

A BRIGHTER DAY JULY 2025 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

Shining Bright This July

As we move through the heart of summer, we are filled with gratitude for all that July has brought to A Brighter Day Outreach. From our monthly Give-Back Day to the continued growth of our Food Pantry, and the exciting preparations for National Night Out, this month has been a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together.

Every act of service, every donation, and every hour volunteered has helped us meet real needs and spread hope in our community. Together, we are planting seeds of change that will continue to grow for months to come.

Thank you for walking with us in this journey of service, unity, and love. Let's keep building brighter days-one month, one moment, and one heart at a time.



With gratitude,

The A Brighter Day Outreach Team

"When I walked in, I didn't just get food — I felt like someone cared enough to see me."

- A Community Member

This simple yet powerful statement captures what drives us at A Brighter Day Outreach. Our work at the Community HUB and Food Pantry is more than providing groceries, it's about restoring dignity, building connections, and creating a place where hope can take root.

Thanks to the support of our incredible partners, volunteers, and donors, July was a month of impact. From serving families through our Food Pantry, to preparing for National Night Out, to moving forward with our Capital Campaign for the HUB, we are growing into a stronger force for good in the Historic Hoskins, Thomasboro and nearby Communities.

Your partnership fuels this mission. Together, we're not just meeting needs, we're changing lives, one brighter day at a time.

OUR INITIATIVES

Thank You, Our Community Partners – Together, We're Feeding Hope



At A Brighter Day Outreach, our Community Food Pantry is more than a place to pick up groceries, it's a place where families find dignity, connection, and hope. Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, our pantry serves over 200 families each week, meeting a vital need in the Historic Hoskins, Thomasboro and nearby Communities.

This life-changing work wouldn't be possible without the partnership of Feeding Charlotte, Our Daily Bread and Hearts United For Good. Your unwavering support helps keep our shelves stocked and our mission alive, ensuring that no family leaves empty-handed or unseen.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us. Together, we are not just feeding families, we are feeding hope and building brighter days for our neighbors.



How You Can Help:

- Donate Food & Supplies Non-perishable items, and hygiene essentials are always needed.
- Volunteer Help us sort, pack, and distribute food to families in need.
- § Give a Gift Every donation helps us keep our pantry stocked and continue serving the community.

With these new partnerships and your continued support, we are building a stronger, healthier community—one meal at a time. Thank you for being part of the solution!

- Location: A Brighter Day Outreach Community Food Pantry
- 77 Weekly Distribution:

Tuesdays/Thursdays (12:00 NOON to 6:00 PM)

Contact Us: <u>704-612-6390</u>



Food Pantry Donation QR Code



OUR INITIATIVES

Monthly Initiatives: Community Give-Back Day – July 19, 2025

What an incredible day of service and connection! On Saturday, July 19, 2025, we gathered for our monthly Community Give-Back Day, and the impact was nothing short of inspiring. Together with our volunteers, donors, and partners, we provided essential resources, shared meals, and offered encouragement to families across our community.

Each smile, conversation, and act of kindness reminded us why we do what we do—because brighter days are built when we show up for one another.

A huge thank-you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and joined us. Your commitment helps us continue this vital work month after month. We can't wait to see you at our next Give-Back Day!



Blessings on Blessings at the HUB!

Wow! What an incredible day we experienced at the A Brighter Day Outreach Community HUB and Food Pantry. Days like this remind us the importance of helping one another—because when the community comes together, transformation happens.

Thanks to the generosity and partnership of Feeding Charlotte, Our Daily Bread and Hearts United For Good, we were able to bless so many families with fresh, nutritious food and other essentials. But beyond the meals, we were able to offer connection, encouragement, and hopereminding each person who walked through our doors that they are seen, valued, and loved.

It's always more than food. It's about creating a place where neighbors can feel supported and cared for, where needs are met, and where brighter days become possible.



To Feeding Charlotte, Our Daily Bread and Hearts United For Good: thank you for walking this journey with us. Your commitment to ending food insecurity continues to make a life-changing difference in our community.



We're Humbled to Be Featured on WBTV News!



We had the honor of being a Spotlight Guest on WBTV News, sharing the heart of what we're doing in the Historic Hoskins Community through the A Brighter Day Outreach Community HUB and Food Pantry.

One question we're often asked is: "How can I help?" Well,here you go!

Missed it live? You can watch the full segment here: Watch Now on WBTV

Our Biggest Needs:

- A refrigerated box truck and/or Sprinter van
- Support for our fundraising initiative to raise \$200,000 for HUB compliance upgrades and the remaining payoff

Thank You, Lowe's Hometown Team & WCNC Charlotte!

We are truly grateful to the Lowe's Hometown Team and WCNC Charlotte for visiting the A Brighter Day Outreach Community HUB and Food Pantry today to spotlight the amazing work being done in our community. This Food Pantry was funded by Lowe's last year—continues to be a lifeline for so many families, and we are honored to share its impact with you.

A special thank you to our incredible ABDO Team and Volunteers whose dedication makes this work possible every single day.

It was a humbling experience to be chosen for this feature. We are blessed to be a blessing and we couldn't do it without you.

Interested to become our partner?
Email: bnkdavis@abrighterdayoutreach.org





Welcome, Eileen Diaz – Assistant Program Director for Break Every Chain!

We are excited to welcome **Eileen Diaz** as the new **Assistant Program Director for our Break Every Chain Program!**

Eileen brings valuable experience in youth development and community programming, along with a deep passion for empowering young people to share their voices and unlock their potential. Her heart for service and dedication to uplifting the next generation make her a perfect fit for this vital program.

Please join us in celebrating Eileen as she steps into this role. Together, we will continue to guide our scholars toward healing, creativity, and brighter futures through Break Every Chain.



Invest in Impact: Support Our Capital Campaign for the HUB, Food Pantry & Community Mobile Mural

A Brighter Day Outreach is launching a bold new chapter—and we invite you to be part of it. In partnership with the Historic Hoskins Coalition Group (HHCG), we're expanding our reach and deepening our impact through a capital campaign that will support three transformational initiatives:

- The HUB A dedicated space for healing, learning, and connection, where neighbors can access essential resources, mentorship, and empowerment.
- Food Pantry Expansion Growing our capacity to serve more families with dignity, consistency, and nutritious food.
- Community Mobile Mural A traveling piece of art that reflects the heart, history, and hope of the Hoskins community—created with local voices and creativity.







This is more than a campaign—it's an invitation to help build something lasting. Together, we can create spaces of restoration, celebration, and opportunity for all.

Join us in making this vision a reality—because every gift helps us build brighter days.

Now Streaming: The A Brighter Day Outreach Podcast!



We're excited to bring you real conversations, inspiring stories, and powerful moments from the heart of our community through our podcast! Each episode highlights the voices behind our programs, the lives being impacted, and the purpose that drives us forward.

From youth empowerment to mental health, food access to creative expression, our podcast shines a light on the work happening every day at A Brighter Day Outreach.

Whether you're a long-time supporter or just getting to know us, there's something here for everyone.

Tune in and subscribe to stay connected, inspired, and part of the journey.

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/@abrighterdayoutreach

A BREAKING EVERY CHAIN ANTHOLOGY: VOLUME I Edited by Water2WinePress Publishing House

Support the Voices of Our Youth - Get Your Copy of Rainbow Flow!

We are proud to present Break Every Chain Anthology, Volume 1: Rainbow Flow—a powerful collection of stories and illustrations created by 3rd—5th grade scholars at Thomasboro Academy.

This anthology reflects the creativity, courage, and unique voices of our young authors and artists, who came together to share their experiences and dreams in a vibrant, flowing tapestry of expression.

By purchasing Rainbow Flow, you're doing more than buying a book, you're investing in our youth, supporting their healing, and fueling the mission of Break Every Chain to empower the next generation through creativity and storytelling.

Get your copy today and help us continue breaking chains, one story at a time.

Order here: https://a.co/d/8CQuYRU

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Join Us for National Night Out - August 5, 2025!



You're invited to an unforgettable evening of unity, fun, and community at National Night Out with A Brighter Day Outreach on Tuesday, August 5, 2025! This annual event is all about strengthening relationships between neighbors, law enforcement, and local organizations while celebrating the power of community.

Bring your family and friends for a night filled with food, music, games, giveaways, and meaningful connections. Let's come together to promote safety, peace, and brighter days for everyone in our neighborhoods.



Join Us for Our Monthly Give-Back Day!

Mark your calendars! Our next Community Give-Back Day will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM at A Brighter Day Outreach.

This monthly outreach is an opportunity to come together as neighbors, volunteers, and partners to share resources, meet needs, and spread hope in our community. Whether you're joining us to volunteer, donate, or receive support, you are an important part of making this day meaningful.

Let's continue to build brighter days-together.

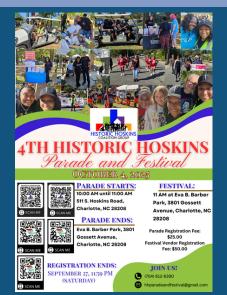
For more information on volunteering or donating, contact us at <u>704-612-6390</u>.











Join Us for the Historic Hoskins Parade & Festival!

A Brighter Day Outreach is excited to invite you to the Historic Hoskins Parade & Festival—a day of community pride, culture, and celebration in partnership with the Historic Hoskins Coalition Group!

Join us for a vibrant parade, live entertainment, delicious food, local vendors, games, and family-friendly activities as we come together to celebrate the rich history and spirit of Historic Hoskins and surrounding neighborhoods.

This event is more than just a celebration—it's an opportunity to honor our past, embrace our present, and build a brighter future together. We can't wait to see you there!

Join Us in Building a Brighter Future – Capital Campaign Launch

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN









Take a Tour of the A Brighter Day Community HUB https://youtu.be/wnlvrs80Ejg?
si= Z9AOfXcWFNpwKqQ

A Brighter Day Outreach Community HUB and Food Pantry Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3P7EPICAYT 8W?ref =wl share

A Brighter Day Outreach Break Every Chain Program (Youth Supplies)

Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9NQB84Y0S PAV/ref=nav wishlist lists 2

Support A Brighter Day Outreach – Help Us Build a Stronger Community!

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A Brighter Day Outreach is committed to serving families, empowering youth and strengthening our community-but we can't do it alone. We need your support to continue our work and expand our impact.

Right now, we are facing a critical need to cover the \$172,000 cost for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Residential to Commercial Change of Use and ADA compliance for our Community HUB and Food Pantry. These upgrades are essential to ensuring we can safely and effectively serve more families with vital resources like food assistance, youth programs, senior programs and community services.

Your donation, no matter the size, makes a difference! Every contribution brings us one step closer to meeting this goal and continuing to be a beacon of hope for those in need.

Join us in making a lasting impact-donate today and help us create a brighter future for Charlotte's families!

Support Our Community Initiatives – We Need Your Help!





As the weather warms up, our homeless families need essential hygiene items, including washcloths, soap, combs, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and hand sanitizer. Your donations can make a real difference in helping those in need maintain their dignity and well-being.



Additionally, we're working alongside the Historic Hoskins Coalition Group, which recently celebrated its 4th year of service to the community, to complete the Historic Hoskins Community Identity Project. Only four entryway signs remain to complete—two for Historic Hoskins Community and one each for North Hoskins and South Hoskins. Aside from that, our Historic Hoskins Community Mobile Mural has become a beloved symbol of neighborhood pride and history but it's getting old, and it needs repair.

Weather and time have begun to wear it down. To keep this powerful piece of community art alive, we need donations to help restore, preserve, and protect it for future generations.

Every dollar helps us fix and maintain this mural that tells the story of our people, our culture, and our strength.

Please consider supporting this important effort today.



WANT TO SHOP AND DROP OFF?



Your shopping trip can brighten someone's day!



Where to Find and Contact Us: 510 Sinclair Street, Charlotte, NC 28208 (704) 612-6390

Purchase essentials and drop them off at our donation center to support those in need. Together, we can create a wave of positivity and make a real impact in our community!

Donate Today:

https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/every-contribution-makes-a-difference-in-fighting-hunger-and-building-brighter-days

Let's turn each trip into a chance to make a difference!