

A BRIGHTER DAY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

Bulling Brighter Futures Together!

Spring into Service and Impact!

As the flowers bloom and the days grow longer, April reminds us of growth, renewal, and new opportunities to serve. This month, we're proud to celebrate the progress of our programs, honor our volunteers, and highlight how your support continues to create lasting change in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities.



"April is a time for fresh starts and renewed purpose. At A Brighter Day Outreach, we see the resilience in our communities every day—and we're here to walk alongside every family, every child, and every neighbor who needs support. Thank you for being part of this journey."



Stay Connected. Stay Inspired.

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- Beverly Knox (Davis)
Founder | President

A Brighter Day Outreach: Building a Brighter Future in 2025!

As we move through 2025, A Brighter Day Outreach remains committed to expanding our programs and deepening our impact in the Historic Hoskins, Thomasboro and nearby communities. With the support of donors, volunteers, and partners, we are focusing on key areas to empower families and create lasting change:

- Community Food Pantry Serving more than 400 families monthly, providing food and toiletry items to families in need and working to expand our reach through funding and partnerships.
- ✓ Break Every Chain Program Supporting students at Thomasboro Academy with mentorship, resources, and guidance to help them stay on the right path.
- ✓ Give-Back Program Hosting monthly events to distribute essential supplies and connect families with valuable resources.
- ✓ Computer Lab Offering job training, resume assistance, and technology access to help individuals gain essential skills.
- ✓ Mental Health Room Providing a safe space for de-escalation, counseling, and emotional support.

OUR INITIATIVES

Thank You, Feeding Charlotte! Keeping Our Shelves Stocked and Our Neighbors Fed

A Brighter Day Outreach is deeply grateful to Feeding Charlotte for helping us keep our Food Pantry filled with nutritious, high-quality food for families in need. We also thank Our Daily Bread Ministries and special donors, we're able to open our pantry twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) serving nearly 200 families every week.

With every delivery, Feeding Charlotte helps us fight hunger, reduce food waste, and bring hope to our Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro neighbors. Their partnership ensures that children go to bed nourished and families have one less burden to carry.

Together, we are creating a brighter, stronger, and more compassionate community.



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

To Weekly Distribution:

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

Contact Us: 704-612-6390





OUR INITIATIVES

Celebrating Our First Break Every Chain Youth Authors & Illustrators!

The Break Every Chain Program is a school-based initiative designed to empower youth, particularly those at risk of entering the school-to-prison pipeline. Through mentorship, social-emotional learning, life skills development, and character-building activities, the program helps students make positive choices, build confidence, and break cycles of generational trauma.

We are thrilled to announce that all 11 scholars have officially completed the inaugural Break Every Chain Youth Authors and Illustrators Program! These talented students have worked hard to bring their stories and creativity to life, and we couldn't be prouder.



A special thank you goes to Ms. Millhouse, whose unwavering dedication and support were the glue that held this journey together. From start to finish and even down to the very last student. She made sure every scholar crossed the finish line. We truly could not have done this without her.

We're excited to collaborate with Minister Reggie Kee, CEO of Water2WinePress Publishing, to bring the students' work to life. All of the written stories and the illustrations have been submitted and photoshoot is scheduled before the school year ends.

Thank you to everyone who believed in this vision and helped turn it into a reality. The best is yet to come!

Break Every Chain Program - 2nd Graduation Celebration



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We're proud to celebrate the second graduating class of the Break Every Chain Program! These incredible youth have completed a journey of self-discovery, growth, and leadership. Through mentorship, creative expression, and life skills training, they've broken barriers and built a foundation for brighter futures.

This moment marks more than just an ending—it's a new beginning for our young leaders to rise, inspire, and continue breaking chains in their communities and beyond. Having said that, we thank our volunteers for supporting our program from start to finish.

Congratulations, Scholars—your story is powerful, and your impact has just begun.



Special Thanks to Domino's Pizza!

We are deeply grateful to Domino's Pizza for donating fresh, hot pizzas to help us celebrate the Break Every Chain Program's 2nd Graduation. Your generosity fed our scholars, families, and guests—and helped make the day unforgettable.

<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

Grateful for Community, Collaboration & Overflowing Blessings



It's not every day you receive a phone call offering 8 full pallets of food, but when that call came in, it sparked a beautiful moment of collaboration and community.

We are incredibly grateful to Deborah Denise of Block Love Charlotte, who graciously received the full delivery at her location and welcomed A Brighter Day Outreach to gather what we could manage. With a packed house during dinnertime, Deb showed extraordinary grace and leadership, juggling it all with compassion and care.

Thanks to her hospitality and quick thinking, not only were we able to distribute much-needed food to families in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities, but other organizations were also able to benefit from the abundance. The overflow was even shared with community members who responded to a last-minute call to pick up by 9 PM.

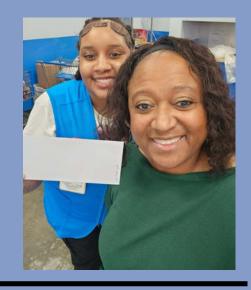
This is the power of partnership. Because of it, this week will be a joyful and nourishing one for hundreds of families in our neighborhood.

Thank you, Deb, for your heart, your hustle, and your unwavering love for our city.

Grateful for Walmart's Generous Support!

A Brighter Day Outreach is proud to recognize and thank Walmart for their generous donation to support our Community Food Pantry. Their contribution helps us continue providing essential groceries and fresh food to nearly 200 families every week in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities.

Walmart's support not only helps keep our shelves stocked—it fuels hope, relieves stress for struggling families, and strengthens our mission to serve with compassion and dignity.



The A Brighter Day Outreach New Podcast episodes are out!



To Tune In: The Brighter Day Outreach Podcast

Stories That Inspire. Conversations That Build Community.

The sense of family in Historic Hoskins is real! A Brighter Day Outreach Podcast, Beverly and Charis Blackmon share why the Historic Hoskins Coalition is so important — and how it's making a difference. Share and tune in on your favorite podcast platform or watch the full episode on YouTube!

Episode Spotlight: Jamall Kinard – Leading With Vision

In our latest episode, we sit down with Jamall Kinard, Executive Director of the Lakeview Neighborhood Alliance (LNA)—Historic Hoskins' neighboring community organization. Jamall shares his inspiring journey into community leadership, the evolution of LNA, and the challenges and triumphs of grassroots organizing. Don't miss this powerful look into the man behind the mission.

Watch on YouTube: Click to Listen

Other Recent Episodes Include:

Episode 6: Fresh Food, No Waste
Join Beverly and Ronnequeh as they reveal
how the ABDO Community Food Pantry stays
stocked with fresh ingredients while
minimizing waste. Learn about our approach
to food justice and the commitment to
nourishing our neighbors.

Episode Feature: Preserving History with Chris Smalls

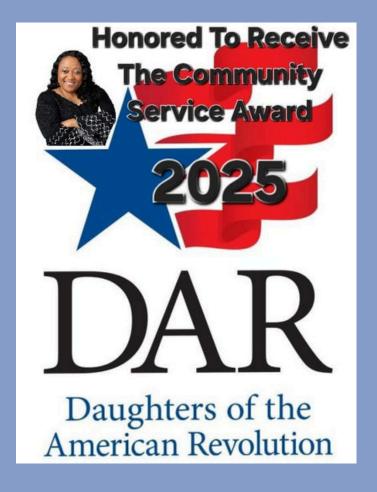
Beverly sits down with Chris Smalls, President of Historic Hoskins Mill, to explore the significance of this historic site, its legacy, and the work being done to preserve its roots while cultivating new life for the community.

Whether you're seeking insight, inspiration, or a deeper connection to the heart of Historic Hoskins, this podcast is your place to listen, learn, and grow.

Subscribe on your favorite platform or watch full episodes on YouTube.

WHAT'S NEW?

Celebrating Beverly Knox Davis: A Leader in Community Service and Housing Equity



A Brighter Day Outreach is thrilled to announce that our very own Beverly Knox Davis has been awarded the 2025 Community Service Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)—a national honor recognizing individuals who make extraordinary contributions to their communities through selfless service.

In addition to this well-deserved recognition, Beverly has also been appointed to the Board of Directors for DreamKey Partners, a leading organization focused on advancing affordable housing, equity, and economic opportunity across Charlotte and beyond.

Beverly's unwavering commitment to empowering underserved communities, building bridges, and leading with love continues to inspire us all. Her passion for service shines through every role she holds, and we are proud to celebrate these incredible milestones with her.

Congratulations, Beverly! Your leadership is opening doors and changing lives.





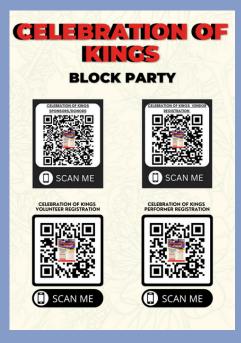
UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Join Us for the Celebration of Kings Block Party!



A Brighter Day Outreach invites you to our Celebration of Kings Block Party—a community event dedicated to uplifting, empowering, and celebrating the men and boys in our community!

This event was created after recognizing that strong, present men were not always being celebrated, while also acknowledging the need for encouragement where fathers, mentors, and male role models may absent. matter be No the circumstances, this celebration honors them all.



Join us for a day filled with food, music, games, and activities for the whole family. Come together in fun, fellowship, and recognition as we highlight the strength, leadership, and positive impact of the Kings in our community.

We can't wait to see you there! Bring your family, bring your friends, and let's celebrate our Kings!

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!



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A Brighter Day Outreach is excited to rally our neighbors for a Community Clean-Up Day! Thank you to everyone who showed up ready to roll up their sleeves, beautify our streets, and take pride in our shared spaces.

This clean-up effort is more than just picking up trash, it's about showing love for our Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities, building unity, and creating safe, welcoming spaces for our families.

Together, we are stronger and cleaner! Stay tuned for our next community day and thank you for being part of the change!

Mark Your Calendars: Give Back Day - May 10

A Brighter Day Outreach invites you to join us on Saturday, May 24 for a special Give Back Day—a time to uplift, serve, and support our community in meaningful ways.

From distributing food and essential items to connecting with families in need, this day is all about spreading love, hope, and help where it's needed most. Whether you're volunteering, donating, or simply sharing the word, your involvement makes a difference.

Let's continue to build a brighter day-together!







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Join Us in Building a Brighter Future - Capital Campaign Launch

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A Brighter Day Outreach is launching a Capital Campaign to raise \$420,000 in support of our Community HUB—an essential space where lives are changed every day through food distribution, mental health support, youth programs, and more. We have been diligently working to secure these funds through multiple measures. We are hopeful that the current economy and nonprofit funding constraints do not impact our goals. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Here's what your support will help us accomplish:

- \$250,000 to pay off the Community HUB, securing its long-term place in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro neighborhoods.
- \$172,000 for ADA compliance upgrades and roof repair, ensuring the HUB is safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone we serve.

Your gift is more than a donation, it's an investment in community healing, equity, and empowerment. Together, we can preserve this vital space and expand our reach to serve even more families in need.

Take a Tour of the A Brighter Day Community HUB

https://youtu.be/wnlvrs8oEjg?si= Z9AOfXcWFNpwKqQ







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

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.





We're also gearing up for our Celebration of Kings Auction and Community Incentives Program—and we need your help! If you or your business can donate auction gifts or incentive items, we'd love your support in making these initiatives a success.

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!



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!

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

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