
Website Link	https://www.icsseattle.org
Summary of the Program/Project	Immanuel Community Services offers four major outreach programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Lunch: Once a month ICS provides a hot nutritious meal to anyone who is hungry. The free meal program serves from 100 to 200 individuals per month. ● Food Bank: This program is open once per week on Mondays and serves approximately 450 households (700 people). Any person who is hungry and needs food is welcome and there are no restrictions or requirements. ● Hygiene Center: The program operates M-F and offers adults who are experiencing homelessness a place to wash their clothes and take a shower. Other supportive services are offered including resource referrals, job application assistance, and signing up for SNAP. ● Recovery Program Shelter: This program provides a supportive, safe, clean and sober living environment for adult men who are dealing with substance or alcohol addiction. The program can accommodate up to 15 men at a time and they may stay at the shelter for up to one year. The program partners with The Matt Talbot Center who provides outpatient treatment for substance use and alcohol addiction.
Other Key Information	Erik Wilson-Weiberg serves as Board Chair General email: info@icsseattle.org Address: 1215 Thomas St., Seattle, WA 98109

Reference: <https://icsseattle.org> and <http://immanuelseattle.org>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Action of Central Texas
Program Mission	Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) exists to build healthy relationships between the faith communities of Central Texas. iACT cultivates peace and respect through interfaith dialogue, service and celebration.
History/Background	The United Urban Council of Austin, a civil rights and advocacy organization founded in 1976, helped to establish Interfaith Action of Central Texas in 1988 to develop collaborative relationships between different faith communities in Central Texas.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Education/training, home repair, advocacy, referral
Target Population Served	Refugees, disabled, seniors, youth
Geographic Area Served	Austin and the central Texas area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The United Urban Council of Austin helped to establish iACT.
Collaborative Partners	Includes 188 faith communities representing Lutheran, Episcopal, Zen, Jewish, Non-denominational Christian, Baptist, Methodist, Baha'i, Hindu, Presbyterian, Islam, Mennonite, Catholic, Christian, Buddhist, Scientology, Shir Ami, Church of Christ – Scientist, Unitarian Universalist, Sufi, Mt. Zion, Unity, African Methodist Episcopal, Wesleyan, and Greek Orthodox
Key Program Contact	Simone Talma Flowers, Executive Director – stalma@interfaithtexas.org , 512-386-9145, ext. 302 2921 E. 17 th ST., Building D, Austin, TX 78702
Website Link	https://interfaithtexas.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	iACT focuses its programs on interfaith dialogue, service and celebration. <u>Hands on Housing:</u> iACT utilizes volunteers and skilled professionals to repair the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty. The goal is to keep these homeowners safe and allow them to remain in the homes they love. <u>iACT for Refugees:</u> The program teaches English as a Second Language and cultural skills to newly-arrived refugees. The program also offers iLearn that provides English and math instruction, cultural orientation, and outdoor recreation to refugee youth each summer. <u>The Red Bench:</u> This program provides ongoing dialogue to improve interfaith understanding and civil discourse in our society. <u>Passport Program:</u> This is a 12-month program that gives participants the opportunity to travel to the houses of worship and various community celebrations of different faith traditions.
Other Key Information	Kristen McMath is the Operations Manager – kmcmath@interfaithtexas.org

Reference: <https://interfaithtexas.org/> and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/interfaith-action-of-central-texas,742509149/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Action of Evanston
Program Mission	Interfaith Action of Evanston strives to build a just community. We work with diverse faith communities and individuals seeking to address the systemic issues of poverty, unemployment, homelessness and hunger. Through interfaith dialogue, we bring people together to build relationships and encourage understanding across faith boundaries. We partner with local legislators, community leaders and our neighbors to promote a healthy and equitable society.
History/Background	Interfaith Action was started by the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council that was formed in 1970 and served as a local association of Christian Churches. In 2006, membership was expanded to all religious and spiritual communities and the name Interfaith Action of Evanston was adopted.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, shelter, employment assistance, advocacy, education
Target Population Served	Economically depressed
Geographic Area Served	Community of Evanston and surrounding areas
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The organization was started by a group of Christian Churches in the Evanston area who formed the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council.
Collaborative Partners	Includes 40 faith-based members of the Baha'i, Jewish, Zen, Methodist, AME, Episcopal, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, United Methodist, Evangelical, Lutheran, Jewish Reconstructionist, Salvation Army, Church of Christ, Baptist, Catholic, Unitarian, Unity, and non-denominational Christian faith traditions.
Key Program Contact	Susan Murpy Berube, Executive Director – 847-869-0370, ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org 1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL 60201
Website Link	https://interfaithactionofevanston.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Interfaith Action of Evanston is involved in providing services, leading advocacy efforts and promoting interfaith dialogue. <u>Hospitality Center:</u> Guests receive breakfast, a safe place to sleep and job counseling services. <u>Soup Kitchens:</u> Soup kitchens are hosted for guests in one of the Evanston area faith communities who work in partnership with the organization. <u>Weekend Warming Center:</u> The Center offers respite for anyone who needs to get out of the cold. <u>Emergency Overnight Shelter:</u> Overnight accommodations are provided to those who are without housing from October to May. <u>Produce Mobile:</u> Over 11,000 pounds of fresh produce donated by the Greater Chicago Food Depository are distributed by volunteers to residents of Cook County in need. <u>Advocacy:</u> The organization monitors city policies and proposals that may affect the well-being of individuals who are either hungry or homeless, or whose housing and food resources maybe insecure. <u>Interfaith Dialogue:</u> The organization invites all faith community members to reach beyond their faith traditions to attend worship and/or engage in conversations with someone from a different faith. Interfaith Action of Evanston hosts in-person interfaith events.
Other Key Information	Jernone Smith serves as Assistant Program Director

Reference: <https://interfaithactionofevanston.org/> and
<https://www.epl.org/community-organizations-directory/25136/interfaith-action-of-evanston/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Alliance of Colorado (IAC)
Program Mission	The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado promotes justice, religious liberty, and interfaith understanding through building relationships in order to educate, advocate, and catalyze social change.
History/Background	The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado was founded in 1998 by a group of faith leaders from multiple backgrounds dealing with frustrations that their diverse faith voices were not being represented in the public sphere. The group was focused on showing how faith should be a force for good in public life and they began to bring people together to engage in advocacy, build stronger relationships, and celebrate multiple faith traditions.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, organizing, poverty, housing/shelter, health care, and civic engagement
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, marginalized populations, and the general population
Geographic Area Served	State of Colorado
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Group of diverse faith leaders from across Colorado.
Collaborative Partners	There are thirty-nine faith communities that are part of the Interfaith Alliance representing diverse denominations including United Church of Christ, First Congregational Church, Non-denominational Christian, United Methodist, Lutheran, Congregational UCC, Christian Fellowship, Baptist, Unitarian, Episcopal, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, Buddhist, Sikh, and Hindu.
Key Program Contact	Shara Smith, Executive Director – info@interfaithallianceco.org , 303-733-4089, 1373 N. Grant St., Denver, CO 80203
Website Link	https://interfaithallianceco.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Interfaith Alliance of Colorado works for justice, religious liberty, and interfaith understanding by engaging in deep partnership with communities of faith, advocacy organizations, and government entities. <u>Legislation and Advocacy:</u> IAC works to promote an equitable, just Colorado for all communities, including those who are most marginalized. Strategies and tactics used include policy and research, legislative advocacy, coalition building, public education and building relationships. <u>Housing Equity Campaign:</u> This project promotes the development of affordable housing on faith-owned land, supports innovative solutions to homelessness, and advocates for policies that advance equality of opportunity in housing. <u>Reproductive Justice:</u> IAC works to advocate for bodily autonomy by partnering on legislation and rallying faith leaders to oppose bills and ballot measures seeking to limit reproductive rights. <u>Progressive Community Network:</u> This project brings together a network of communities of faith and meaning who are seeking a more just and equitable Colorado.
Other Key Information	Melissa Charnes is the V.P., Policy, Programs, and Partnerships

Reference: <https://interfaithallianceco.org/> and <https://www.idealists.org/en/nonprofit/8dbaf487205a41a49af825c9d011a61d-the-interfaith-alliance-of-colorado-denver>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM)
Program Mission	To assist members of our community experiencing crisis with basic needs, in an atmosphere of compassion and respect.
History/Background	IAM was established in 1984 by local churches, the Hendersonville Ministerial Association, and the synagogue to coordinate crisis services in their behalf. Interfaith is now supported by local congregations, businesses, civic groups, individuals and grants.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, financial assistance, housing assistance, clothing/household items, and transportation, resource referrals
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Henderson County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Henderson Ministerial Association, a local synagogue and local churches in Hendersonville
Collaborative Partners	Seventy-seven faith communities including Jewish, Anglican, International Church, Assembly of God, Baha'is, Baptist, United Methodist, Bethel Wesleyan, Nondenominational Christian, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Church of Christ Scientist, First Congregational, Seventh Day Adventist, Lutheran, Catholic, Namaste Center, Assemblies of God, Church of Christ, and Unitarian Universalist in addition to community/corporate partners and foundations
Key Program Contact	Matt Hutcherson, Executive Director – interfaith@iam-hc.org , 828-697-7029 310 Freeman St., Hendersonville, NC 28792
Website Link	https://www.iam-hc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	IAM is the largest provider of crisis services in Henderson County and includes the following: <u>Mobile Pantry:</u> IAM provides free nutritious for up to a week to families and individuals in need. Both traditional and Latino food items are provided. <u>Crisis Services:</u> IAM offers financial assistance with rent, utility bills and prescriptions and provides referrals to other community resources. <u>Basic Needs:</u> IAM provides clothing, personal hygiene items, diapers, household linens school supplies, and pet food to those in need. <u>Transportation:</u> IAM offers bus tickets and gasoline vouchers to those needing transportation assistance.
Other Key Information	Keri Davis is the Chief Operations Officer

Reference: <https://www.iam-hc.org/> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/interfaith-assistance-ministry-%28iam%29--hendersonville-nc--crisis-assistance/5703094823813120?postal=28739>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Community Services
Program Mission	To provide pathways leading to more stable and self-sufficient lives.
History/Background	<p>In 1985, Interfaith Community Services was formed when six northwest Tucson congregations came together as Northwest Interfaith Center with the idea that volunteers and congregations of diverse faiths should work together and share resources in better responding to community needs. The organization changed its name to Interfaith Community Services in 2005.</p> <p>In addition to leveraging local resources for funds, in-kind support and volunteers, this effort would also help build bridges and understanding within diverse faith communities. Today, ICS is comprised of a network of 120 faith communities, businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and hundreds of individuals who volunteer.</p>
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Training and job development, food assistance, transportation, advance care planning, senior care giving, health education and economic insecurity.
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, vulnerable persons living in the community and seniors.
Geographic Area Served	The greater Tucson area and surrounding communities (e.g. Marana and Oro Valley).
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Six faith institutions in northwest Tucson that included Capilla del Sol Christian Church, Casas Adobes Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cortaro Vista Community Church, and Third Church of Christ. Rev. Barbara Smith-Anderson was the original founder.
Collaborative Partners	120 faith-based organizations (multidenominational), 15 community organizations and 14 corporate partners.
Key Program Contact	Tom McKinney, CEO, tmckinney@icstucson.org or (520) 526-9299

	Address: 122 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ 85711
Website Link	https://www.icstucson.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	ICS offers a variety of programs and services to assist the underserved and economically challenged. These programs include: <u>Emergency Assistance:</u> Includes emergency financial assistance, food banks, and TPCH coordinated entry assessment. <u>Life Advancement Programs:</u> Including employment assistance, financial management and job training, and tax preparation assistance. <u>Senior Services:</u> Includes transportation, ICS Help at Home, and food services.
Other Key Information	Lauryn Valladarez is the Senior Program Director

Reference: <https://www.icstucson.org> and

<https://www.zippia.com/interfaith-community-services-careers-673065/history/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Community Services of South Carolina
Program Mission	Our mission is to convene, educate, and coordinate faith and other community partners to build strong families and strong communities.
History/Background	The organization began back in 1967 when churches in downtown Columbia began meeting to establish an ecumenical Columbia Urban Service Center. The Center was officially launched in July 1969. In 1975, the services provided by the organization were expanded and the name changed to Community Care. In 1986, the name was changed again to Interfaith Community Services of SC to reflect the expanded focus of the organization's services statewide.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, education/training, literacy
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children, day care providers
Geographic Area Served	Twenty-three counties across South Carolina
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Columbia, SC churches including First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal, St. Peter's Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, Washington Street United Methodist Church, and Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Collaborative Partners	Faith communities across South Carolina including Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic, Baptist, United Methodist, Lutheran, and Non-denominational Christian. Other partners include the South Carolina United Methodist Conference, South Carolina Department of Social Services, The Literacy Initiative and Together SC.
Key Program Contact	Lynn Semino, Program Director – info@interfaithcommunityservices.org , 803-252-8390 3200 Lyles St., Columbia, SC 29201
Website Link	http://www.interfaithcommunityservices.org/index.html
Summary of the Program/Project	Interfaith Community Services of SC focuses their programs on serving children and their families through two key initiatives: <u>Child and Adult Care Food Program:</u> The program seeks to improve the nutrition and learning of pre-school children across SC. The program works on child nutrition and school readiness by supporting the work of family child care with training, technical assistance, program monitoring, fire and safety inspections, and a reimbursement program to reward child care providers for serving nutritious meals to children. <u>Child Literacy Initiative:</u> ICS of SC works continuously on book drives and other efforts to acquire new and gently used books, which are distributed to children, providers and parents to support reading and early listening.
Other Key Information	Beth Barry is the Chair of the Board

Reference: <http://www.interfaithcommunityservices.org/index.html> and <https://www.umcsc.org/outreach/advance-special-ministries/interfaith-community-services/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Council on Poverty
Program Mission	Interfaith Council on Poverty reaches out to the needy in our community. Members from area churches and the community strive to be a sign of the unity and compassion of Christ. By working together we are able to share information, coordinate services, and make sure that we give food to the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the afflicted whenever possible.
History/Background	Started by the work of Sister Margaret Quinn who assisted families in need by working with local churches in the Hernando area. In 1982, the pastors from area churches came together to form the Interfaith Council on Poverty. Through the years, the Council established a year-round food pantry and several annual projects.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity and basic needs
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children, seniors
Geographic Area Served	Cities of Hernando, Nesbit, and the surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Sister Margaret Quinn from Catholic Social Services working together with local pastors from area churches.
Collaborative Partners	Christ Covenant Church, Dean Hill M B Church, First Baptist Church of Nesbit, First Presbyterian Church, Haliburton M B Church, Hernando Baptist Church, Hernando United Methodist, The Hill-Hernando, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Longview Point Baptist, Love United Methodist Church, Nesbit Presbyterian Church, New Discovery Christian Church, Parkway Baptist Church, Mississippi Food Network, and Mid-South Food Bank
Key Program Contact	Roxanne McIngvale, Food Pantry Operations – roxannebmc@yahoo.com , 901-647-6655 1455 McIngvale Rd., Hernando, MS 38632
Website Link	https://www.interfaithcouncilonpoverty.com/index.php
Summary of the Program/Project	The primary program of the Council is the food pantry but other programs are operated during the year. <u>Interfaith Food Pantry:</u> The program operates year round and is coordinated through the Hernando Catholic Social Services Office. <u>Dress-a-Child:</u> The program provides new clothes, underwear, shoes, socks, backpacks and school supplies for K – 5 th grade children. <u>Thanksgiving Baskets:</u> Participating church volunteers prepare and deliver food baskets to needy senior citizens in the area. <u>Family Christmas Outreach:</u> Each member church provides gifts and household items for a specific number of low-income families. Food is provided through the food pantry.
Other Key Information	Catholic Social Services assists with client intake – 662-429-5789

Reference: <https://www.interfaithcouncilonpoverty.com/index.php> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/provider/hernando-nesbit-interfaith-council-on-poverty--hernando-ms/5177408047546368?postal=38632>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Emergency Services
Program Mission	Interfaith Emergency Services is a community of faith called by God to offer emergency assistance without judgement to all persons in Marion County.
History/Background	IES was founded in 1983 when the religious pastoral community in Marion County saw a need to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in crisis.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, shelter, case management/referral, medical care, clothing, transportation assistance to medical appts.
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors, veterans, disabled
Geographic Area Served	Marion County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Members of the religious pastoral community located in Marion County
Collaborative Partners	Area faith based organizations/clergy, synagogues, social service organizations, businesses and other community leaders. Some of the supporting churches include First Presbyterian Church, Good News Church of Ocala, Ocala West United Methodist Church, Christ the King Anglican Church, Meadow Brook Church, and Ocala Palms Worship Community
Key Program Contact	Karla Greenway, Chief Executive Officer – 352-629-8868 435 NW 2 nd St., Ocala, FL 34475
Website Link	https://iesmarion.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Interfaith serves individuals, families, veterans, seniors, the disabled, and homeless in the community by providing basic needs.</p> <p><u>The Center for Life:</u> This program exists to meet the urgent healthcare needs of those without insurance or enough income to afford professional care. Services include free medical, dental and mental health services and assistance in applying for health care benefits.</p> <p><u>Shelter Program:</u> This program assists those experiencing homelessness by providing a safe haven and transitional services for families, single women and children. Case management is a key part of the shelter program.</p> <p><u>Food4Kids:</u> The program provides food in backpacks to help fight hunger for elementary age children on the weekends. The program partners with over 40 schools in Marion County.</p> <p><u>Emergency Services:</u> Volunteers offer case management services and linkages to community resources. Food and hygiene items are provided to individuals and families with special consideration to senior citizens, veterans and people with disabilities. Clothing is also provided to those in need and gas vouchers to assist with transportation to medical appointments.</p>
Other Key Information	Sonya Tyler is the Director of Operations and Development

Reference: <https://iesmarion.org/> and
<https://www.ocalaafoundation.org/community-foundation-funds/interfaith/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges
Program Mission	The Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges (IFPO) is an all-volunteer, supplemental food pantry helping to meet essential human needs of food-insecure residents of Orange, West Orange and East Orange, NJ with dignity and respect.
History/Background	IFPO has been serving the Orange and East Orange communities for more than 25 years.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, referral, and education
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, persons with diabetes
Geographic Area Served	Cities of Orange, East Orange and West Orange
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Community volunteers and religious congregations in the Orange and East Orange area.
Collaborative Partners	Partnering congregations include Christ Church in Short Hills, Congregation Beth El, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel. Other community partners include the Community Food Bank of NJ and Summit Health Cares.
Key Program Contact	Karyn Boosin, Executive Director – IFPOranges@gmail.com , 973-856-4000 357 S. Jefferson St., Orange, NJ 07050
Website Link	https://www.orangesfoodpantry.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	IFPO provides supplemental and emergency food, fresh produce and toiletry items to individuals and families in need. <u>Food Pantry:</u> Supplemental and emergency food and fresh produce are distributed on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00. <u>Basic Needs:</u> IFPO provides menstrual care products, diapers and toiletries to those in need. <u>Diabetes Program:</u> IFPO partners with Summit Health Cares and the Community Food Bank of NJ to offer those with diabetes diet appropriate food, additional produce, and monthly nutrition education. Participants learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices, how to shop and prepare healthier foods, food portion control, and the importance of exercise in managing their health.
Other Key Information	Jodi Holtz is President of the Board and the programs is run by volunteers.

Reference: <https://www.orangesfoodpantry.org/> and

<https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/455497470/202001969349303160/full>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Health & Support Services of Ocean County
Program Mission	We are a coalition of different faith communities, social service, and health care organizations that provides volunteer physical, emotional, and spiritual support to those living at home who are vulnerable because of age or disability. Our dedicated volunteers seek to put God's love into action by promoting wellness and independence and alleviating loneliness and suffering for the vulnerable members of our community in Southern Ocean County. All services are provided free of charge.
History/Background	In 1996, a group of concerned citizens from Southern Orange County Hospital and St. Francis Community Center along with representatives of seven area congregations met to discuss the needs of the frail elderly and homebound located in southern Orange County. Area congregations, the local hospital and the local office on aging would comprise the Coalition. With that in place, Interfaith Health and Support Services was formed and incorporated in January 1997 as a nonprofit organization.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Transportation, shopping, socialization, and caregiver support
Target Population Served	Elderly, disabled, family caregivers
Geographic Area Served	Southern Ocean County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Nine local congregations, Southern Ocean County Hospital and St. Francis Community Center
Collaborative Partners	Twenty local faith communities including United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, Baptist, Ocean Community Church, Congregational, Catholic, Jewish Community Center, Ocean County Office of Senior Services, OceanFirst, and HMH Southern Ocean Medical Center
Key Program Contact	Amy Raimondi, Director – Amy.Raimondi@HMHN.org , 609-978-3839 56 Nautilus Dr., Manahawkin, NJ 08050
Website Link	https://interfaithsoc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	IHSS offers a group of volunteer based programs to assist the elderly and those who are disabled. <u>Medical Transportation:</u> Assistance providing going to doctor visits, shopping, or more. <u>Alzheimer's Respite Program:</u> Volunteers assist family members caring for an adult with Alzheimer's disease so they have time to care for themselves. <u>Shopping:</u> Volunteers assist clients who have limited mobility or are homebound with shopping. <u>Visiting:</u> From haircuts to crafts or visits by animals, the volunteers help clients break the cycle of loneliness and bring them some joy.
Other Key Information	Nancy Chicarello and Susan Tolomeo are the assistant directors.

Reference: <https://interfaithsoc.org/> and
https://www.findhelp.org/provider/interfaith-health-%2526-support-services-of-southern-ocean-county-manahawkin-nj/5193859545432064?postal=08753&ref=ab_redirect

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Human Services (IHS)
Program Mission	At Interfaith Human Services, we provide families and individuals with resources and guidance on their finances to work toward monthly management instead of crisis control.
History/Background	IHS began in 1968 when four congregations in State College, Pennsylvania joined together to more effectively help people in the community in need.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Financial assistance, basic needs, education, and case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Centre County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Four local congregations in the State College area.
Collaborative Partners	Twenty-seven faith communities partner with IHS and include the denominations of Methodist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, United Church of Christ, Lutheran, Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist, Baptist, Mennonite, Catholic, and Presbyterian.
Key Program Contact	Elli Bragg, Office Administrator - info@interfaithhumanservices.org , 814-234-7731 251 Easterly Parkway, Suite 200, State College, PA 16801
Website Link	https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	IHS programs are focused on helping neighbors gain financial stability. <u>Centre County Fuel Bank:</u> This program provides free heating oil, wood, coal, and propane to low-income residents during the winter months. <u>Emergency Vehicle Repair:</u> This program is designed to assist low-income people in need of assistance to repair their vehicle required for work. <u>Furniture and Appliance Recycling:</u> The program offers furniture and major appliances to low-income families in need of these items. <u>Financial Care Program:</u> This program helps families achieve and maintain financial stability through education on money management and assistance in paying bills on time.
Other Key Information	BJ Weaver is the Senior Case Manager

Reference: <https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/provider/interfaith-human-services--state-college-pa/5470592144769024?postal=16827>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IMGH)
Program Mission	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IM) brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs.
History/Background	In 1955, the Council of Churches launched IMGH's predecessor organization, the Church Welfare Bureau, to organize the Protestant community to minister to those in need. In 1964, the Bureau was reorganized as Protestant Charities of Houston, a group that now included the Jewish community. The restructured organization was officially chartered as the Houston Metropolitan Ministries in 1969 and was renamed Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston in 1992. The new name reflected the support from increasingly diverse faith traditions.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, housing/shelter, education, advocacy, and community organizing
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, refugees, and the general population
Geographic Area Served	Harris, Galveston, and surrounding counties.
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Houston Council of Churches
Collaborative Partners	Multiple faith communities support the work of IMGH representing different religious denominations including Presbyterian, Non-denominational Christian, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish, Baptist, Islam, Episcopal, Buddhist, and Hindu. Other key partners include Points of Light, United Way of Greater Houston, Meals on Wheels America, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Area Agency on Aging for Harris County.
Key Program Contact	Sheroo Mukhtiar, President and CEO – smukhtiar@imgh.org , 713-533-4901 3303 Main St., Houston, TX 77002
Website Link	https://www.imgh.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>IMGH celebrates the strength of its shared belief through four areas of service:</p> <p><u>Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston and Galveston County/Animeals:</u> This program delivers over 1.7M meals each year to seniors and disabled and provides free pet food and other services to those with dogs/cats.</p> <p><u>Refugee Services:</u> IMGH helps to resettle thousands of refugees in Houston each year and helps them successfully acculturate to U.S. life.</p> <p><u>Interfaith Relations and Community Partnerships:</u> Engages faith communities, businesses, organizations and non-profits in dialogue, collaboration, and service.</p> <p><u>Vic Samuels Center for Volunteerism and Civic Service:</u> A resource for Houstonians (adults and college students) seeking ways to engage in interactive volunteer opportunities and service learning experiences.</p>
Other Key Information	Ali Al Sudani is Chief Program Officer – asudani@imgh.org

Reference: <https://www.imgh.org/> & <https://www.justserve.org/interfaithministriesofgreaterhouston>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith of the Woodlands (IOW)
Program Mission	Building a more loving and caring community through service.
History/Background	Interfaith of the Woodlands was founded by George P. Mitchell back in 1973 to help those in need and to help build community. The organization was intended to be an interfaith partnership and that is why he named it Interfaith of the Woodlands.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, financial assistance, basic needs, shelter, education, health and wellness, counseling, referral and case management.
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, children, and seniors
Geographic Area Served	The Woodlands including the communities of Spring, Creekside Park, and Sterling Ridge
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	George P. Mitchell founded the organization.
Collaborative Partners	Sixty faith communities collaborate with IOW representing denominations including Seventh Day Adventist, Baha'i, Non-denominational Christian, Church of Christ, Methodist, Baptist, Jewish, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Anglican, Islam, Unitarian Universalist, Catholic, Church of God, Episcopal, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
Key Program Contact	Missy Herndon, President and CEO – info@woodlandsinterfaith.org , 281-367-1230 4242 Interfaith Way, The Woodlands, TX 77381
Website Link	https://woodlandsinterfaith.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	All of the programs are developed based on community need and the staff is dedicated to serving their neighbors in need. <u>Family Services:</u> The program exists to evaluate the needs and provide assistance to children, families, individuals and seniors including financial assistance with bills, clothing, school supplies, food, emergency shelter, and classes. <u>Food Pantry:</u> The program is available to individuals and families dealing with food insecurity. There is a pantry, food delivery, and community gardens. <u>Hand Me Up Shop:</u> Provides clothing, household items, and furniture at reduced prices. <u>Interfaith Senior Services:</u> This program provides care and wellness programs to those 62+. Services include geriatric assessments, transportation, grocery delivery, home maintenance, and referral services. <u>Information and Referral:</u> This program provides a vital resource to the community by providing helpful information regarding area resources, voting information, support groups, and a complimentary medical equipment loan program.
Other Key Information	Sarah Mundy is the Director, Programs and Services

Reference: <https://woodlandsinterfaith.org/> and <https://www.justserve.org/interfaithofthewoodlands>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA)
Program Mission	It is our hope that our programs empower the communities that are affected by the immense poverty that our city, and the surrounding areas, face. We provide programs that give education, guidance and support, to identify ways out or ways up. We work with individuals and families to assess their needs, assist them as we can, and connect them with the many resources in our community that can empower them to improve their situation.
History/Background	In the Spring of 1966, ministries from four churches (Church of the Covenant, Covenant Presbyterian, Jackson Street United Methodist and St. Paul's Episcopal) came together to discuss problems within the city. A recreational summer and tutoring program for children in the inner city was started and called "Kum-Ba-Yah." By 1982, the program had grown with 29 sponsoring organizations and changed its name to Interfaith Outreach Association to better identify its "interfaith" mission.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Financial assistance, basic needs, housing, home repair, education, and case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors, disabled, and vision impaired
Geographic Area Served	Lynchburg, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell Counties
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Four ministers including Bev Cosby, Doug Oldenburg, James Pannell, and Alex Robertson came together and started the program.
Collaborative Partners	Eighty-four faith communities currently partner with IOA and represent the faith traditions including Jewish, Baptist, Episcopal, Baha'i, Non-denominational Christian, Methodist, Lutheran, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, First Christian, Unitarian, Evangelical, Catholic, Foursquare, and Quaker.
Key Program Contact	Shawne Farmer, Executive Director – ioa@ntelos.net , 434-846-6098 701 Clay St., Lynchburg, VA 24504
Website Link	https://www.interfaithoutreach.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	IOA works to relieve distress and improve the quality of life of its neighbors in need by providing programs that offer education, guidance, and support. <u>Emergency Assistance Program:</u> IOA offers financial assistance for rent and utilities and provide toiletries and cleaning supplies. <u>Furniture and Furnishings Program:</u> IOA provides beds, sofas, kitchen tables, and chairs to families in need. <u>Homeless Prevention Program:</u> IOA works with families to provide rent assistance and intensive case management to assist them in moving towards stability and financial independence. <u>Interfaith Rebuilds:</u> This program provides simple home repairs for financially needy homeowners with a focus on the elderly and disabled. <u>Progressive Release Program:</u> This program serves those coming out of the jail system to offer life skills, anger management, employment, parenting and personal finance training. <u>Vision Information and Programs:</u> The program services those with visual impairment offering transportation to appointments/shopping and a social engagement program doing basket weaving together.
Other Key Information	Harry Sowers is the Director of Interfaith Rebuilds

Reference: <https://www.interfaithoutreach.org/> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/provider/interfaith-outreach-association--lynchburg-va/5756532247494656?postal=24523>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Sanctuary
Program Mission	Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter is home for a warm meal and a safe place to lay your head for all genders, races, religions, and sexual orientation. We are a sanctuary for families with children allowing them to find shelter together. We are a shelter full of hopes and dreams offering second chances and supportive services every day.
History/Background	Interfaith Sanctuary was formed in 2005 in response to a humanitarian crisis impacting low-income persons in the City of Boise when residents were forced to move from an emergency shelter and transitional housing complex.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing/shelter, food insecurity, training, childcare, medical care, mental health/substance use, case management, employment assistance/placement
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	City of Boise and surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Congregation Ahaveth Beth Israel, St. Mark's Catholic Church, First Congregational Church, Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, and a retired Presbyterian pastor
Collaborative Partners	Boise Bah'i Temple, Boise First Congregational United Church of Christ, Boise First Presbyterian Church, Boise First United Methodist Church/Cathedral of the Rockies, Boise Friends, Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel, Hari Krishna Temple and the Gupta Family, Hillview United Methodist Church, Humanists of Idaho, St. John's Cathedral, St. Paul's Baptist Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, Islamic Center of Boise, Liberating Spirit Metropolitan Community Church, Carnegie Library, Boise State University Department of Social Work, Catholic Charities of Idaho, Idaho Food Bank, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, The LGBTQ Community Center
Key Program Contact	Jodi Peterson-Stigers, Chief Executive Officer – jodi@interfaithsanctuary.org , 208-345-5815 P.O. Box 9334, Boise, ID 83707
Website Link	https://interfaithsanctuary.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Interfaith Sanctuary provides second chances for individuals through its various programs: <u>Family Daytime Program and Preschool:</u> Offering family case management, medical and mental health support, special kids' activities, preschool and group/one on one support. <u>Project Recovery:</u> In a partnership with Recovery 4 Life, provides shelter guests access to services and treatment that allows them to stay on the road to recovery. <u>Project Well Being:</u> Mental health support, art therapy, fitness, meditation, counseling, med management, and home to those experiencing homelessness. <u>Interfaith Sanctuary City of Boise Work Program:</u> Employs persons in jobs with the City of Boise.

	<p><u>The Doug Richards Cooking School</u>: A food service training program to assist individuals in getting jobs in the food industry.</p> <p><u>The Kitchen Food Trailer</u>: Serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to the homeless community.</p> <p><u>Community Volunteer Program</u>: Provides volunteer opportunities who are essential in providing a safe and supportive space for guests.</p>
Other Key Information	Nathan Smith – nathan@interfaithsanctuary.org

Reference: <https://interfaithsanctuary.org/> and

<https://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/news/2022-12-21/homeless-shelter-night>

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
Program Mission	<p>Drawing from religious, business, civic and individual resources, the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers work to meet two mutually entwined and equally important purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to respond to the ever-growing needs of older and physically challenged adults living in our communities who struggle daily to maintain their independence at home, ● while providing meaningful opportunities for volunteers of all ages and abilities to enrich their lives and live out their faith by helping others.
History/Background	In 1990, a group of religious leaders from southeastern Michigan began looking at the need for a faith-based program that could reach out to a rapidly growing population of older and disabled adults who were struggling to maintain their safety, independence and dignity by remaining in their own homes. Catholic Services of Macomb offered to be the initial host of one of these budding programs and in July of 1992 the program began.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Transportation, home repairs and housekeeping, social visits, support for caregivers, resource referral
Target Population Served	Elderly, disabled and caregivers of these individuals.
Geographic Area Served	Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair Counties
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	A group of religious leaders from southeastern Michigan with Catholic Services of Macomb hosting the first program.
Collaborative Partners	Forty-six churches and faith-based organizations including Lutheran, Methodist, Church of God, United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian, Christian Community Churches, Assembly of God, Fellowship, Catholic, and non-denominational Christian churches.
Key Program Contact	Karyn Curro, Executive Director – 586-757-5551 25650 Kelly Rd., Roseville, MI 48066
Website Link	https://www.ivcinfo.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Services are provided at no charge to the elderly and disabled including:</p> <p><u>Transportation:</u> The organization offers transportation for appointments, errands and social activities by volunteers.</p> <p><u>Errands/Shopping:</u> The organization offers pick-up and delivery of items for persons unable to travel.</p> <p><u>Minor Home Repairs:</u> Various minor repairs are available and provided by volunteers.</p> <p><u>Housekeeping/Gardening:</u> The organization offers small routine chores, larger group projects and routine light housekeeping for clients.</p> <p><u>Respite Care:</u> The organization offers ongoing or occasional relief breaks for full-time family caregivers.</p> <p><u>Friendly Visits:</u> One-to-one matches are provided with a volunteer for ongoing in-home visits and/or social outings for those who are lonely or isolated.</p> <p><u>Grooming Services:</u> Haircuts, coloring, permanents, etc. are offered to those who cannot leave their homes for such services.</p> <p><u>Resources:</u> A list of updated community resources is available on the organization's website.</p>
Other Key Information	Cathy Lawson serves as Board President

Reference: <https://www.ivcinfo.org/> and

https://aaa1b.org/caregiver_services/interfaith-volunteer-caregivers/

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Name of the Program/Project	Interfaith Wellness Ministry, Inc.
Program Mission	Interfaith Wellness Ministry assists local churches and the community to integrate faith and health by promoting wellness of body, mind, and spirit.
History/Background	The organization was founded as a non-profit in 1997 dedicated to helping Estill County become a healthier community. The organization works with the local food bank, public school system, health department and hospital, several local churches, and many members of the community to help those in need.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Health counseling, education, screenings, basic needs
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged and general community
Geographic Area Served	Estill County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The organization was started by Sr. Loretta Spotila of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine religious community.
Collaborative Partners	Partnering churches include Ravenna Christian Church, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Beech Grove Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church, Crooked Creek Christian Church, Wisemantown United Methodist Church, and Irvine First Church of the Nazarene.
Key Program Contact	Sr. Loretta Spotila is the Founder and Board President -- 606-723-8505 P.O. Box 582, Irvine, KY 40336
Website Link	https://www.interfaithwellness.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Interfaith Wellness Ministry provides education and resources to encourage and improve the health and wellness of the community. <u>Wellness Center:</u> Offers individual health counseling by phone or appointment and helps to link people to available community services. <u>Health Talks:</u> Monthly presentations are offered on various wellness topics and free health screenings. Services are provided at the Center and outreach sites. <u>Body Fitness Exercise:</u> A twice weekly program over 10-15 weeks offering gentle exercise for strength and flexibility. <u>Housing Authority Partnership:</u> The Center works with the Housing Authority of Irvine to provide families with information and resources to live a healthier life. In addition to educational resources, personal hygiene items, school supplies, and first-aid supplies are provided to the families.
Other Key Information	Donna M. Crow is the Executive Director

Reference: <https://www.interfaithwellness.org/> and
<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/interfaith-wellness-ministry.311557009/>

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Name of the Program/Project	InterFaith Works
Program Mission	InterFaith Works affirms the dignity of each person and every faith tradition, builds racial and religious equity, and creates bridges of understanding among us.
History/Background	InterFaith Works was founded in 1976 to build bridges of understanding among people of different religions and across racial divides. The agency was ahead of the curve on creating interreligious understanding, working first among Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, and then expanding to include Muslims, Sikh, Buddhist, Mormon, Baha'is, and other faith groups. Over the years, the agency added social service programs to address the needs of people who are vulnerable, low-income, targets of oppression, and refugees.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Basic needs, financial assistance, education, advocacy, services for seniors, food insecurity, community resources and referral, health information, case management, mental health services
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors, refugees
Geographic Area Served	Central New York
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faith communities in Central New York coming together to build interreligious understanding.
Collaborative Partners	Includes 131 faith communities with the Roundtable of Faith Leaders including Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist Episcopal, Jewish, Moorish, Church of God in Christ, Muslim, Masjid Isa Ibn Maryam, Zen, Unity, Episcopal, Non-denominational, Interdenominational, Unitarian Universalist, American Baptist, Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, First Church of Christ, Covenant Fellowship, Destiny African Nation Church, Sikh, Evangelical Lutheran, Hindu, and Rangrig Yeshe
Key Program Contact	Chris Foley, President/CEO – cfoley@ifwcnyc.org , 315-449-3552 1010 James St., Syracuse, NY 13203
Website Link	https://www.interfaithworkscny.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	InterFaith Works offers key programs bringing together diverse faith communities to help those in need. <u>Center for New Americans</u> : The program resettles refugees from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, as well as those asylees from many other countries. The Center provides English classes, employment preparation and immigration, medical case management, mental health services, cultural orientation, referrals and community navigation services. <u>Ahmad and Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue and Action (CDA)</u> : The Center serves as a regional hub for constructive community engagement using a racial equity lens in conjunction with a dialogue to action model. The Center brings together disparate groups of people to foster mutual understanding and trust.

	<p><u>Senior Services Programs:</u> These programs promote activity, socialization and lifelong learning, helping older adults to live well and age with dignity. Services include the senior companion program, one-to-one program, aging services for new Americans, neighborhood advisor, digital inclusion for older adults, and a partnership with the Vista program.</p> <p><u>Community Campaign for Love:</u> The program includes three steps starting with identifying the most pressing needs in the community through the lens of racial equity and social justice. Next, objectives are developed that will have the greatest opportunity to build relationships and make the most positive impact. Finally, the right people, partners, talent and resources are activated that are needed to get long-term solutions by working in the community.</p> <p><u>Coronavirus Resource Center:</u> A website was developed as a resource to help advance the understanding of the virus, inform the general public and stakeholders so they can improve the care of themselves and their families and help to save lives.</p>
Other Key Information	<p>Olive Sephuma is the Vice President/COO – osephuma@ifwcny.org Beth Broadway is the President Emerita</p>

Reference: <https://www.interfaithworkscny.org/> and
<https://www.211cny.com/helpmegrow/detail.php?&s=1&id=11406707>

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Name of the Program/Project	Islamic Center of Orlando
Program Mission	Islamic Center of Orlando strives to practice and present Islam in the United States of America by providing religious, educational, and social activities for Muslims and non-Muslims. Our objective is to develop and promote a socially responsible Muslim-American identity that contributes positively to the community.
History/Background	The Islamic Center of Orlando was incorporated in the State of Florida in 1988. The organization was created to serve the religious and social needs of the Islam community and to provide social, financial, religious, and educational services to the public community.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Mental health, education, advocacy, financial assistance
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, Muslims, and the general community
Geographic Area Served	Orlando and Winter Garden
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The Islamic faith community started the Islamic Center of Orlando.
Collaborative Partners	The Islamic Center of Orlando works with other community and faith-based organizations in the Orlando area to help serve those in need.
Key Program Contact	Imam Tariq Rasheed directs the Center – imamtariq@gmail.com , 407-238-2700 11543 Ruby Lake Rd., Orlando, FL 32836
Website Link	https://www.icorlando.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	The Islamic Center of Orlando provides high quality social services, including family counseling, social events, educational gatherings, and financial aid. The social services are geared towards maintaining and nourishing the well-being of the Muslim community. <u>Family Counseling:</u> Provided for issues related to family crisis, teen and parenting issues, and spousal/domestic conflicts. <u>Educational Programs:</u> Offered to educate the community on relevant issues such as raising awareness on civil rights as American Muslims. <u>Zakat Program:</u> Financial aid is an Islamic obligation ordained to establish social welfare and strengthen the sense of brotherhood and sisterhood among the Muslim community. The program caters to members of the Muslim community who are in need of financial help and support.
Other Key Information	There is a satellite facility opened in Winter Garden – 3554 West Orange Country Club Dr.

Reference: <https://www.icorlando.org/> and http://www.nicholsonstudentmedia.com/life/islamic-community-anticipates-the-grand-opening-of-orlando-s-largest-mosque/article_8759b92c-a379-11ed-9ae3-1b92fd33e5a4.html

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Name of the Program/Project	Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light
Program Mission	Through education, advocacy and action, Kentucky IPL mobilizes a religious response to climate change and the social injustices it creates
History/Background	Kentucky IPL was started in 2007 to mobilize a religious response to climate change. The organization works towards this purpose by providing both educational and hands-on programs to Kentucky's faith communities that raise awareness of the ways in which our current energy system and consumption economy impact the health of the planet and its people.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Environmental protection/justice, sustainability, education, advocacy
Target Population Served	General population
Geographic Area Served	Louisville and statewide
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The national organization was started with the support of Grace Cathedral as a unique coalition of Episcopal churches. Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham was the founder and has worked to bring widespread attention to the link between religious faith and the environment.
Collaborative Partners	Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Highland Baptist Church, Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Love Demands Union Church, All Peoples, Beargrass Christian Church, Baha'i of Louisville, St. William Catholic Community, Drepung Gomang (Center for Engaging Compassion), Clifton Universalist Unitarian Church, St. Paul Church Christian Action Group, Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, Walnut Hill Church, Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, and Bellarmine University
Key Program Contact	Rev. Elisa Owen, Executive Director – 502-724-0150, info@kentuckyipl.org 1415 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40204
Website Link	https://www.kentuckyipl.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Kentucky IPL offers multiple programs to help congregations make the connection between spirituality and sustainability.</p> <p><u>25 Steps:</u> These educational materials are available to congregations and are useful for personal reference on how to be environmentally aware.</p> <p><u>Cool Congregations:</u> This unique stewardship program helps congregations reduce the carbon footprint of their facilities and helps to engage their members in reducing their carbon footprint at home.</p> <p><u>Energy Audits and Consulting:</u> Kentucky IPL has over a decade of experience helping communities of faith design and implement creation care initiatives.</p> <p><u>Going Green Outreach:</u> This program aims to help organizations find a personalized approach to reducing their energy impact.</p> <p><u>Green Certifications:</u> This program helps faith organizations demonstrate a commitment in the care of the environment through action. Certifications include Care for Our Common Home, Green Chalice Program, Earth Care Congregations, Green Sanctuary Program, and Creation Justice Churches.</p> <p><u>Solar Programs:</u> Kentucky IPL is consulting with dozens of congregations about the possibility of adding solar to their houses of worship and has been directly involved in solar installations for seven faith communities.</p>

	<p><u>Speakers Bureau:</u> Kentucky IPL has a network of creation care leaders to offer workshops and presentations for congregations and church staff.</p> <p><u>Advocacy and Lobbying:</u> Kentucky IPL participates thoughtfully in public policy debates around the environment and sustainability. By passing good legislation in the General Assembly, it opens the door to sustainable energy opportunities in Kentucky.</p>
Other Key Information	Kristin Beck is President of the Board

Reference: <https://www.kentuckyipl.org/> and <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/about/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon
Program Mission	To serve and improve the quality of life for the poor and homeless.
History/Background	Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon has been providing basic essential services to low and moderate-income, homeless individuals and families at risk of homelessness for 54 years. The organization was started as two separate ministries, Macon Inner-City Ministry and Community Advocacy Ministry. Since the two groups' primary focus and services were the same, they merged to form Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, medication assistance, referral to resources, basic needs
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Macon area, middle Georgia
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Macon Inner-City Ministry (part of the Presbyterian Church) and Community Advocacy Ministry (an interdenominational group of downtown area churches)
Collaborative Partners	Christ Episcopal Church, Glorious Hope Baptist, Greater Bellevue Baptist, Northminster Presbyterian, St. Andrews Presbyterian, St. Francis Episcopal, St. Patrick's Catholic, St. Paul's Episcopal, Stone Edge Church, Washington Ave. Presbyterian, Hosley Temple CME, Centenary Methodist, Lizzie Chapel Baptist, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox, and Liberty Methodist
Key Program Contact	Janet Wright, Executive Director – 478-741-1007, jwright@loavesandfishesministry.org 651 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Macon, GA 31201
Website Link	https://www.loavesandfishesministry.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Loaves and Fishes Ministry offers several important services to help those in the community: <u>IDs and Birth Certificates:</u> Loaves and Fishes help clients navigate the difficult road back to obtaining a valid ID, which is key in helping those get back on the road to self-sufficiency. <u>Prescription Assistance Program:</u> The organization helps eligible persons receive up to \$400 for prescription assistance per year to obtain certain medications that help in managing chronic physical and mental conditions. <u>Food Assistance Program:</u> The program is designed to help families and individuals in need stock their pantries and kitchen with nutritious meals. Households are eligible for one food assistance pick-up each month. <u>Prepared Meals:</u> Loaves and Fishes offers breakfast and lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. <u>Laundry Services:</u> Loaves and Fishes offers free laundry services to those in need on Thursdays.
Other Key Information	Chloe Napier is President of the Board

Reference: <https://www.loavesandfishesministry.org/> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/provider/loaves-and-fishes-ministry-of-macon%252C-inc.-macon-ga/6463349789294592?postal=31204>

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Name of the Program/Project	Love in the Name of Christ Black Hills (Love INC)
Program Mission	Our purpose is to walk alongside people on their journey to wholeness through mutual service, education, friendship, and prayer. We mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.
History/Background	Love INC Black Hills was started in 2001 to foster collaboration and organize holistic care to help churches serve their neighbors through resources and relationships. By networking churches together, each faith based organization is able to lean into their strengths.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Basic living needs (clothing, furniture, hygiene, diapers), case management, transportation, health education and financial literacy classes
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged and foster youth
Geographic Area Served	Black Hills, Rapid City and surrounding areas
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Churches from six denominations came together to form this chapter of Love INC.
Collaborative Partners	Includes 60 faith-based partners and local businesses and community organizations.
Key Program Contact	John Ligtenberg, Executive Director - john@love-inc.us or 605-718-5683 414 E. Omaha St., Rapid City, SD 57701
Website Link	https://loveinonline.com
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>The major programs offered by Love INC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Connection Center</u>: The program takes calls from people in the community and directs them to the most appropriate resources for help. ● <u>Rise Furniture Ministry</u>: Participants help to refurbish furniture and then earn credit to get furniture from the warehouse for their homes. ● <u>Thrive Bike Ministry</u>: The program provides a pathway for bicycle transportation for Love INC clients. Participants learn how to clean, repair and restore used bicycles. ● <u>Life INC</u>: The program offers a series of adult education classes twice per week on topics including home finances, health and nutrition, and parenting. ● <u>Gap Ministries</u>: This program assists clients in finding resources for kitchen wares, linens and helping foster families with need for household supplies. ● <u>Clothe-A-Kid</u>: This program offers help to families by purchasing clothing items for their children. ● <u>Changed Diaper Ministry</u>: This program provides free diapers and wipes to families in need. ● <u>Furniture Ministry</u>: Furniture donations are accepted and then distributed to people in need of items for their homes.
Other Key Information	Sheryl Hatch is the Director of Support Services - sheryl@love-inc.us

Reference: <https://loveinonline.com> and <https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/460460539>

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Name of the Program/Project	Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network (MeckMIN)
Program Mission	MeckMIN builds bridges between individuals, houses of faith, and organizations throughout Mecklenburg County to enhance interfaith understanding and trust, to promote religious literacy, and to strengthen our community to serve the common good.
History/Background	MeckMIN was formed as Mecklenburg Ministries in 1987, and its original mission was "to be an interfaith advocate for compassion and justice within our community." Today MeckMIN has evolved into an interfaith network of houses of faith and individuals working to foster understanding, compassion, and justice.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, education, basic needs, food insecurity, youth development
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, youth and general population
Geographic Area Served	Charlotte and Mecklenburg communities
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Early member congregations that helped to start MeckMIN included Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist.
Collaborative Partners	Sixty-four faith communities representing the denominations including Baha'i, Buddhist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Non-denominational Christian, Catholic, First Christian, Church of Christ-Scientist, African Methodist Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, United Church of Christ, Hindu, Interfaith Community, Jewish, Islam, Science of Mind, Sikh, and Unitarian Universalist.
Key Program Contact	Ledayne McLeese Polaski, Executive Director - ledayne@meckmin.org , 704-565-5455 3900-A Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209
Website Link	https://www.meckmin.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	MeckMIN affirms compassion as its most central value by helping to facilitate interfaith dialogue, understanding and service projects, especially focusing on the needs of the poor, disadvantaged, and marginalized. <u>Faith, Community, and Nonprofit Leader Meetings:</u> MeckMIN has been convening Zoom meetings to allow diverse leaders to share information and resources to foster a robust, coordinated, and effective response to the needs of the community, especially those most vulnerable. <u>Potlucks for Pluralism:</u> The program works to promote greater interreligious literacy and appreciation among college students. <u>Youth Programming:</u> MeckMIN hosts interfaith youth gatherings and camps for middle and high school students. <u>Open Tables:</u> This program was launched in 2019 and aims to build substantive relationships among diverse congregations through fellowship and food. <u>Faith Club:</u> The group is comprised of women of all faiths ranging in age from young adults to retirees. The program offers an opportunity to learn about the different faith traditions and to make lasting friendships.

	<p><u>Service Projects:</u> Interfaith projects are organized that build awareness of the needs of the community and promote relationship building with those being served.</p> <p><u>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:</u> This event offers the opportunity to celebrate the rich and growing diversity of the community. Food and financial donations are accepted at the event and given to MeckMIN's community partners to help their clients in need.</p>
Other Key Information	Nima Nematollahi is the Board President

Reference: <https://www.meckmin.org/> and <https://sharecharlotte.org/nonprofit/meckmin>

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Name of the Program/Project	Mercy's Gate
Program Mission	For people in crisis, we offer relief, the hope of the Gospel, and vision for restoration.
History/Background	Mercy's Gate was founded in 1982 as Northern Churches Care by five area churches who wanted to serve low-income families and starting with a food pantry. Northern Churches Care continued to expand services to better meet the financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of neighbors. In 2012, Northern Churches Care became Mercy's Gate to better represent the expanded services offers to neighbors in crisis.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, clothing/basic needs, housing assistance, financial/utility assistance, transportation, medical assistance, referral to community resources
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Five area churches in the Colorado Springs area
Collaborative Partners	Fifty-one area Christian Churches including Anglican, Lutheran, United Methodist, Baptist, Evangelical Free, Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Assembly of God, non-denominational Christian, a Messianic Jewish congregation, local businesses, community organizations and private foundations
Key Program Contact	John Serio, Executive Director – info@mercysgatecs.org , 719-277-7470 4360 Montebello Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80936
Website Link	https://mercysgatecs.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Mercy's Gate provides life-affirming direct services support, ongoing resources and education and a growing network of community referrals and partnerships including:</p> <p>Food Pantry: Provides an emergency 3-day supply of food for each person in the household. Some paper products and personal items are also available.</p> <p>Direct Services: Services include rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance (in partnership with CSU Project COPE), medical assistance (including gift cards to pay for medical bills and referrals for eye exams and glasses), transportation assistance (including bus tokens and gas vouchers), and vouchers to get clothing and household items at Goodwill and ARC of Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Seasonal Services Program: Includes the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Back to School Backpack Drive (offering school supplies), Holiday Meal Kits, and Home for the Holidays (to ensure people are able to stay in the homes during the holidays by offering rental assistance).</p> <p>Community Referrals Program: Provides linkages to a wide range of services and support available through other agencies, ministries and organizations in El Paso County.</p>
Other Key Information	Jenny Kay is the program manager

Reference: <https://mercysgatecs.org/> and <https://www.ecfa.org/MemberProfile.aspx?ID=20583>

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Name of the Program/Project	Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association
Program Mission	MIFA supports the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis through high-impact programs.
History/Background	MIFA was started in 1968 by churchmen and lay leaders who hoped that by uniting their efforts, they could meet some of the growing needs of their increasingly urban city.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, financial assistance, health care ombudsman, shelter assistance, advocacy, and resource referral
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors
Geographic Area Served	Greater Memphis and Shelby County area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Memphis Ministers Association, Downtown Churches Association, Association for Christian Training and Service, and churches from 5 different denominations serving the downtown or mid-city area.
Collaborative Partners	MIFA partners with over 300 faith communities, 16 government agencies and 41 community organizations.
Key Program Contact	Sally Jones Heinz, President and CEO – sheinz@mifa.org , 901-529-4511, 910 Vance Ave., Memphis, TN 38126
Website Link	https://www.mifa.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>MIFA partners with corporations, foundations, congregations, faith groups, donors and volunteers to offer programs for seniors and families.</p> <p><u>Senior Programs:</u> These services are designed to promote independence, health, companionship, and dignity. MIFA Meals on Wheels provides nutritious lunches for seniors in-home and at congregate meal sites. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for residents of long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and residential care homes.</p> <p><u>Family Programs:</u> This program includes basic services to prevent homelessness, stabilize families, and encourage independence. A spectrum of personalized interventions are provided to those most vulnerable including referrals to financial assistance, shelter placement, rapid rehousing, and a 24-hour hotline for homeless families.</p> <p><u>Share the Pennies:</u> This is a voluntary program that offers weatherization grants for low-income homeowners to protect their homes from the elements and to maximize energy efficiency.</p> <p><u>Advocacy:</u> MIFA uses its voice to support the independence and awareness of vulnerable seniors and families in the community. Key advocacy issues include senior hunger, preventing family homelessness, and inter-faith relations.</p>
Other Key Information	Caprice Snyder is the COO – csnyder@mifa.org

Reference: <https://www.mifa.org/> and

<https://www.findhelp.org/metropolitan-inter-faith-association-%28mifa%29--memphis-tn--emergency-shelter-placement/4915798407643136?postal=37501>

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Name of the Program/Project	Ministry on the Margins
Program Mission	Ministry on the Margins is a volunteer-based ecumenical ministry committed to supporting those who fall through the cracks during times of transition.
History/Background	Ministry on the Margins was founded in 2013 by Sister Kathleen Atkinson, OSB, a sister of the Annunciation Monastery in Bismarck. She was assisted by many compassionate individuals, churches and organizations.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, temporary shelter, basic needs, limited medical care, support groups, education, transportation
Target Population Served	Economically and underserved individuals in need and those coming out of the prison system
Geographic Area Served	Greater Bismarck area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery
Collaborative Partners	Area churches, food pantries, schools, community organizations and businesses
Key Program Contact	Sr. Kathleen Atkinson, OSB – 701-223-6315 or kathleen@ministryonthemargins.org 201 North 24 th St., Bismarck, ND 58501
Website Link	https://ministryonthemargins.com
Summary of the Program/Project	The key programs provided by Ministry on the Margins include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food and clothing pantry to help those in need. ● Support groups to assist people in need of services. ● Hospitality and coffee to serve those who are homeless. ● Prison-to-society support to help those coming out of the penal system transition back into society. ● Basic medical care including foot care, acupuncture and vaccinations. ● Case management to link people with community resources and services. ● Educational classes such as courses on diabetes management.
Other Key Information	Julie Dahle is the Business Director – julie@ministryonthemargins.org

Reference: <https://ministryonthemargins.com> and

<https://www.findhelp.org/ministry-on-the-margins--bismarck-nd--food-pantry/5038616063770624?postal=58501>

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Name of the Program/Project	Missoula Interfaith Collaborative
Program Mission	To draw people together across civic, economic, political and religious divides to affect social change and develop public leaders. To build relationships and action across differences. We exist to strengthen community, generate leaders, and foster meaningful relationships as we act together for a stronger Missoula.
History/Background	Missoula Interfaith Collaborative was founded in 2011 in response to a growing sense that something was missing in the community. The Collaborative is a group of people from all different backgrounds who have joined together to build relationships, learn from each other, and work together for the common good.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing/shelter, employment training/placement, environmental stewardship, food insecurity, advocacy
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged and those without housing
Geographic Area Served	City of Missoula and surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Area Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim faith institutions in the Missoula area
Collaborative Partners	35 congregations, 72 community groups, 65 local businesses, and the YWCA
Key Program Contact	Casey Dunning, Executive Director, 406-207-8228 2205 34 th St., Missoula, MT 59801
Website Link	www.micmt.org
Summary of the Program/Project	The Missoula Interfaith Collaborative includes a network of long running programs in the community including: <u>Family Promise</u> : Assist families in Missoula by providing shelter, meals and moral support. <u>Housing Advocate Network</u> : Addresses homelessness on an individual and organizational level. <u>Common Good Missoula</u> : Provides a coordinated structure to identify and act on issues pressuring the lives of local residents, using the skills and practices of community organizing. <u>Missoula Works</u> : Provides both temporary and permanent employment for those experiencing long-term unemployment. <u>Family Housing Center</u> : Conducted in partnership with the YWCA Missoula, this program provides emergency housing to families. <u>Housing Advocate Network</u> : The Network is a community of everyday people walking alongside individuals and families in Missoula to support them in their housing search. <u>Recycling Works</u> : This program offers curbside recycling where glass items are collected and crushed then sent to be transformed into new bottles and other valuable end products.
Other Key Information	Rebecca Pettit is the Programs Director, 406-207-8228

Reference: www.micmt.org and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/missoula-interfaith-collaborative,463396495/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Mosaic Interfaith Youth Action (MIYA)
Program Mission	To bridge society's divides, creating more just, peaceful, equitable communities through interfaith connection and action.
History/Background	Mosaic was founded in 2010 as Kids4Peace Boston by Peggy Stevens, a gifted teacher and active member of the local interfaith community. Her first major project was hosting a two week peacebuilding camp for 7 th grade Palestinian and Israeli youth from the Boston area. As the organization gained a reputation for providing meaningful youth programs grew, so did the interest and trust of many local churches, temples, mosques, schools and organizations. Today, Mosaic offers multiple programs for middle and high schoolers throughout Massachusetts and beyond.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, education, social justice work, youth summer camp
Target Population Served	Youth from middle to high school
Geographic Area Served	Massachusetts
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Peggy Stevens and American Youth Foundation
Collaborative Partners	Forty-eight faith communities work with Mosaic representing Catholic, Islam, Jewish, Congregational, Presbyterian, Non-denominational Christian, Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist, and the United Church of Christ denominations. Other partnering organizations include Jerusalem Peacebuilders, American Youth Foundation, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, Seeds of Peace, Epiphany and St. Stephen's Youth Programs.
Key Program Contact	Matt Anderson, Executive Director - matt@mosaicaction.org , 508-942-1855 P.O. Box 610059, Newton Highlands, MA 02461
Website Link	https://mosaicaction.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Mosaic approaches youth learning and engagement through doing, engaging in action and dialogue while having a lot of fun. The organization focuses on building a community of care where participants feel safe and trust one another. Some of Mosaic's initiatives include: <u>Circles of Action:</u> This program gives youth a chance to make a real difference in the community by meeting in groups throughout the school year to learn about a social justice issue, and then create an action plan to help address it. <u>Bridges:</u> This program connects young people who are involved in the work of their faith communities, bringing them together to focus on how their faith calls them to action in interfaith dialogue. <u>Workshops:</u> These events help youth consider how their own faith identity motivates them to engage in interfaith dialogue and work for social action. <u>On-Site Programs:</u> Mosaic is able to bring its programming on-site to faith communities interested in participating.

	<u>Summer Camp</u> : Peace Leader Camp involves all the fun of a traditional summer camp while also building rich interfaith friendships and building the foundations of a lifelong commitment to social justice.
Other Key Information	Kimberly Mack is the Director of Programs and Strategy - kimberly@mosaicaction.org

Reference: <https://mosaicaction.org/> and <https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/270598999>

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Name of the Program/Project	Muslims for Humanity/ICNA Relief – Sacramento
Program Mission	ICNA Relief USA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters. ICNA Relief USA strives to build healthy communities, strengthen families and create opportunities for those in despair while maintaining their dignity.
History/Background	Muslims for Humanity/ICNA was established on September 1, 1968 in response to the growing need for a supportive Muslim community in North America. In November of 1977, ICNA chartered a new direction with the focus on becoming an inclusive and diverse organization. In the past decade, ICNA has expanded its reach across the US while maintaining an active presence in local communities.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, housing/shelter, basic needs, counseling, financial assistance
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Greater Sacramento area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Started by a group of Muslims known as Halqa-e-Ahbab-e-Islami (HAI)
Collaborative Partners	The Sacramento Chapter is part of the national organization Islamic Circle of North America
Key Program Contact	Br Naveed Ahmed – 1-866-354-0102 ext. 5113, Naveed.ahmed@icnarelief.org 9700 Business Park Dr., Suite 406, Sacramento, CA 95827
Website Link	https://icnarelief.org/norcal/#1616475879910-4e816f55-6b97
Summary of the Program/Project	Muslims for Humanity/ICNA offers a variety of services in Sacramento including refugee services, women’s transitional housing, financial assistance, Muslim family services, Back2School giveaway, feed the hungry drives, and much more. Major projects include: <u>Women’s Transitional Home:</u> ICNA Relief Sacramento opened the first Muslim women transitional home in Sacramento in 2019. <u>Food and Hygiene Pack Distribution:</u> ICNA Relief Sacramento holds feed the hungry drives on a regular basis in the Sacramento and Stockton areas. <u>Shade Program:</u> In order to protect the unhoused community from severe heat, the organization distributes kits including hats, water bottles, backpack, towel, sanitation wipes, sunblock and socks. <u>Counseling Services:</u> Available by appointment and online, counseling services are offered by ICNA Relief Sacramento.
Other Key Information	Sr. Sara Qureshi is the Community Outreach Coordinator – 916-821-5166, sarahq@icnarelief.org

Reference: <https://icnarelief.org/norcal/#1616475879910-4e816f55-6b97> and <https://icna.org/about/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH)
Program Mission	To combat systemic injustices through community engagement, training, and direct public action.
History/Background	NOAH was founded in 1993 and consisted of a group of faith communities, unions and community organizations joined together to give a voice to traditionally marginalized people.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing, criminal justice, education, advocacy, community organizing, economic justice, and civic engagement
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, general population, youth
Geographic Area Served	Nashville
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	A group of local faith leaders, unions and community organizations in the Nashville area.
Collaborative Partners	NOAH works with thirty-eight faith-based organizations, unions and community organizations who serve as members. The faith-based organizations represent various denominations including Catholic, Non-denominational Christian, Methodist, Episcopal, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, Baptist, Islam, African Methodist Episcopal, Metropolitan Interdenominational, New Covenant Christian, and Presbyterian.
Key Program Contact	Rev. Linda Brown-Saffore, President of the Executive Committee, info@noah.org , 615-905-6624 P.O. Box 331144, Nashville, TN 37203
Website Link	https://noah.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	NOAH's programs engage ordinary people in the political and economic decisions impacting their lives to act as a unified voice from the faith and justice community to act on their values in the public arena. <u>Affordable Housing:</u> NOAH works to try and expand affordable housing in Nashville to everyone, including the unhoused. <u>Education:</u> This task force includes teachers, parents, and professionals in the education sector. The group focuses on issues related to social emotional learning, racial equity in advanced academic programming, and increasing state funding for public education. <u>Criminal Justice:</u> NOAH's task force for criminal justice focuses on eliminating racism in the prison system. <u>Economic Equity:</u> This NOAH task force is focused on improving wages and advocating for policies that will help advance more equitable development in the city. <u>Integrated Voter Engagement:</u> This group is focused on the "Mapping Project." People are learning about each other's stories and developing deeper interests in community issues. <u>Young Adult Caucus:</u> This project engages young adults to become leaders who will take action against social injustices in Nashville.
Other Key Information	Pastor Daniel Smith is Vice President of the Executive Committee

Reference: <https://noah.org/> and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/nashville-organized-for-action-and-hope,621448188/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Native Americans for Community Action (NACA)
Program Mission	The mission of Native Americans for Community Action Inc. is to provide preventive wellness strategies and empower and advocate for Native peoples and others in need, in order to create a healthy community based on Harmony, Respect, and Indigenous Values.
History/Background	The program was started in 1971 with the purpose to be a "resting place", a hospitality center, which focused on offering a variety of social and health related programs. The center was able to obtain funding from Indian Health Services. In 1991, NACA began offering a variety of human services and health programs to urban Native Americans, low-income, and other at-risk families, as well as serving those who are dealing with health and socio-economic disparities and higher levels compared to the general population.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Medical services, health education/disease prevention programs, mental health and economic/community development
Target Population Served	Serves both Native Americans and non-Native peoples who are economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	City of Flagstaff and Coconino County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The Indian Center Organization
Collaborative Partners	Indian Health Service, Coconino County Public Health Dept.
Key Program Contact	Christopher David, CEO, 928-526-2968 Address: 1500 E. Cedar Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Website Link	https://www.nacainc.org
Summary of the Program/Project	<p><u>NACA Family Health Center:</u> Provides quality healthcare to Native and non-Native peoples to those with and without health insurance. The Health Center provides compassionate and culturally relevant care to guarantee the best patient outcomes.</p> <p><u>NACA Behavioral Health Center:</u> The primary focus is on improving mental health for all people living in Flagstaff. The program uses a wide variety of counseling methods that honor the unique Native American population, their customs, beliefs and culture.</p> <p><u>Health Promotion Programs:</u> The team of this program is focused on engaging in patient education with those who are living with chronic disease and also offers cancer screenings and preventative care for colorectal cancer.</p> <p><u>Community Development:</u> NACA is proud to partner with many healthcare identities and affiliate agencies to meet the needs of the community (Native and non-Native). Many of the community development programs are geared to provide services and assistance for those in need, or disproportionately under served.</p> <p><u>Oak Creek Overlook Program:</u> This economic development program includes a vendor training project where indigenous artisans and buyers can gain the skills necessary to market their items.</p>
Other Key Information	Verity Quiroz is the Operations Director

Reference: <https://www.nacainc.org>

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Name of the Program/Project	Nest Community Shelter
Program Mission	The mission is to offer shelter while actively working to reconnect individuals with their community, helping them regain stability and support. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to live, and this vision drives everything we do.
History/Background	The organization was started in 2002 by two local women who were concerned about homeless men during the cold winter months. The organization was initially named Interfaith Community Men's Shelter, but changed its name to Interfaith Community PADS when it became a formal 501c3 organization and as services expanded to include both men and women. The organization rebranded in 2023 to become Nest Community Shelter.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, shelter/housing, referrals
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	La Porte County and Michigan City
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Two local women in the community to help homeless men during the winter months.
Collaborative Partners	Faith-based partners include Christ Church, The Bride Church, Faith City Assembly, New Creation Vineyard, and St. Paul Lutheran Church. Other partners include the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte and community volunteers.
Key Program Contact	Harrison Holtkamp, Executive Director – info@nestcommunityshelter.org 219-276-7582 1001 West 8 th St., Michigan City, IN 46360
Website Link	https://nestcommunityshelter.org
Summary of the Program/Project	The staff and volunteers at Nest Community Shelter work to provide a stabilizing force for the clients it serves. <u>Women's Shelter:</u> This space provides shelter for women and their children in a climate-controlled space with amenities needed to feel safe. <u>Men's Shelter:</u> A separate shelter space for homeless men to have a safe and secure space to stay. <u>Food:</u> Guests of the shelter are provided with a nutritious meal. <u>Rehabilitation:</u> Nest Community Shelter with partnering agencies to get guests placed in permanent housing. Since each guest is dealing with different circumstances, Nest uses a variety of resources and connections to help them achieve housing stability.
Other Key Information	The organization relies mainly on volunteers to offer services.

Reference: <https://nestcommunityshelter.org> and
https://unitedwaynwi.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=18461

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Name of the Program/Project	Network of Religious Communities
Program Mission	Motivated by the sacred texts and traditions of our unique faith communities, the Network of Religious Communities, Inc., in recognizing a multiplicity of religious beliefs, respects the right to be and to celebrate who we are within our particular religious traditions. Because our humanity is deeper than our divisions, we: promote dialogue; facilitate the sharing of spiritual activities and resources, and; work for justice and peace.
History/Background	The Network of Religious Communities was legally established on January 1, 1999 as a consolidation and expansion of the former Buffalo Area Council of Churches (founded in 1857), and the Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries (founded in 1975).
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, education, food insecurity, referral, and disaster assistance,
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged and general community
Geographic Area Served	Western New York
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Buffalo Area Council of Churches and Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries
Collaborative Partners	The Network of Religious Communities works in partnership with fifteen congregations, twelve religious organizations, and nineteen faith coordinating bodies. Religious denominations represented include Islam, Baha'i, African Methodist Episcopal, Catholic, United Church of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Episcopal, Hindu, Jewish, Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist, Lutheran, Non-denominational Christian, Orthodox Christian, Zen Buddhism, and Baptist.
Key Program Contact	Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Executive Director – nrc@religiousnet.net , 716-882-4793, 1272 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209
Website Link	https://www.religiousnet.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	The Network of Religious Communities programs facilitate inter religious, ecumenical, and inter religious understanding among different denominations and faith communities. <u>Cooperative Programs:</u> These projects focus on topics such as facilitating dialogue between pro-life and pro-choice activists and sponsoring study circles on race and racism for congregations. <u>Ecumenical Programs:</u> These projects focus on hosting inter-religious dialogue and events and multi-faith forums to address local issues of social concern with a multi-religious vision. <u>Hunger Initiative:</u> This project is dedicated to reducing hunger in Western NY through food pantries, community gardens, enrolling people in SNAP, and providing summer food for children in schools. <u>Resources Links:</u> The organization maintains an updated list of resources on its website. <u>Disaster Recovery:</u> This project helps faith communities and their members be prepared for a disaster.
Other Key Information	Lou Bergner is President of the Board

Reference: <https://www.religiousnet.org/> and <https://www.211wny.org/provider/3957/>

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Name of the Program/Project	New Hope Compassionate Ministries
Program Mission	We desire to see through the power of Christ that cycles are broken and lives are transformed.
History/Background	New Hope Compassionate Ministries was started in 2002 and began with operating a food pantry, homeless church, and various education and recovery programs. Today, the organization has opened its facility to provide space for other groups to help impact the world.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, substance use treatment, and health education
Target Population Served	Persons who are economically disadvantaged and those dealing with substance/alcohol use.
Geographic Area Served	Greater Anchorage, Alaska area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	New Hope on the Last Frontier
Collaborative Partners	Alaska Right to Life, Christ Temple Apostolic Church, First Samoan Church of the Nazarene, Fountain of Christian Love Church, Frontier Native Church, South Central Foundation, Anchorage Faith in Action Communities Together, Thanksgiving Blessing Program, Alaska Community Foundation, WebCo., Target, Food Bank of Alaska, Home Depot, Camp Maranatha, ChangePoint Church, Anchorage Baptist Temple, All Saints Episcopal, CMI, New Sagaya City Markets, Northrim Bank, and Rotating Services.
Key Program Contact	Jason Ellis, Executive Director – 907-274-4673 1220 E Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501
Website Link	https://www.newhopeak.org
Summary of the Program/Project	New Hope Compassionate Ministries offers several key programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>food pantry</u> is operated on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Clients pick their own food items and food items are also pre-bagged for those who do not want to select their own items. • <u>Weekly food delivery</u> is offered for those individuals who are homebound, sick, lack transportation, or other hardships that prevent them from coming to the food pantry site. • <u>Health education classes</u> are offered to clients with a focus on healthy cooking and nutrition. The courses teach how to plan, shop and prepare tasty and healthy foods with a limited budget and time. • <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> is a Christian centered 12 step recovery program that focuses on healing for emotional hurts, freedom from relational hang-ups and achieving victory over destructive habits.
Other Key Information	Mindy Alsworth is the Program Director

Reference: https://www.bethechange907.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=26276 and
<https://www.newhopeak.org/>

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Name of the Program/Project	New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS)
Program Mission	NYDIS inspires, connects, and equips faith communities to serve our neighbors in times of crisis and suffering, by building pathways to recovery, resilience, and social justice.
History/Background	Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, NYC faith-based agencies established programs to assist in rescue, relief, and recovery efforts. Thousands of people volunteered to help and although it was effective, it lacked both the capacity to coordinate recovery services and the resources to prepare for future disasters. NYDIS was incorporated in 2003 to meet these needs.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Education, advocacy, shelter/housing, healthcare, disaster preparedness, case management, referral
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, refugees, and the general population
Geographic Area Served	New York City
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	NYDIS works with over 60 faith institutions, disaster human service providers and charitable organizations. Some of the key denominations represented by the faith-based partners include Buddhist, Jewish, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Non-denominational Christian, Pentecostal, Greek Orthodox, Islam, Orthodox Christian, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Salvation Army, Sikh, and United Church of Christ.
Collaborative Partners	Area faith-based organizations, NYC Emergency Management, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Key Program Contact	Peter B. Guadaitis, Executive Director and CEO - pgudaitis@nydis.org , 212-669-6100 4 W 43 rd St., Suite #407, New York, NY 10036
Website Link	https://www.nydis.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>NYDIS and its members work to increase community resilience and promote the development and coordination of effective response and recovery programs.</p> <p><u>Asylee Shelter Services:</u> NYDIS works with faith communities to provide temporary and small group shelter housing to single adult male and female asylees.</p> <p><u>Advocacy:</u> NYDIS works to ensure that the concerns of faith communities and the needs of present and future disaster survivors are addressed on a governmental and legislative level.</p> <p><u>Communications:</u> NYDIS offers places of worship access to HOWalert, which is a free emergency notification system for religious leaders.</p> <p><u>COVID Health Equity:</u> NYDIS is part of NYC's effort to promote health care equity and reduce health disparities throughout the city.</p> <p><u>Emergency Shelter Network:</u> This program is a subsidiary of NYDIS that supports a coalition of homeless shelters serving homeless adult individuals throughout NYC.</p> <p><u>Faith Sector Community Preparedness:</u> The program partners with faith communities and is a model for city-wide engagement of these institutions in disaster and public health readiness.</p>

	<p><u>Planning:</u> NYDIS offers mitigation education and preparedness training to clergy, religious leaders, houses of worship and other faith-based organizations to build their capacity to respond to all disasters with skilled spiritual care, emergency relief, and long-term recovery services.</p> <p><u>Recovery:</u> NYDIS and its members work to increase resilience in the community and to promote the development and coordination of effective recovery programs.</p>
Other Key Information	Jonathan Oliver, Ph.D. is the Associate Executive Director

Reference: <https://www.nydis.org/> and

<https://social-ink.net/portfolio/nydis-new-york-disaster-interfaith-services>

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Name of the Program/Project	North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry (NHIFP)
Program Mission	The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry is a religiously diverse 501c3 non-profit that strives to meet the needs of those living with food insecurity in our community with dignity and respect.
History/Background	Planning for NHIFP started in 1981 when two women came together to discuss the needs for a food pantry in the North Hollywood area that would help meet the needs of the residents and build a spirit of community. Five faith communities joined together to help form NHIFP. The faith communities launched the formal program in 1983.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	North Hollywood
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The founding congregations of NHIFP includes Adat Ari El, First Christian Church of North Hollywood, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Faith Presbyterian Church and Temple Beth Hillel
Collaborative Partners	The organization is a volunteer-based coalition of Jewish and Christian congregations along with individuals and schools. Partner congregations include Adat Ari El, Anamesa Church, Anthology Church of Studio City, 36 th Church of Christ Scientist, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Congregational Church of the Chimes, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Faith Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church of North Hollywood, First United Methodist Church of NH, Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Temple Beth Hillel, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City.
Key Program Contact	Rev. Dr. Louise Goben, President of the Board – 818-760-3575 11634 Moorpark St., Studio City, CA 91604
Website Link	https://nhifp.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	NHIFP is a volunteer-based coalition of organizations and individuals from around the community who are working to end the growing problem of food insecurity. The organization operates a drive through <u>food distribution program</u> . The program also organizes <u>food drives</u> in the community to collect food items to stock the food pantry.
Other Key Information	Philip Lester is the Director of the NHIFP Advisory Committee

Reference: <https://nhifp.org/> and <https://www.justserve.org/northhollywoodinterfaithfoodpantry>

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Name of the Program/Project	NourishPHX
Program Mission	We believe that no matter the situation, each individual should have hope and dignity when facing the extreme adversity that life hands us. We believe that each piece of clothing, each piece of food, each item received is one-by-one changing the world for good.
History/Background	NourishPHX has its roots back to St. Mary's Food and Clothing Bank in the late 1960s started by St. Mary's Catholic Church. The clothing bank became its own organization. The Ministry of Urban Phoenix took over its operations in the early 70s. In the early 1970s another ecumenical group formed called the North Phoenix Corp. Ministries. It included several Protestant churches, a Catholic Parish and two Jewish Synagogues with the focus of addressing social needs and concerns. During the same time, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral began to offer emergency assistance to people in the inner city. North Phoenix Corporate Ministries and the emergency relief program at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral joined forces in 1982 and formed Interfaith Cooperative Ministries. The organization began to grow and in 1994 moved into larger facilities. In 2012, ICM's name was changed to ICM Food and Clothing Bank to better describe the organization. At the same time the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance joined with the organization to better coordinate the distribution of food across the Valley. The name of the organization was recently changed to NourishPHX.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	The organization addresses food insecurity, employment assistance, education and training, clothing needs, and case management.
Target Population Served	Services are targeted to the working poor and low-income elderly living in Phoenix.
Geographic Area Served	The great Phoenix area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	North Phoenix Corporate Ministries (Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious institutions), Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Church of the Beatitudes, and United Church of Christ.
Collaborative Partners	St. Mary's Food Bank, Fresh Food Connect, Friendly House, St. Joseph the Worker and Dress for Success
Key Program Contact	Beth Fiorenza, Executive Director beth@nourishphx.org 602-775-5740 Address: 501 S. 9 th St., Phoenix, AZ 85007
Website Link	https://www.nourishphx.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	NourishPHX provides services for the working poor and elderly. The organization offers <u>free services</u> including food boxes, shoes, clothing and toiletries through donations from individuals, businesses, other organizations, and food banks. Other services include a <u>job and resource center</u> which offers classes and job preparation and placement assistance. The organization also offers <u>SNAP registration assistance</u> , nutrition and <u>children's literacy classes</u> , and <u>case management services</u> .
Other Key Information	Vickie Gonzales is the Program Director – vickie@nourishphx.org

Reference: <https://www.nourishphx.org> and <https://www.azgives.org/nourishphx>

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Name of the Program/Project	Our Place Community Outreach
Program Mission	Our Place Community Outreach respectfully welcomes our Spokane neighbors by providing basic needs and services, bringing hope for an improved future.
History/Background	Started as an ecumenical ministry of 10 churches in 1987 to address needs for food, clothing and hygiene items for people living in the area.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, financial assistance and transportation
Target Population Served	Persons in need in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, WA.
Geographic Area Served	West Central Spokane area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Christ Central, West Central Episcopal Mission, Salem Lutheran Church and the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
Collaborative Partners	600 community organizations, churches, foundations and individuals
Key Program Contact	Tracie Swanson, Executive Director – Office phone # 509-326-7267 Address: 1509 W. College Ave., Spokane, WA 99201
Website Link	https://www.ourplacespokane.org
Summary of the Program/Project	Our Place Community Services operates three days per week (T, W, Th) and all services are free, with no documentation required to be served. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food Bank: The organization serves anyone who is hungry and as often as they need it. ● Person Hygiene: Our Place distributes personal care items, hygiene products, diapers and makeup to anyone in need. ● Bus Passes: The organization distributes ten bus passes each day on a first come, first serve basis. ● Laundry Center: Our Place offers laundry services on a first come, first serve basis three days per week. ● Avista Assistance: The organization will provide up to \$300 per year for persons having difficulty paying their utility bills. ● Clothing and Household Bank: Our Place takes donations of clothing and household items and then distributes them to persons in need.
Other Key Information	Kat Hartsell serves as the Director

Reference: <https://www.ourplacespokane.org> and <https://www.thefigtree.org>

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Name of the Program/Project	POWER Interfaith
Program Mission	POWER uses our faith and moral grounding to organize and empower Pennsylvanians to live and work together so that the presence of the Divine is known on every block, that every person work together to transform the conditions of their neighborhood, and that life flourishes for all.
History/Background	POWER was founded in the fall 2010 when people across lines of race, income level, faith tradition, culture and neighborhood were brought together in order to build broad-based power for policy change.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, organizing, education, climate/environment, economics
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, general population
Geographic Area Served	Philadelphia, Metro area, Central PA and Lehigh Valley
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	More than 150 lay and clergy leaders from different faith congregations began to conduct research meetings with public and private sector leaders in PA.
Collaborative Partners	POWER represents over 50 congregations in Southeastern and Central Pennsylvania including United Methodist, Baptist, Jewish, Nondenominational Christian, Catholic, Episcopal, Grace Christian Fellowship, United Church of Christ, Congregation Levv Ha-Ir, Presbyterian, African Methodist Episcopal, Islam, Unitarian, Unitarian Universalist, Reformed United Church of Christ, Ethical Humanist, Lutheran, Mennonite Fellowship, P’Nai Or, Evangelical, United Christian, Evangelical Lutheran, Zion Baptist
Key Program Contact	Rev. Dr. Gregory Edwards, Executive Director – 215-232-7697 Gedwards@powerinterfaith.org 1429 N. 11 th St., Philadelphia, PA 19122
Website Link	https://powerinterfaith.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	POWER works to empower communities through key major initiatives. <u>Economic Dignity:</u> POWER is building solutions that will help to lift people out of poverty and create opportunities so no one has to choose between putting health food on the table and paying for utilities, rent or health care. <u>Education Justice:</u> POWER works with its member congregations to build relationships with students, parents, and caregivers who are most impacted by inadequate and unfair school funding. <u>Civic Engagement:</u> POWER focuses on voter engagement to ensure that persons of the Black and Brown communities are seen and heard by helping them get out to vote and follow through in exercising their political power. <u>Climate Justice:</u> POWER works to stand for people and the planet rather than unchecked profit that damages human communities and the earth. <u>Live Free:</u> POWER is working to end the scourge of gun violence, mass incarceration, and the criminalization of Black and Brown bodies that tears at the soul of society.

Other Key Information	Yvette Gimenez is the Director of Operations – Ygimenez@powerinterfaith.org
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Reference: <https://powerinterfaith.org/> and <https://faithinaction.org/federation/powerinterfaith/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Restore Hope Ministries
Program Mission	Restore Hope's mission is to restore families in financial crisis to economic and spiritual vitality. This mission is realized in our programs to reduce hunger, prevent homelessness, and provide emotional and spiritual nurture.
History/Background	Restore Hope was incorporated in 1978 by area United Methodist congregations in the Tulsa area to meet the increasing need for emergency assistance for families in crisis.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, financial/rental assistance, basic needs
Target Population Served	Families and individuals facing economic challenges
Geographic Area Served	Tulsa area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church
Collaborative Partners	Community volunteers, local businesses, community organizations, churches
Key Program Contact	Josh Geppelt, Executive Director – 918-582-5766 2960 Charles Page Rd., Tulsa, OK 74127
Website Link	https://www.restorehope.org
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Restore Hope's programs are designed to achieve a dual purpose of assisting families to help themselves restore their economic and spiritual vitality and to mobilize congregations to serve families in economic crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Homeless Prevention</u>: Provides rental assistance for individuals and families who have a recent, sudden loss of income. ● <u>Hunger Prevention</u>: The program operates a food pantry distributing nourishing food items to persons in need. Food collection drives are coordinated by area churches to help support the food pantry. ● <u>Spiritual Support</u>: Restore Hope offers daily chapel services, volunteer prayer counselors and chaplains to help those in need. ● <u>Seasonal Events</u>: Throughout the year Restore Hope assists families with basic needs such as school supplies, house cleaning supplies, holiday gifts at Christmas, and a Thanksgiving food basket distribution project.
Other Key Information	Sandra Milner is the Director of Administration

Reference: <https://www.restorehope.org> and

<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/serve-tulsans/organizations/list-of-organizations/restore-hope-ministries/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Saint Francis Ministries
Program Mission	Saint Francis, providing healing and hope to children and families.
History/Background	Rev. Robert Mize, Jr., an Episcopal priest, founded Saint Francis Boys' Home in 1945 in Ellsworth, Kansas to care for boys who were lost within a system of institutions, reformatories and jails. He created a place that offered hope and the opportunity for wayward male youth to reclaim their potential. Three years later, Fr. Mize opened a second home for male youth near Bavaria, Kansas. Today the organization serves more than 11,000 children and families, employs about 1,600 people, and offers services in six states.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Foster care and adoption services, mental health services, housing and shelter, services for persons with developmental disabilities
Target Population Served	Youth and their families, persons with mental illness, and those dealing with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Geographic Area Served	Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas with facilities located in 24 communities
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Episcopal Church in Kansas
Collaborative Partners	Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Harvest Christian Fellowship, Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Journey Mennonite Church, St. James Parish, local businesses and community organizations
Key Program Contact	William J. Clark, President and CEO – 785-825-0541 Address: 110 W. Otis Ave., Salina, KS 67401
Website Link	https://saintfrancisministries.org
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>Saint Francis Ministries offers a variety of programs to serve children, families and young adults aimed at doing the most good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adoption: Saint Francis provides services for children who are available for adoption. The organization links children with loving, supportive families who are able to provide for the children's needs. ● Foster Care: Saint Francis works with foster parents to open their homes to assist children to heal, trust and hope again. Most are entering foster care due to abuse or neglect, while others exhibit behavioral disorders. ● In-Home Prevention Services: This program builds on families' strengths and capabilities with the goal of resolving issues that place children at risk. Families are taught the skills they need to remain whole and manage future challenges. ● Independent Living: Youth in foster care who turn 18 and "age out" of the system are provided with instruction, skills, and support to successfully transition to adulthood. ● Residential Programs: Saint Francis provides at various facilities residential services to youth dealing with mental health and behavioral challenges, survivors of human trafficking, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Outpatient Behavioral Health</u>: Saint Francis Ministries Outpatient Behavioral Health offers healing and hope to individuals and families dealing with mental health issues through telehealth and in-person appointments.● <u>Fatherhood FIRE</u>: This program offers skills-building classes, support services, parenting classes and personal and professional development courses to assist families.
Other Key Information	Lora Winchell serves as the COO

Reference: <https://saintfrancisministries.org>

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Name of the Program/Project	San Francisco Interfaith Council
Program Mission	Celebrating our diverse faiths and spiritual traditions, bringing people together to build understanding and serving our community.
History/Background	The development of the San Francisco Interfaith Council began in 1988 when clergy and lay leaders were asked by the Mayor of San Francisco to assist with providing additional shelter and meals for the homeless during the winter. In October of 1989, the Loma Prieta earthquake rocked San Francisco and the Bay Area. This same group of individuals were called upon to assist those displaced by the earthquake. After those two projects, it was agreed that it was time to create an organization to be formed to work together on issue of common concern. Official 501c3 status was obtained for the San Francisco Interfaith Council in 1991.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, shelter/housing, food insecurity, disaster preparedness, civil rights, immigration, and education,
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, faith organizations, elderly, persons with disabilities, and the general population
Geographic Area Served	San Francisco
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The initial work that spurred the development of SFIC was led by Calvary Presbyterian Church, Grace Cathedral, Old First Presbyterian Church, and St. Mary's Cathedral.
Collaborative Partners	SFIC counts as its constituents the 800 congregations in the City of San Francisco, their respective judicatories, sectarian educational and healthcare institutions, and the faith-based social service agencies that serve the area's most vulnerable residents. There are twenty-eight faith organizations supporting the work of SFIC including a diversity of traditions such as Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, Episcopal, Salvation Army, Greek Orthodox, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Non-denominational Christian, Unitarian Universalist, Evangelical Lutheran, and Baptist.
Key Program Contact	Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director – mgpappas@sfinterfaithcouncil.org , 415-474-1321 130 Fisher Loop, San Francisco, CA 94129
Website Link	https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	San Francisco Interfaith Council engages in activities vital to interfaith cooperation, philanthropic service, and social justice. <u>COVID-19 Response:</u> SFIC helped in conveying the City's official communications around COVID and assisting faith communities in pivoting to online worship. <u>SF Department of Disability and Aging Services and Faith Communities Round Table:</u> SFIC convenes a cohort of those in communities of faith who are responsible for and lead programs that minister to older adults and persons with disabilities to discuss strategies and develop an action plan to promote deeper coordination across faith and service networks.

	<p><u>Disaster Preparedness/Safety:</u> The SFIC and its collaborating partners are providing resources to support and equip religious institutions to improve their safety with recent attacks on places of worship.</p> <p><u>SF Interfaith Winter Shelter:</u> SFIC sponsors and coordinates a winter shelter for the homeless providing a place to sleep and a nutritious meal.</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance and Interfaith Service:</u> SFIC organizes this event that includes a march and interfaith service.</p> <p><u>Convener of Faith-Based Social Service Agencies:</u> SFIC has regularly convened the leaders of the 20 major faith-based agencies to provide a forum to address issues of common concern.</p> <p><u>Interfaith Essential Housing Efforts:</u> SFIC works with religious institutions to utilize underutilized parcels and repurpose it for affordable rental housing. SFIC is seeking to stop the outmigration of essential service workers in San Francisco due to the high costs of rent.</p> <p><u>Broad Civic Engagement:</u> Because of the important stakeholder role the SFIC plays in many arenas, the organization has been invited to participate in many important roundtable discussions and be represented on boards and advisory committees.</p>
Other Key Information	<p>Sharon Demko serves as the Program/Administrative Associate- sharond@sfinterfaithcouncil.org</p>

Reference: <https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/> and
<https://www.mettafund.org/stories-of-impact/story/san-francisco-interfaith-council/>

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Name of the Program/Project	St. Francis House
Program Mission	The mission of St. Francis House is to provide a means of addressing the diverse, critical needs of the underserved, which are not adequately addressed by others in the community.
History/Background	St. Francis House was established in January 1970 as a social outreach of the Episcopal Church to the State of Arkansas. St. Phillip's was comprised of black worshippers and the outreach ministry was intended to serve as a "bridge" between the black and white communities caused by the tension of school and neighborhood segregation.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, case management, services for veterans, financial assistance, transportation, housing, basic medical care
Target Population Served	Persons who are economically disadvantaged and veterans
Geographic Area Served	Little Rock, Arkansas
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	St. Phillip's Church
Collaborative Partners	Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, US Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center, community organizations, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Transportation Alliance Project
Key Program Contact	Greg Chastine, Executive Director – 501-664-5036, info@stfrancishouse.org 2701 S. Elm, Little Rock, AR 72204
Website Link	www.stfrancishouselr.org
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>St. Francis House offers several programs assisting those who are facing economic challenges and veterans needing assistance.</p> <p><u>Social Services:</u> St. Francis House assists in linking people with community resources and government programs.</p> <p><u>Utility Assistance:</u> St. Francis House offers utility bill assistance (water, gas and electric) to those in need.</p> <p><u>TAP Bus Pass Program:</u> St. Francis House partners with the Transportation Alliance Program to provide bus passes to those experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><u>Veterans Program:</u> St. Francis House provides transitional housing for homeless veterans having difficulties re-entering society due to past difficulties and traumas. A therapeutic setting is provided that includes counseling, transitional housing, meals, laundry, training, and other activities.</p> <p><u>Medical Care:</u> In partnership with St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center, a medical clinic is operated on-site to serve the health care needs of St. Francis House's clients. Staff also assist in helping access resources for clients needing medications.</p>
Other Key Information	Mitra Binkley is the Coordinator of the Community Resources Dept.

Reference: www.stfrancishouselr.org and

<https://www.datanyze.com/companies/st-francis-house/410352390>

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Name of the Program/Project	St. Martin de Porres Center
Program Mission	An established part of the aging network since 1970, St. Martin de Porres Center coordinates with other agencies in bringing services to Rhode Island's seniors.
History/Background	The organization was founded in 1970 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence to serve seniors in Rhode Island. As a designated "Focal Point on Aging," the organization is recognized nationally, as well as statewide, as an important resource for information on issues relating to the older population.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Education/training, case management/social services, social isolation, resource referral, access to health care, day center, food insecurity, assistance with enrolling in benefits, crisis intervention
Target Population Served	Seniors
Geographic Area Served	Greater Providence and surrounding areas
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence
Collaborative Partners	40 community and social service agencies serving seniors
Key Program Contact	Linda A'Vant-Deishinni, Center Director – Ledishinni@dioceseofprovidence.org , 401-274-6783 160 Cranston St., Providence, RI 02907
Website Link	https://dioceseofprovidence.org/st-martin-de-porres-center
Summary of the Program/Project	St. Martin de Porres Center offers important services to seniors including: <u>Linkages to programs:</u> Staff is available to assist older adults to locate resources such as Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, food stamps, pharmaceutical assistance and subsidized housing. <u>Social services:</u> The Center's social service staff receive referrals to assist older people with problems of abuse, self-neglect, financial management, lack of food, utility assistance, poor health and other crisis situations. <u>Medical support:</u> St. Martin's staff nurse consults with elderly about health concerns, then helps arrange appropriate medical services. The center also hosts health screenings and health education presentations. <u>Services for active seniors:</u> Services available include computer classes, fitness groups, volunteer placement, social interaction with other seniors, craft classes, and discounted prepared lunches.
Other Key Information	The Center operates under the umbrella of Catholic Charities in the Diocese.

Reference: <https://dioceseofprovidence.org/st-martin-de-porres-center> and
<https://thercatholic.com/stories/st-martin-de-porres-center-a-lifeline-for-seniors-for-nearly-50-years,10591>

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Name of the Program/Project	St. Mary's Outreach Center
Program Mission	St. Mary's Outreach Center helps older adults meet the challenge of living self-sufficiently with dignity and respect.
History/Background	In 1964, St. Mary's Episcopal Church responded to the need for affordable housing for the elderly by building a HUD subsidized apartment building where the rectory once stood. When the church had to close in 1999, the Diocese of Maryland in partnership with St. David's Church of Roland Park and the Hamden community were able to open an outreach center in 2002. The facility was named the St. Mary's Outreach Center (SMOC).
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Case management, health care access, affordable housing, referral to community resources, food insecurity, transportation
Target Population Served	Seniors, economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Communities of Hamden, Remington, Medfield, Woodberry, Hoes Heights, and Wyman Park
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, St. David's Church and community of Hamden
Collaborative Partners	St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Salvation Army, Hampden United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Church of the Guardian Angel, seven neighborhood organizations, thirteen community and government partners
Key Program Contact	Willistine Dargan, Executive Director – 410-366-3106 1104 W. 36 th St., Baltimore, MD 21211
Website Link	https://www.smocbaltimore.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	SMOC provides free and confidential services to men and women (55+) who are in need of assistance. The organization assists individuals by offering: <u>Case Management:</u> Services include benefits assistance to help enroll in health/medical, financial assistance, emergency assistance, social service, food assistance, utility assistance, transportation services, and other benefits. <u>Educational Programs and Workshops:</u> Programs are provided focused on financial, health-related, and psychosocial topics affecting older adults. <u>Social Events:</u> The organization hosts social events for the residents of Roland View Towers and includes a Mother's Day tea, Father's Day cookout, National Night Out, and an annual health fair.
Other Key Information	Reba Cornman serves as the Co-Chair of the board

Reference: <https://www.smocbaltimore.org/> and
<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/st-marys-outreach,113699100/>

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Name of the Program/Project	The Shade Tree
Program Mission	To provide safe shelter and resources to homeless and abused women and women with children in crisis; as well as, offer life-changing services that promote stability, dignity, and self-reliance.
History/Background	The Shade Tree was established in 1989 as Jubilee Ministries and back then offered limited services including safety, shelter, and cots started in the basement of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. A year later, the diocese, Junior League of Las Vegas, and the City of Las Vegas partnered together to establish a permanent shelter. In December of 1990, The Shade Tree moved into a building owned by Catholic Charities.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Shelter, housing placement assistance, food insecurity, job training, medical care, domestic violence services
Target Population Served	Homeless women and children, homeless men, and emancipated minors
Geographic Area Served	Greater Las Vegas and the surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Saint Luke's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada
Collaborative Partners	Junior League of Las Vegas, St. Vincent's Catholic Charities, City of Las Vegas
Key Program Contact	Lina C. Perez, CEO lperez@theshadetree.org Gen Phone # 702-385-0072 Address: 1 W. Owens Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89030
Website Link	https://theshadetree.org
Summary of the Program/Project	<p>The services provided by The Shade Tree include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Stallman Touro Medical Clinic</u>: Provides basic health care, acute care with the management of chronic conditions, women's healthcare and services for children. ● <u>Individualized Case Management</u>: Care managers create an individualized case plan for clients. ● <u>Food Assistance</u>: Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided for residents and those in the emergency shelter. ● <u>Children's Activity Center</u>: Children friendly accommodations and an interactive learning environment. ● <u>Victim's Services</u>: Offer critical assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse, street crime and victims of elder abuse. ● <u>Mental Health Services Coordination</u>: Offered by experienced mental health staff to clients dealing with mental health issues. ● <u>Noah's Animal House</u>: A pet sanctuary for residents of the shelter to allow clients to bring their pets with them. ● <u>Emergency Shelter</u>: 24-hour accessible program in Southern Nevada to meet the needs of the homeless. ● <u>Life Skills</u>: Approximately 60 on-site courses designed to assist with job skill development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Workforce Readiness Program</u>: Assists in preparing women for training programs, including work readiness demeanor and personal image, to help them re-enter the job market. ● <u>Incllement Weather Shelter</u>: Provides a safe place to rest during the coldest time of the year. Meals are provided, access to showers and laundry, sleeping accommodations and clothing. ● <u>Housing Assistance</u>: A housing specialist assists residents with applications for public/subsidized housing and helps to find quality affordable housing.
Other Key Information	Joyce Rice-Wagner is the Director of Building Operations jwagner@theshadetree.org

Reference: <https://www.theshadetree.org> and
<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/the-shade-tree-incorporated>

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Name of the Program/Project	South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet
Program Mission	The primary mission of the SSIP Food Closet is to maintain and operate an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for Sacramento area residents.
History/Background	The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet was established in 1969 to assist families and individuals in South Sacramento facing food insecurities. The program was started as an interfaith partnership of different faith communities in the South Sacramento area.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors
Geographic Area Served	South Sacramento and the surrounding areas
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Faith congregations from the local South Sacramento area working with local business partners.
Collaborative Partners	Twelve communities of faith including Bethany Presbyterian, Sacramento Japanese United Methodist, Centennial United Methodist, Saint Anthony Catholic Church, Faith Presbyterian, Fruitridge Christian, Florin United Methodist, Wesley United Methodist, Hope United Methodist, Lutheran Church of the Master, Parkside Community United Church of Christ, Prince of Peace, and Parkview Presbyterian. In addition to these faith communities the organization also partners with the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, five grocery stores, and twenty-one corporate partners.
Key Program Contact	Simon Yeh, Executive Director – infor@SSIPFoodCloset.org , 916-428-5290 5625 24 th St., Sacramento, CA 95822
Website Link	https://www.SSIPFoodCloset.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	SSIP operates two programs to help alleviate food insecurity for residents of the Sacramento area: <u>Food Closet/Pantry:</u> The Food Closet is open M-F from 9:00 to 11:30 to distribute food to families and individuals in need. <u>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP):</u> SSIP in partnership with the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services offers a food program for seniors. This program is in addition to the regular food distribution program. Low-income seniors are eligible to receive an additional box of groceries each month.
Other Key Information	Mark Hanzlik serves as the Board Chair

Reference: <https://www.SSIPFoodCloset.org/> and
<https://www.findhelp.org/south-sacramento-interfaith-partnership-%2528SSIP%2529--sacramento-ca--food-closet/4607849168109568?postal=95832>

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Name of the Program/Project	Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC)
Program Mission	It is our mission to partner with our community to provide necessary resources and build self-sufficiency.
History/Background	The organization was started in 1965 by Virginia Weatherbie in a church basement to provide food and clothing to neighbors in need.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, case management, and education
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged
Geographic Area Served	Cincinnati and surrounding area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	The organization was founded by Virginia Weatherbie working with a local church to provide space to distribute food and clothing.
Collaborative Partners	Thirty-eight faith communities serve as partners representing the denominations of Presbyterian, Lutheran, Christ Church, Non-denominational Christian, Episcopal, Catholic, Baptist, Church of Christ, Methodist, Jewish, Church of Christ, and United Church of Christ. The organization also works with six local business partners and eleven funding partners.
Key Program Contact	John R. Keuffer, III, Executive Director – jkeuffer@vicrc.org , 513-821-3233 420 W. Wyoming Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215
Website Link	https://www.vicrc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	VICRC programs are focused on partnering with the community to help those in need by providing the necessary resources and working towards self-sustainability. <u>Emergency Resources:</u> VICRC operates a food pantry providing food, personal care products, and baby formula/baby food. <u>Crisis Intervention:</u> VICRC offers victim advocate services to assist identified victims of crime and link them to direct services and resources. <u>Sustainability Program:</u> The program provides education and resources to mothers or women with youth on budget management and planning. <u>Seasonal Programs:</u> These programs include a mobile market to provide produce to those who have limited mobility, back-to-school supplies, and food baskets and gift items at the holidays to families in need.
Other Key Information	Mark Wooten is the Chief Administrative Officer, mwooten@vicrc.org The organization relies on volunteers to offer services.

Reference: <https://www.vicrc.org/> and

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/valley-interfaith-food-clothing-center.311261322/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Vermont Interfaith Action
Program Mission	Vermont Interfaith Action is an interfaith coalition of congregations and leaders dedicated to fostering relationships among different faith traditions to take collective action on public concerns and systematic injustices.
History/Background	Vermont Interfaith Action was founded in 2004 by clergy and lay leaders located in Burlington. The nonpartisan alliance included more than 40 spiritual communities.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Racial injustice, shelter/homelessness/affordable housing, correction reform, immigration reform
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, immigrants, incarcerated individuals, racial minorities
Geographic Area Served	Entire State of Vermont
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Religious and lay leaders from the Burlington, Vermont area
Collaborative Partners	Over 50 community and faith-based organizations including Christian, Jewish and non-denominational faith communities
Key Program Contact	Melissa Battah, Executive Director, Melissa@viavt.org , 802-651-8889 152 Pearl St., Burlington, VT 05401
Website Link	https://viavt.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	VIA is a faith-based, grassroots organizing group that focuses on issues of importance from people in the member congregations who seek to create a more just and compassionate world. <u>Racial Justice:</u> VIA has formed three groups to address various aspects of racial injustice in business, in land/housing ownership, and in public safety. <u>Affordable Housing:</u> VIA works to increase the number of housing units for low and moderate income Vermonters. <u>Eradicating Homelessness:</u> VIA is working diligently to eradicate homelessness in Washington County. The organization works to expand affordable and safe housing units. <u>Corrections Reform:</u> Efforts have focused on creating a more restorative and healing culture in correction facilities, especially the women's prison. Work has also focused on preparing inmates for release, so that individuals can succeed upon release. <u>Immigration:</u> VIA is working in collaboration with national partners to bring about immigration reform for essential workers, DREAMERs, TPS holders, and farmworkers.
Other Key Information	Martha Mackey in the Community Organizer – martha@viavt.org

Reference: <https://viavt.org/> and

https://www.reformer.com/local-news/vermont-interfaith-action-clergys-income-inequity-fight-seeks-se-cond-wind/article_e3eb6db9-53f5-5d5d-be6e-47931fecbba6.html

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Name of the Program/Project	Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE)
Program Mission	VOICE is a network of faith and community organizations in Virginia that brings people together across lines that often divide us so we can build the power needed to make meaningful change across the Commonwealth.
History/Background	Out of the tragedy of 9/11, a group of clergy leaders in Arlington and Alexandria began to meet to discuss how they could build an interfaith collaboration to respond to community needs and crises. By 2005, organizers from other local organizations joined in the discussions and the number of clergy leaders grew. A vote was taken this year to begin the process of creating an organizational structure. At a July 2008 meeting of clergy and lay leaders, the vote was taken to formally establish the new organization and name it VOICE.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Housing/shelter, mental health, substance use, advocacy, training
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, mentally ill
Geographic Area Served	Alexandria City, Fairfax County, Prince William Area, and Arlington County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	VOICE was started by the early organizing and advocacy work of Imam Johari, Fr. Gerry Creedon, Rabbi Brett Isserow, Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles, Rev. Leonard Hamlin, and Fr. Andrew Merrow. Approximately 40 clergy leaders were involved in helping to launch VOICE.
Collaborative Partners	VOICE includes 40 faith community partners including Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist, Unitarian Universalist, Islam, United Church of Christ, Jewish, African Methodist Episcopal, Church of the Brethren, and the All Dulles Area Muslim Society and Northern Virginia Baptist Assoc.
Key Program Contact	Rev. Kenneth Nixon, Senior Organizer, voice@voice-va.org , 703-261-9450 VOICE c/o Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204
Website Link	https://voice-iaf.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	In February of each year the VOICE's Action Team, which represents the Member institutions, selects the major initiatives that will be focused on. The current major initiatives being focused on by VOICE include: <u>Leadership Development:</u> VOICE is committed to cultivating leaders who share a passion for justice and a love for diverse communities. <u>Behavioral Health Care:</u> VOICE works to ensure that individuals and families have affordable, timely mental health and substance use services that reflect the unique needs of diverse communities. <u>Abundant and Affordable Housing:</u> VOICE is committed to ensuring everyone has access to safe and affordable shelter. Efforts including housing justice, advancing zoning reforms, and securing critical funding to make affordable housing a reality for Northern Virginians. <u>Democracy:</u> VOICE invests in year-round leadership training and run Get Out the Vote campaigns during critical elections to ensure every voice is heard.
Other Key Information	Rev. Michael Lynn Sessoms and Rev. Mandy North serve as the Strategy Team Co-Chairs – 703-261-9450

Reference: <https://voice-iaf.org/> and

<https://pluralism.org/voice-virginians-organized-interfaith-community-engagement>

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Name of the Program/Project	Wellspring Interfaith Social Services
Program Mission	We are a people of faith committed to enriching the lives of residents throughout Allen County, empowering them, providing opportunities, and evaluating their well-being by meeting both their physical and social needs.
History/Background	Wellspring's roots began in 1968 when five downtown congregations plus the YWCA joined together to provide summer programs for youth who lived in Fort Wayne's West Central neighborhood. In 1989 the board voted to change the name to West Central Neighborhood Ministry and in 2004 the name was changed again to Wellspring to reflect the much broader area that the organization was serving.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Food insecurity, basic needs, after school programs, services for seniors, case management
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, seniors, youth
Geographic Area Served	Allen County
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Emmanuel Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. John's United Church of Christ, Trinity English Lutheran, Wayne Street Methodist and the YWCA.
Collaborative Partners	Eighteen faith communities including United Methodist, Lutheran, Unitarian Universalist, Church of the Brethren, Baptist, Fellowship Missionary, Presbyterian, Catholic, Church of Jesus, Mennonite, Jewish, Congregational, and Episcopal. There are also thirteen foundations and twenty-three businesses/organizations that partner with Wellspring.
Key Program Contact	Ermina Mustedanagic, CEO – ermina@wellspringinterfaith.org , 260-422-6618 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Website Link	http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Wellspring provides free services and programs to their neighbors in need including: <u>Food Bank:</u> The food bank program operates three weekdays per week and on the second Saturday of the month. <u>Youth After-School Program:</u> This program involves youth in a variety of activities including homework assistance, arts, crafts, and other educational and recreational program. <u>Youth Summer Day Camp:</u> This program is a free 6-week camp in the summer for children Pre-K through 7 th grade M-F. <u>Older Adult Program:</u> With various community partners, Wellspring provides programming for seniors including guest speakers, nutrition education, music, recreational activities and games, field trips and more. <u>Wellspring Shoppe:</u> The objective of the Wellspring Shoppe is to provide quality clothing to Allen County residents for everyday activities, job interviews, employment and social events. <u>Wellspring on Wheels:</u> The organization has a fleet of vehicles that enable them to take their services to other parts of the city offering resources such as food. <u>Housing Case Management:</u> Wellspring partners with Just Neighbors to offer case management services to anyone facing housing insecurity.
Other Key Information	Ethan Brown is the President of the Board of Directors

Reference: <http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org/> and
<https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/510151621?schemaorg>

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Name of the Program/Project	West Virginia Council of Churches
Program Mission	The West Virginia Council of Churches makes more visible the unity of Christ's church, provides a Christian witness on public issues, and engages in cooperative mission and service for all West Virginians.
History/Background	The organization traces its origins to 1880 when the West Virginia Sunday School Association was legally organized. The offshoot of the International Sunday School Association marked the historic beginning of the organization, with the work of a few volunteers the Council grew into a common Christian mission that today includes 14 denominations in the state.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Disaster response, substance use disorder, advocacy, assisting the incarcerated, education/training, food insecurity
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, persons impacted by disasters, persons in prison, youth
Geographic Area Served	Greater West Virginia area
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	West Virginia Sunday School Association and Church Women United
Collaborative Partners	Churches in West Virginia representing select Christian denominations including American Baptist, Antiochian Orthodox Christian, Disciples of Christ, Church of the Brethren, Coptic Orthodox Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greek Orthodox Church, Presbyterian Church, Roman Catholic Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Church, The African American Episcopal Zion Church, Episcopal Church, Salvation Army, United Methodist Church, Charleston Black Ministerial Association, and Partnership of African American Churches, Synod of the Trinity
Key Program Contact	Rev. Doug Dyson, Executive Director – director@wvcc.org , 304-344-3141 Washington St. E #2207, Charleston, WV 25311
Website Link	https://wvcc.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	The West Virginia Council of Churches offers key programs to assist residents of West Virginia. <u>Disaster Response:</u> The WVCC partners with other agencies to provide disaster response. Services offered include disaster spiritual care training, perishable food and medicine project, and placing generators in partnership with food pantries in counties with high rates of disasters. <u>Substance Use Disorder Initiative:</u> WVCC offer two types of substance abuse trainings including Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT) and Motivational Interviewing. <u>Peace with Justice/Government Concerns:</u> WVCC does advocacy work and training around key issues including the sanctity of life, environmental concerns, treatment of those in prison, and addressing issues of food insecurity. <u>Prison Ministry/Corrections:</u> WVCC has established 23 active Community Reentry Councils that bring together human services, faith communities, corrections, law enforcement, courts, and social services agencies with the focus of addressing barriers to reentry such as housing, employment,

	behavioral health, substance abuse, family services, help resource positive youth development, benefits and food assistance. <u>Faith and Community in Appalachia:</u> An annual conference organized by WVCC that provides a place for reflection on issues facing Appalachia today, opportunities for networking, and a time to renew ones' spirits. <u>Developing the Next Generation:</u> The organization supports children in foster and kinship care to join scouting programs at no cost.

Reference: <https://wvcc.org/> and

<https://www.syntrinity.org/featured/wv-council-of-churches-always-willing-to-lend-a-helping-hand/>

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Name of the Program/Project	Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
Program Mission	The mission of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is to connect and empower faith communities and individuals to work for the common good and a life of dignity for everyone. We advocate for change so that all individuals and families can thrive socially, prosper economically, and participate fully in civil society. We intentionally build bridges across faith communities and draw on the collective wisdom, courage, and strength of our various faith traditions.
History/Background	The organization began with a group of religious leaders who were part of Concerned Religious Leaders of Wisconsin. In 2012 the organization was named Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice and in 2017 obtained its 501c3 non-profit status.
Social Issues/Needs Addressed	Advocacy, community organizing, economic injustice/poverty, community building, and voter engagement, shelter
Target Population Served	Economically disadvantaged, refugees/immigrants, and the general population
Geographic Area Served	Entire State of Wisconsin
Faith-Based Organization Sponsor/Founder	Clergy who were part of the Concerned Religious Leaders of Wisconsin
Collaborative Partners	Thirty faith communities/organizations are part of the organization representing Lutheran, Jewish, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Non-denominational, Baptist, First Unitarian, Catholic, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Quaker, Congregational UCC, Buddhist, Zen, Baha'i and Islam faith traditions.
Key Program Contact	Matt Kendziera, Executive Director – wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com , 608-513-7121 c/o Madison Christian Community, 7118 Old Sauk Rd., Madison, WI 53717
Website Link	https://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/
Summary of the Program/Project	Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice leads both experiential programs and justice initiatives. <u>Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign:</u> The organization mobilizes faith communities to engage in the democratic process. Efforts promote voter engagement, sharing voter education opportunities, resisting voter suppression, and advocating for the rights of all Wisconsinites. <u>Dane Sanctuary Coalition:</u> This project provides and supports physical sanctuary when needed. Other services include rides to government required appointments and acting as a conduit for information, education, and training on related social justice actions. <u>LGBTQ+:</u> The organization advocates on behalf of the LGBTQ+ members of the community and speaks out on injustices targeting this population. <u>Educational Events:</u> Focused on topics of concern to the community such as voting rights and standing for social justice.
Other Key Information	Rhonda Lindner is the Interfaith Organizer

Reference: <https://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/> and <https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/wisconsin-faith-voices-for-justice-wfvi/>