



A BRIGHTER DAY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

Lighting the Path Toward Hope and Community

As October comes to a close, we pause to reflect on the heart of what truly matters—people. Every smile shared, every hand extended, and every small act of kindness continues to shape the story of A Brighter Day Outreach.

This month, we've seen neighbors helping neighbors, children learning and growing, and families finding hope in community. These moments remind us why we do what we do. It's not just about programs or events it's about connection, compassion, and creating spaces where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.

At A Brighter Day Outreach, giving isn't a one-time act, it's a way of life. Whether through our youth programs, monthly community give-backs, or shared meals and learning opportunities, we believe change begins with showing up for one another.

As we enter a season of gratitude, we're thankful for everyone who continues to walk beside us—volunteers, families, friends, and supporters who bring their light to our mission every day. Because when we come together, brighter days aren't just possible they're happening right here, in our own community.

– **The A Brighter Day Outreach Team**

"Together, we are building a brighter tomorrow."



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"We rise by lifting others." – Robert Ingersoll

At A Brighter Day Outreach, every program, partnership, and volunteer moment is rooted in this belief. When we uplift one another, we create a stronger, more united community where everyone has the chance to thrive.

OUR INITIATIVES

Thank You, Feeding Charlotte!

What an amazing day it was! Our hearts are full of gratitude for Feeding Charlotte, whose continued partnership helps us provide nutritious meals and bags of foods to families in need. Each delivery reminds us that community care is a shared effort and together, we're making a real impact.

But the work doesn't stop here, our A Brighter Day Outreach Community Food Pantry needs your help to stay stocked and ready to serve 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.

To Donate: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/every-contribution-makes-a-difference-in-fighting-hunger-and-building-brighter-days>



A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Daily Bread Ministries & Costco – October 20, 2025

On October 20th, we were reminded once again of the power of partnership and community care. A Brighter Day Outreach is truly, truly thankful to Our Daily Bread Ministries for connecting with Costco and blessing us with another incredible donation of fresh, high-quality produce.

This generous contribution will help feed many families in our community, providing nourishment, relief, and hope to those who need it most. Every box and bag distributed is a reflection of what can happen when people and organizations come together to serve others with open hearts.

While the need continues to grow, our mission remains strong: to feed, uplift, and inspire brighter days for all. Funds may be meager, but we are still in the blessing business.



Monthly Initiatives: Community Give-Back Day – October 18, 2025



On October 15, A Brighter Day Outreach once again opened our doors for our Monthly Community Give-Back, a day filled with hope, connection, and compassion.

From 10 AM to 1 PM, neighbors came together to receive fresh food, household essentials, and encouragement. Volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure every guest was greeted with kindness and left with both nourishment and a smile.

Each give-back reminds us that community is not just about where we live, it's about how we show up for one another. Whether it's a bag of foods, a word of encouragement, or a helping hand, every act of giving creates a ripple of light that reaches further than we can see.

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and participated! Together, we continue to build a stronger, more caring Charlotte.

Thank You, Starbucks!

On October 22nd, A Brighter Day Outreach opened its doors once again to serve our neighbors with fresh food and kindness. Thanks to a generous donation from Starbucks, families in our community received Chicken Caesar Salad kits, bread, and other fresh food items—all made available free of charge at our Community HUB.

From 3 PM to 6 PM, residents stopped by with their own shopping bags and left not only with nourishing meals, but with a reminder that community care is alive and well in Hoskins and beyond.

Moments like this are made possible because of the generosity of our supporters. As the need for food assistance continues to grow, we need your help to keep doing what we're doing.

Every contribution, big or small helps us fight hunger and bring hope to more families.



Historic Hoskins Parade & Festival – October 4, 2025

What a joyful day it was in the heart of our community! On October 4th, A Brighter Day Outreach joined neighbors, families, and friends for the Historic Hoskins Parade and Festival — a celebration of heritage, unity, and the vibrant spirit of our neighborhood.

The streets came alive with music, laughter, and color as local groups, organizations, and community members came together to honor the history and heart of Hoskins. From the parade march to the festival booths and family activities, it was a day filled with connection, pride, and togetherness.

For A Brighter Day Outreach, events like this remind us why we do what we do — to uplift our community, celebrate our shared roots, and continue building brighter days for generations to come.

We're thankful to the Historic Hoskins Coalition Group for organizing such an inspiring event and for their ongoing commitment to keeping our community strong and united.

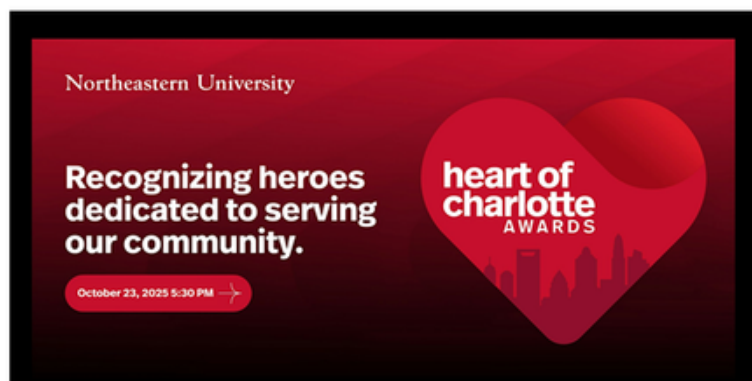
Here's to Hoskins — where history, heart, and hope come together!



A Brighter Day Outreach is a 2025 Finalist!

We're humbled to be recognized as a Finalist for the Community Partner of the Year Award at Northeastern University–Charlotte's 5th Annual Heart of Charlotte Awards. Even if we don't take home the award, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to be acknowledged among so many inspiring organizations making a difference in our community.

2025 Heart of Charlotte Awards



MiLa Visit at the Community HUB

On October 21st, we were blessed once again to welcome MiLa (Mobile Internet Library Access) to the A Brighter Day Outreach Community HUB and Food Pantry!

The MiLa team continues to bring knowledge, digital access, and valuable resources right to our doorstep proving that learning and opportunity truly belong to everyone. Community members were able to explore educational materials, access online tools, and shop for food essentials, all in one uplifting space.

As always, our day began with encouragement, prayer, and a shared commitment to serve with the right mindset and a grateful heart. The HUB stayed open until 5:30 PM, wrapping up just in time for the Historic Hoskins Coalition Group Community Meeting later that evening.

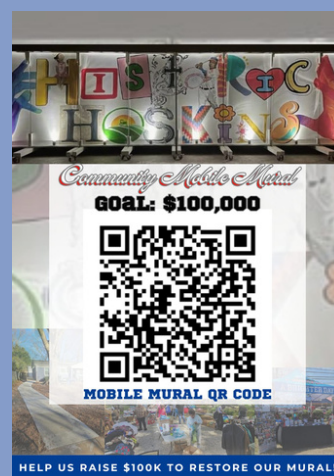
It was another day filled with connection, purpose, and hope—and a reminder that more blessings are always on the way.



Invest in Impact: Support Our Capital Campaign for the Community 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) to raise funds for the Historic Hoskins Mobile Mural. We're expanding our reach and deepening our impact through a capital campaign that will support three transformational initiatives:

- The Community 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.

Tune In to the ABDO Podcast!

We're excited to share another way to stay connected with A Brighter Day Outreach—our very own Podcast! Each episode is designed to inspire, inform, and uplift as we dive into important conversations that matter to our community.

Whether you're at home, on the go, or at work, you can tune in and be reminded that brighter days are always ahead.

Stay connected, be inspired, and join the conversation because together, we are making a difference.

Break Every Chain Changing the Path for Our Children
<https://youtu.be/Owu6sJWYxk0?si=P6Xcxps6h8qFdKx0>

Building Hope Together: A Brighter Day & Excel Peer Support Unite for Community Change
<https://youtu.be/I7Y3BrTxRMA?si=eFCOEzwBFP-TXxJq>

A Brighter Day Outreach Funding and Service Needs
<https://youtu.be/F3Cg6FJU6rc?si=4b2nfEnDeecW18eu>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@abrighterdayoutreach>



Help Us Finish the Historic Hoskins Community Identity Project

"What's a community without its own identity?"

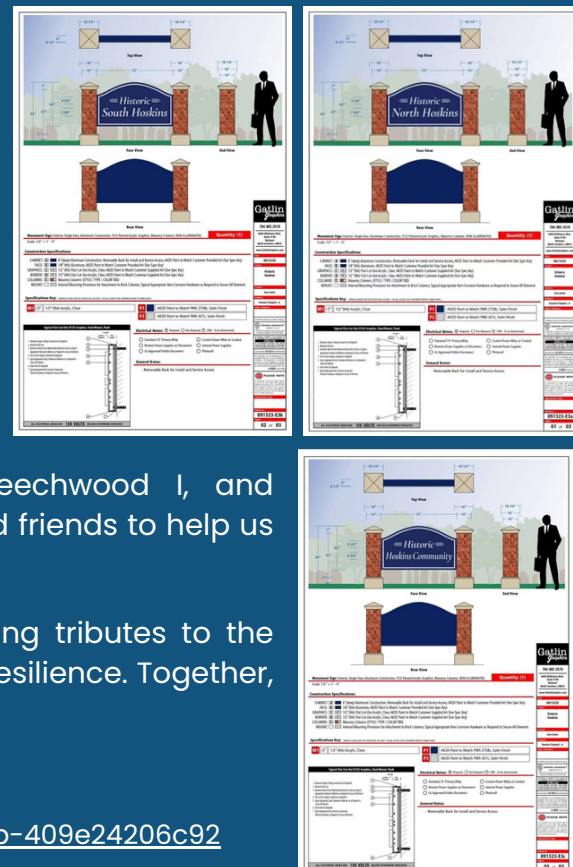
The Historic Hoskins Coalition Group has worked tirelessly to preserve the heart and heritage of our neighborhood through the Historic Hoskins Community Identity Project—a beautiful initiative that celebrates our story, strengthens our pride, and unites generations.

With your support, we've already completed Brookfield, Beechwood I, and Beechwood II. Now, we're calling on our community, partners, and friends to help us raise \$100,000 to complete the final four Identity Projects.

These projects are more than signs or symbols—they are lasting tributes to the people and history that make Hoskins a place of belonging and resilience. Together, we can ensure our community's identity shines for years to come.

Donate today to help us reach our goal:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/f1e7d9d3-7c5d-4760-bfab-409e24206c92>



Breaking Every Chain, Building Brighter Futures

Thomasboro Academy | 3rd Year of the Break Every Chain Program

It's been an incredible honor to work with the bright and resilient 2nd Grade Scholars at Thomasboro Academy. As A Brighter Day Outreach enters its third year of the Break Every Chain Program, our mission remains clear: to help every child discover the power within themselves to learn, grow, and thrive.

Each week, we teach students essential life skills how to regulate their emotions, repurpose their anger, and most importantly, stay in the classroom instead of being removed through In-School Suspension (ISS), Out-of-School Suspension (OSS), or expulsion. We remind them: Don't let anyone take your gift of learning away.

Our approach goes beyond discipline, it's about empowerment. By starting with 2nd graders, we are working to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, a data trend that often begins in 3rd grade and impacts the future of far too many young people. Through this program, scholars are given a safe space to release, reflect, and refocus learning how to change what they see around them by first changing what's within.

Because education is power, and once you have it no one can take it away.

To the adults in our community: it's time to move beyond watching headlines and start fixing the foundation. Real change begins when we invest in our youth early, consistently, and with purpose. Let's replace frustration with action, and create a legacy of opportunity, not obstacles.

Join us as we continue to Break Every Chain and empower the next generation to rise stronger, smarter, and ready to lead.



UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Upcoming Community Give-Back 2025!

The spirit of giving continues! Join A Brighter Day Outreach for our November Community Give-Back — a day dedicated to serving, sharing, and celebrating community.

From food and essential item distribution to warm smiles and uplifting connections, this event is all about showing love to our neighbors and ensuring that no one is left behind as we approach the holiday season.

Whether you'd like to volunteer, donate, or simply stop by, we welcome you to be part of this day of kindness and care. Together, we're creating brighter days for families across our community.

Because when we give together, we grow together.



COMMUNITY GIVE-BACK

November 15 2025 (SATURDAY)
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST
510 Sinclair St., Charlotte NC 28208

Volunteer Registration

QR Code for Volunteer Registration

QR Code for Donations

Donations Needed:
Give back, change lives! Your donation helps families in need through our monthly Give-Back Program. Every dollar makes a difference. Donate today!

Call Us **704-612-6390**

Visit Our Website <https://abrighterdayoutreach.org/>

Thanksgiving Food Drive 2025

"A Season of Gratitude and Giving"

The season of gratitude is here, and at A Brighter Day Outreach, we're preparing to make this Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors in need.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway, and we're accepting donations until November 24, 2025. This year, our goal is to provide 100 turkeys—with 45 going to hardworking daycare workers and 55 to seniors and families in dire need within the Hoskins and Thomasboro communities.

Each turkey represents more than a meal, it's a moment of relief, dignity, and connection. It's a way to remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and supported.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Let's Share & Care

Accepting Donations until: **November 24th**

Drop-off location: **510 Sinclair Street, Charlotte, NC 28208**

Help us donate 100 turkeys this Thanksgiving! We're providing 45 turkeys for daycare workers and 55 for seniors and families in dire need in the Hoskins and Thomasboro communities. Let us make this Thanksgiving brighter for the families in our community!

For more information: **704-612-6390**

Or visit our site: <https://abrighterdayoutreach.org/>

We invite you to be part of this meaningful effort. Your donations, whether turkeys, nonperishable food items, or financial contributions will go directly toward making Thanksgiving special for those who need it most.

Together, we can make sure every table has something to be thankful for.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Christmas Toy Giving & Brunch 2025



The holiday season is a time for joy, togetherness, and giving—and at A Brighter Day Outreach, we're excited to celebrate with our annual Christmas Toy Giving & Brunch!

On December 20th, we'll open our doors to children, families, and community members for a morning filled with laughter, food, and the true spirit of Christmas. From warm brunch plates to holiday cheer and thoughtful gifts for children, this event is our way of reminding every family that brighter days are here.

We're currently accepting toy and gift donations to help make this day special for children and teens in our community. Your generosity helps bring smiles, hope, and holiday magic to local families who need it most.

How You Can Help:

- Donate new, unwrapped toys or gift items by December 18th
- Volunteer to help serve or wrap gifts
- Sponsor a child or family this Christmas season

Let's come together to share love, laughter, and light—because every child deserves to feel the joy of Christmas.

Volunteer Opportunity: Sorting & Packing Party!

Before the big celebration, we're calling on all helping hands to join us for our Sorting and Packing Party!

On December 19th, we'll be organizing and preparing toys, gifts, and brunch items for our Christmas Toy Giving & Brunch the following day. It's a fun, meaningful way to serve, connect, and share in the joy of giving this holiday season.

We welcome volunteers of all ages to help sort toys, pack gift bags, decorate, and spread holiday cheer as we get ready to bless families in our community.

Come be part of the magic behind the mission! Your time and energy will help ensure that every child wakes up to a brighter, joy-filled Christmas morning.

To sign up or learn more, please contact A Brighter Day Outreach or stop by the Community HUB. Together, we'll make this season unforgettable.



Join Us in Building a Brighter Future – Capital Campaign

OCTOBER 2025

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



A BRIGHTER DAY Outreach

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *Community Hub*

A Brighter Day Outreach is grateful to announce a \$250,000 funding commitment from Mecklenburg County, bringing us significantly closer to owning and upgrading our Community HUB, a central resource for families in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro area.

Breakdown of the \$250,000 Gift from Mecklenburg County:

- \$100,000 – Toward mortgage pay-off
- \$132,000 – For ADA compliance upgrades required by the City and County
- \$18,000 – Allocated salary for Administrative Support and Project Manager

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Total Funding Need in 2025

To fully fund and complete our HUB development, we are seeking an additional:

- \$50,000** – For facility improvements and HUB updates, including safety compliance, accessibility enhancements, and community-use equipment
- \$150,000** – To cover the remaining balance of the HUB mortgage

TOTAL: \$200,000

Why It Matters:

Securing and enhancing the A Brighter Day Community HUB will ensure long-term sustainability and allow us to expand access to critical services like:

- Weekly Food Pantry serving 200+ families
- Mental Health Room for emotional wellness and crisis support
- Computer Lab for digital literacy and academic access
- Youth empowerment programs like Break Every Chain

Contact Us!

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Take a Tour of the A Brighter Day Community HUB

<https://youtu.be/wnlvrs8oEjg?si=Z9AOfXcWFENpwKqQ>

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

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3P7EPICAYT8W?ref=wl_share

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

Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9NQB84YOSPAV/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

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!



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 celebrated its 4th year of service to the community last February 2025, 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.



Restore Historic Hoskins Community Mobile Mural

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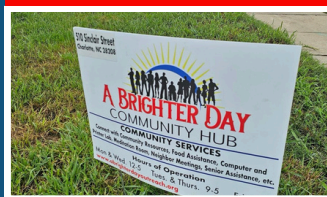
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WANT TO SHOP AND DROP OFF?



Your shopping trip can brighten someone's day!



Where to Find and Contact Us:
510 Sinclair Street, Charlotte, NC 28208
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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!

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