

A BRIGHTER DAY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

New Year, New Beginnings, Bigger Impact!

As we welcome 2025, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of A Brighter Day Outreach. Last year, we made incredible strides together in transforming lives and strengthening our community. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters.

This year, we are more determined than ever to continue our mission of providing essential resources and creating opportunities for those in need, especially in the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities. With our Community Food Pantry, Give Back Program, Break Every Chain Program, and many other initiatives, we are committed to fostering a brighter future for our youth and families.



Together, we are making a real difference, and I believe 2025 will be a year of even greater impact. Whether you choose to volunteer, donate, or simply spread the word about our work, every action counts. I invite you to join us in continuing this important journey.

Thank you for standing with us, and for believing in a brighter future for all.

With gratitude,

Beverly Knox (Davis)

President | Founder, A Brighter Day Outreach



Kicking Off 2025 with Purpose!

On January 23, 2025, the A Brighter Day Outreach team held our first planning session of the year, setting the stage for a year of impact and growth. We discussed our goals, upcoming programs, and new partnerships, focusing on ways to strengthen our Give-Back Program, Break Every Chain Program, and Community Food Pantry.

With a shared vision and renewed commitment, our team is ready to make 2025 a year of transformation for the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities. Stay tuned for exciting updates as we put our plans into action!

OUR INITIATIVES

Community Food Pantry: Growing to Serve More Families

At **A Brighter Day Outreach**, our Community Food Pantry continues to be a vital resource for families in the Historic Hoskins, Thomasboro and nearby communities. Thanks to your support and our growing network of partners, we are expanding our impact to fight food insecurity and ensure families have access to fresh, nutritious food.

We are excited to welcome our newest partners, Feeding Charlotte and Carolina Farm Trust, who are joining us in our mission to provide healthy meals to those in need. Along with our existing partnerships with Nourish Up and Our Daily Bread Ministry, we are now able to serve even more families with fresh produce, dairy, and essential pantry items twice a week.







How You Can Help:

- Donate Food & Supplies Non-perishable items, fresh produce, 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
- Weekly Distribution:

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

Contact Us: 704-612-6390

Together, we can ensure that no family goes hungry!

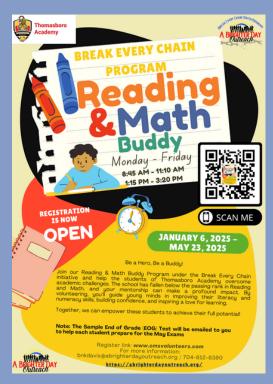
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Join the Reading & Math Buddy Initiative at Thomasboro Academy!

We have until May 23, 2025, to make a real difference in the lives of 3rd graders at Thomasboro Academy! Through our Reading and Math Buddy Initiative, volunteers will work one-on-one with students to help them improve their skills and perform better on the End of Grade (EOG) exam.

- E Be a reading buddy Help build confidence and literacy skills.
- Support with math Strengthen problem-solving and critical thinking.
- Make an impact Your time and guidance can change a child's future!

Volunteers are needed! Sign up today and help us empower young minds.



Break Every Chain Program Volunteers Needed We need volunteers to work with helping the children in 2nd grade Prison pipeline data through the greak Every Chain Program JOIN US! Thosmasboro Academy For the qualification & more information plaase visit: 1 1704-612-6590 abrighterdayoutreach.org

Volunteer with the Break Every Chain Program!

We need passionate volunteers to help us empower youth and break barriers in our community! Whether you can mentor, support events, or assist behind the scenes, your time and effort make a difference.

Join us in creating brighter futures—sign up today!

New Office at Thomasboro Academy!

We are excited to announce that A Brighter Day Outreach now has an office at Thomasboro Academy! This new space allows us to be even more present and engaged with students, staff, and families as we continue our mission to support education and youth development.

With initiatives like the Break Every Chain Program and the Reading & Math Buddy Initiative, we are committed to making a lasting impact on students' success. Together, we are building brighter futures—one student at a time!



EXCITING NEWS!

Exciting Upgrades at the HUB! ADA Compliance Underway!

We're making progress! A Brighter Day Outreach has officially hired Ada Esther Gil Jimenez, Founder & CEO of AEGJ Construction, as our General Contractor to lead the completion of all required City and County upgrades and ensure full ADA compliance.

These upgrades will help us better serve the community by creating a more accessible and welcoming space for everyone. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward!

We are committed to ensuring that our Community HUB and Food Pantry are accessible to everyone in our community. As part of our ongoing improvements, we are excited to announce that ADA compliance is underway!

- Wheelchair-accessible entry to the Food Pantry
- Enhanced accessibility for all community members

These updates will help us better serve individuals with disabilities, ensuring that everyone can access the resources they need with ease and dignity.



Welcome to Our New Leadership Team!

We are excited to welcome our new Vice President and Break Every Chain Program Director to A Brighter Day Outreach! Their leadership, passion, and dedication will help us expand our impact and continue serving the Historic Hoskins and Thomasboro communities.

Price Tokpah – Bringing experience and vision to help guide our organization forward.

Michele Tokpah – Leading the Break Every Chain Program to empower and uplift our youth.

Join us in welcoming them to the team! We look forward to the positive change they will bring in 2025 and beyond.





EXCITING NEWS!

New Signage for the Food Pantry!

We're excited to share that our Food Pantry now has a brand-new sign! A huge shoutout to Gatlin Graphics and Sam & Connie Gatlin for their amazing work in bringing this vision to life.

This new signage is more than just a name above the door—it's a symbol of hope, community, and support for all who walk through. Thank you for helping us make the A Brighter Day Outreach Community Food Pantry even more welcoming!



Finalist for the Blue Diamond Award!

We are honored to be named one of two finalists for the Blue Diamond Award from Apparo! With so many incredible applicants, being selected as a finalist is a huge achievement for A Brighter Day Outreach.

While we didn't take home the trophy, we walked away feeling like true winners—gaining new connections, supporters, and opportunities to expand our impact.

A big thank you to Apparo for recognizing our work and for the continued support of nonprofits like ours. We are grateful and excited for what's ahead!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You, An Image of Me!

We at A Brighter Day Outreach are incredibly grateful to **An Image of Me** for bringing the **Sister Love Boutique** to our community! Your generosity and commitment to uplifting women and young girls made a beautiful impact, providing new and gently used clothing for free to those in need.

A special thank you to An Image of Me team, volunteers, parents, and supporters for making this event a success. Your kindness and dedication truly embody the spirit of community and love.

Together, we are making a difference—one act of love at a time!





A Delicious Meal for Our Community!

Thanks to Feeding Charlotte, we were able to provide a delicious meal to 103 individuals in our community! Your generous contribution made it possible for us to serve nutritious and filling meals to those who needed it most.

We are grateful for your partnership in helping us spread love and support to our neighbors.

Grateful for Block Love Charlotte & Our Generous Donors!

Block Love Charlotte stepped in to bless A Brighter Day Outreach when both of our Saturday deliveries were unexpectedly canceled. We were concerned about serving our community through the Community Food Pantry, but thanks to Deborah Denise and a few private donors who provided meats, we can continue to support those in need.

This is a reminder that closed mouths don't get fed, and we are truly grateful for those who filled the gap. From the Hoskins Community—thank you! Your kindness and generosity make a real difference.



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Grateful for Our Supporters!



We are always thankful for the amazing individuals who support A Brighter Day Outreach and our mission! It was a pleasure to have Mark Talbot of Freedom Communities and Michele Juliana, Nonprofit and Education Industry Leader, stop by.

Your encouragement and partnership mean so much as we continue serving our community. Together, we are making a lasting impact!



Supporting the Freedom Fighting Missionaries Gala

A Brighter Day Outreach closed out January by showing our support for the Freedom Fighting Missionaries Gala on January 31, 2025. This powerful event, led by Kenny Robinson, Founder & CEO, uplifts and supports individuals re-entering society, providing them with the resources and opportunities they need for a fresh start.

It was an honor to be present and witness the inspiring words of Dr. Angela Davis, renowned Civil Rights Advocate and author. Her message of justice and empowerment resonates deeply with our mission to create a stronger, more supportive community.

We are proud to stand alongside Freedom Fighting Missionaries in this important cause!

<u>UPCOMING INITIATIVES</u>

Podcast Episode Out Now! Featuring Ms. Patricia Houston Buford

We are excited to share that our latest A Brighter Day Outreach Podcast episode featuring Ms. Patricia Houston Buford is now live!

Tune in as she shares her inspiring insights on empowerment, community service, and making a lasting impact. Her passion and dedication are truly uplifting!

• Listen now and be inspired!

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







Give Back Event - February 15, 2025

Mark your calendars! Our next Give Back Event is happening on February 15, 2025 at A Brighter Day Outreach. We will be providing free groceries, hygiene products, and essential supplies to families in need.

This event is made possible through the support of our amazing volunteers and generous donors. If you'd like to contribute or lend a helping hand, we'd love for you to join us!

Together, we can make a difference—one family at a time.

For more details or to get involved, contact us today!

Mini Library Restocked! 🚝

Our Mini Library has been restocked with new books for the community! Thanks to our generous donors, children and families now have even more opportunities to explore, learn, and grow through reading.

Reading is a powerful tool for knowledge and empowerment, and we are committed to making books accessible to everyone. Stop by, grab a book, and enjoy the gift of reading!

Want to help? We're always accepting book donations to keep our shelves full.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Help Us Pay Off the A Brighter Day Outreach HUB

Our Capital Campaign has made incredible progress, but we still need your support to reach our goal and fully pay off the A Brighter Day Outreach HUB. This vital space allows us to serve families in need, host community programs, and create brighter futures for everyone we touch.

We're calling on our community to help us close the gap. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to sustaining this safe, welcoming space for years to come.

Together, we can ensure the HUB remains a cornerstone of hope and support. Please consider donating today and being part of this life-changing mission!

Take a Tour of the A Brighter Day Community HUB https://youtu.be/wnlvrs8oEjg?
si=Z9AOfXcWFNpwKqQ







Your Support Matters

Our community's growth has brought increased needs for the individuals we serve. By supporting our Capital Campaign, you are investing in:

- 1. **Expanded Facilities**: We plan to enhance our space with new classrooms, activity centers, and counseling rooms. These improvements will allow us to serve more participants and provide a broader range of services.
- 2. **Enhanced Programs**: Upgraded facilities will enable us to expand existing programs and introduce new initiatives. This includes growing efforts like Food Pantry and our Outreach HUB, ensuring everyone has access to essential resources and support.
- 3. **Community Impact**: Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of numerous individuals and families. Together, we can foster a supportive and empowering environment where everyone has the chance to succeed.

Bring Warmth and Hope This Winter: Support Our Community



As the cold winter months settle in, many families in our community face increased hardships. From heating costs to basic necessities like food and warm clothing, the challenges are overwhelming for those already struggling to make ends meet.

At A Brighter Day Outreach, we're here to provide a helping hand, but we can't do it alone. Your support is crucial to ensuring families have the resources they need to stay warm, safe, and healthy during these harsh months.



- \$25 can provide a warm meal to a family in need.
- \$50 can help supply warm clothing and blankets.
 \$100 can ensure families have groceries and

essential items to last through the winter.

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings hope and comfort to someone in need. Together, we can make sure no one in our community is left out in the cold.

Please join us in creating a brighter, warmer winter for those who need it most. Donate today and be a part of this life-changing effort.

Your generosity is the warmth our community needs this winter. Thank you for making a difference!



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!