Our Mission
Following God’s call, the National Benevolent Association exists to inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity.

Our Core Values
Serving as the Disciples health and social service general ministry for more than 130 years, NBA’s mission has been, and continues to be, responsive to the needs of the church and society. Over this long history, we have had the joy—and the challenge—of supporting the church across a rich array of issues. As the NBA, we are grounded in core values that focus our work:

- **Rooted in Compassionate Care**: We celebrate those who have served before us in creating a just world. The NBA’s mission and work emerged from the faithful witness of six Disciples women seeking to address the needs of children and families in need. We value this legacy of serving the “least of these” and endeavor to root all our initiatives in the value and dignity of human life and in serving a world that God so loves.
- **Accountability**: We claim our duty to be effective stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We are fiscally responsible and acknowledge our accountability to our partners and the communities we serve. We treat others with respect and strive to conduct our work in the spirit of transparency and openness. Where there is brokenness, we strive for reconciliation.
- **Collaborative Partnerships**: We believe that meaningful results to build compassionate and caring communities happen only when we can work in partnership with God and a wide diversity of others – individuals, communities, churches and organizations. We affirm that by working with partners, as well as those we serve, and by practicing humble leadership, we have what we need to make a difference.
- **Accompaniment**: We value the creative voice and mind of all people as we seek to heed God’s call, especially in developing solutions through creative and innovative efforts designed to address personal challenges and systemic oppression. As we assume a posture of openness, we find in each other’s company the “bread” that will sustain us all. As we share life’s joys and struggles, at times picking up one another’s load and going the hard way together, we create communities of compassion and care.
- **Forward Leaning**: We commit to learning and adapting as we move into the future. We understand that during times of change and new directions, the path forward often involves uncertainty and challenges. Through our shared efforts of advocacy, education, pastoral response, and professional care and services, we move towards the health and well-being of all.
NBA Mission and Ministry Grant Program
2019 was the third year of NBA’s Mission and Ministry Grant Program, supporting Disciples congregations and health and social service ministries working with older adults and at-risk children and youth across the life of the church. Utilizing approved, purpose-restricted funds in these two areas, grants are available for Disciples congregations and health and social service ministries across three categories/amounts:

- **Catalyst Grants: $1,000 - $5,000:** These are startup funds to get projects up and running and/or to expand an existing project to a new area/initiative.
- **Innovation Grants: $6,000 - $15,000:** These funds should help move an established project to a new level of effectiveness and impact.
- **Impact Grants: $20,000+:** These funds should be used for major leaps in project areas with a proven plan for how these will move the organization to a new level of sustainability and impact.

The Grant Committee accepted applications during the summer/fall 2019, and grantees were announced in December 2019. For this third cohort, the NBA granted a total of $166,200 to 22 Disciples projects located across 13 Disciples regions. Of these 22 selected projects, 13 are focused on at-risk children and youth; 7 are focused on older adults; and 2 are intergenerational, serving both communities. Five of these grantees also received Mission and Ministry Grant funds from NBA last year. Stories and impact reports from these grantees will be shared on our website, nbacares.org, throughout the year.

Our Ministries and Partners
The National Benevolent Association (NBA) serves as a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The NBA works with individuals – nonprofit administrators, volunteer leaders, lay and clergy – and nonprofit organizations to strengthen and transform communities. We support individuals through professional and leadership development that includes models of peer to peer learning cohorts, coaching and mentorship, and intentional living and learning communities. We foster opportunities for continuing education for our partners and the general public through online learning webinars, intensive educational retreats, and small group cohorts. In our work with direct care and advocacy nonprofits, we offer consultation services in areas such as strategic planning, human resources, board development, and financial accounting. The NBA serves in collaborative partnership with congregations, regions, and other general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), along with Disciples-related health and direct care providers.

NBA Incubate Initiative
The NBA Incubate Initiative strives to encourage and support the development of new and innovative health and social service ministries and organizations by Disciples. These ministries, in turn, inform and inspire fellow Disciples throughout our communities and across the life of the church. Together, we expand the church’s understanding of and capacity for health and social service ministry as part of Christ’s work in the world. The goal of this initiative is to support and empower new Disciple-related health and social service organizations, projects, and ministries—what we’re also calling social enterprises—to focus on their growth, strengthen their impact, and work toward sustainability.
As of January 2020, ten ministries are formally affiliated with the NBA as part of the NBA Incubate Initiative. We help these entities strategically strengthen areas such as board development, capacity building, administrative mentoring, marketing and communications, fundraising and development, bookkeeping services, sustainability, Disciples relationships, and more. Last year, the NBA welcomed a new Incubate Partner based in Los Angeles, California, known as Broken, Mended, and Restored (BMAR) led by Rev. Dr. Lisa Enders Tunstall.

In March 2019, the NBA hosted its fifth Incubate Retreat for emerging Disciples-related health and social service ministry leaders to create intentional space for rest, renewal, and equipping for the ministry of social entrepreneurship. In September 2019, the NBA again hosted the SENT Seminar: Equipping Social Entrepreneurs for Leadership and Change. This training brought together 15 Disciples-related health and social service ministry start-ups to learn and share in a variety of topics, including leadership coaching, legal principles for faith-based entities, marketing, and fundraising.

The NBA Incubate Initiative also continued our Social Enterprise Resource Bank, an online clearinghouse featuring blogs, webinars, and other resources to help support Disciples social entrepreneurs and ministries across the life of the church. Virtual learning opportunities include an expanded webinar series, with topics in 2019 including fundraising, community transformation, mission/vision/values, board development, and succession planning.

NBA XPLOR
In 2019-2020, we are now in our sixth year of NBA XPLOR, a 10-month, faith-based residency for young adults who are exploring the intersections of the life of faith and the work of justice. The Residency provides 10-months of leadership development and vocational discernment for 21- to 30-year-olds to live simply in community and engage in direct service and justice work. In 2018-19, NBA XPLOR placed 20 Residents at six host sites—Bloomington, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Hiram-Mantua, Ohio; Dallas, Texas; Spokane, Washington; and XPLORmore in Charlotte, North Carolina—the latter serving as a new, second-year Residency experience called XPLORmore.

The cohort begins with an intensive week of orientation and anti-oppression training, called XPLOR Laboratory, which was held in Leavenworth, KS, in late August before the XPLOR Residents traveled to their host communities. There, NBA XPLOR Residents serve six hours a week with their host congregations and about 30 hours a week through community engagement site internships spanning a variety of health, social services, and social justice ministries and organizations.
NBA XPLOR Residents are currently working with low-income families, unhoused individuals, people with disabilities, older adults, vulnerable children, and undocumented persons, among others. They are learning grant writing, event planning, community advocacy, and much, much more. These professional and leadership skills make a huge impact. Through their dedicated work, spiritual practices, and exploration this year, these young adults are now discerning calls to social work, education, community organizing, medicine, military, ministry, and more.

Advocacy and Activism
We also continue to deepen our engagement in Advocacy and Activism to transform the root causes of social injustice. In NBA's strategic planning for 2018-2021, we named Advocacy and Activism as a strategic priority, flowing from NBA's mission to “advocate for the well-being of humanity.” Following the trajectory of the work begun with the Ferguson Justice Initiative, these efforts utilize relationships, wisdom, and processes built and tested through that work.

Through a 0.5 FTE Program Coordinator for Advocacy and Activism, the NBA nurtures engagement strategies to equip and train partners to address the critical social justice issues most relevant to their work and collaborates with NBA staff to cultivate partnerships across the life of the church to coordinate efforts related to social justice theology, action, and advocacy. In 2019, the work included the following areas:

Advocacy and Activism Peer Group:
This peer group continued meeting, resourcing, and supporting one another as members and in their advocacy work. As members, they meet virtually and in-person with a particular focus on social justice issues; language and the theological foundations of social justice; and direct action and advocacy efforts. Last year, members of the peer group participated in an NBA-sponsored immersion and learning delegation along the U.S. and Mexico border that focused on justice issues impacting immigrants and families. The peer group, which launched in August 2018, is preparing to conclude and transition in August 2020.

Disciples Public Presence Working Group:
The Standing Rock Protests and other social justice crises led to the creation of Disciples Public Presence, a Facebook group and advocacy platform to give Disciples a common place to share their life in current justice movements. In October 2018, the first Disciples Public Presence Conference and Working Group were formed, gathering more than 60 Disciples and 25 working group members committed to strengthening the justice infrastructure by implementing priorities in worship/theology, communications, mass mobilization and sustained organizing. The NBA, along with several other justice-related ministries, provided staff time and programmatic support to ensure the forward momentum of the movement.
Prison and Jail Ministries
The NBA connects collaborative communities of Disciples working together on particular health and social service justice issues. Through Prison and Jail Ministries, the NBA supports Disciples engaged in spiritual care and advocacy ministries with those who are or have been incarcerated and their families. This area of work centers around education, inspiration, and advocacy. The Prison and Jail Ministries webinar series continued in 2019, with topics including the restoration of voting rights for returning citizens after incarceration; mental health, the criminal justice system and the Church; Bail reform; and an introduction to the resource video series on the criminal justice system, “We Are Witnesses.”

Prison and Jail Ministries Peer Group:
In August 2018, NBA launched the second cohort of the Prison and Jail Ministries Peer Group, welcoming 10 members to this two-year peer group experience, which focuses on: 1) education through peer-to-peer learning and sharing experiences, expertise, and resources on prison- and jail-related issues; 2) inspiration through spiritual renewal practices and self-care; and 3) advocacy by engaging in a collaborative service or advocacy project. As mentioned above, this peer group helped lead and coordinate the fall immersion and learning delegation to the U.S. and Mexico border to engage and know more about the issues impacting immigrants and their families.

Mental Health and Wellness Initiative: Embodying and Promoting a Vision of Holistic Wellness
The NBA takes seriously its call to create communities of compassion and care through dialogue and action centered on issues related to mental health. Our work centers on resourcing Disciples-related health and social organizations and ministries. We seek to serve the whole church through partnerships with general ministry partners, collaborations with regional offices/ministries, and support for congregations, higher-education institutions, and community-based organizations. Our NBA Mental Health and Wellness Initiative takes a collaborative approach that is rooted in:

- Sound and liberating theological understanding of mental health and wellness
- Effective and practical strategies for spiritual coping/practices
- Accessible and clinically-informed education and resources

We seek to equip Disciples communities and organizations in crafting structures and models of wellness with a particular emphasis on leadership wellness and corporate health. Ways we lived into this commitment in 2019 included offering SoulCare moments to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in July in Des Moines (OH), continued work with peer groups/networks such as Disciples chaplains and pastors, seminarians, activists/organizers, and conducting trainings on mental health and wellness for our NBA program participants (XPLOR and Incubate partners). Another core commitment in our initiative is that we support wellness and mental health work in all communities in order to address and combat issues of wellness equity. Related to this commitment, our work included hosting information and training sessions in partnership with Obra Hispana Disciples’ communities, offering culturally contextual workshops, and creating resources that address mental health stigmas and misperceptions.
This shared work supporting mental health extended to regional ministry through the Regional Mental Health Initiative with the Christian Church in Georgia (GAMHI), providing education, support, and infrastructure development to Disciples leaders and congregations in the Georgia Region. This pilot partnership concluded in 2018, with the Georgia Region and the NBA. In January of 2019, leaders hosted a webinar sharing resources and learnings around the initiative. Additional webinars presented in 2019 included a grief and loss worship service, suicide postvention, and another webinar on children and trauma with a special focus on detention and incarceration.

Chaplains Peer Group:
The Mental Health Initiative launched in early 2019. The vision of this peer group is to provide an opportunity for likeminded individuals living out their call through chaplaincy to focus on:
1) education through peer-to-peer learning and sharing experiences, expertise, and resources on chaplaincy related issues; 2) inspiration through spiritual renewal practices and self-care; and 3) advocacy by engaging in a collaborative service or advocacy project. Influenced by the needs of the cohort, this peer group will also give particular attention to the issues of mental health, personal spiritual devotion practices, and healthy work/life balance formation.

Disciples-Related Health and Social Service Ministries
The NBA continues to support and partner with a network of care providers and justice-minded individuals who serve as the “hands and feet of God” in their communities. Our goals are to connect, resource, and amplify these ministries, providing access to a constellation of support and services, such as marketing and development consulting, executive coaching, back-office accounting, and executive searches, as well as networking with other partners through webinars, educational trainings, and peer learning and wellness group opportunities.

The first Connect Conference for Disciples-related Health and Social Service Ministries was held in October 2018 with plans underway for another conference in the fall of 2020.

A directory of Disciples-related health and social service ministries connected with NBA follows this report. For more information about all NBA ministries, and for stories, upcoming events, and worship and study resources, please visit www.nbacares.org.
DISCIPLES-RELATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

A Small Hand
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www.helpingshenandoahcountyinfantsinneed.blogspot.com
A Small Hand provides age-appropriate food, diapers, and hygiene essentials to infants in need from newborns to 36 months in the Shenandoah County of Virginia. The focus of our ministry is to serve as a specialist pantry providing care to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community. All of our clients are enrolled in government supplemental feeding programs (SNAP/Food Stamps or WIC). As these programs were never designed to provide a full month of nutrition, families and infants often do not have enough for non-food essentials such as diapers, feeding bottles, pacifiers, and hygiene essentials. These are the gaps that A Small Hand fills. As an all-volunteer agency, the vision and goals of A Small Hand are that children can reach their full developmental potential.

Broken, Mended and Restored (BMAR)
Rev. Dr. Lisa Enders Tunstall, Founder and Executive Director
(310) 639-5974
www.team-bmar.com
Broken, Mended and Restored (BMAR) is an organization that equips churches with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide emotionally healthy environments for the emotionally traumatized and relationship abuse victims. Founded in 2008 by Rev. Dr. Tunstall, their mission is to engage communities in promoting abuse-free relationships, family violence prevention/intervention education and resource/referral information. For more than a decade, the organization has held conferences and learning opportunities for clergy and faith leaders in efforts to shed light on the type of abuse that can happen behind closed doors and across communities.

Chain Reaction Ministries
David Finklea, Executive Director
Memorial Drive Christian Church: 11750 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024
First Christian Church: 3700 N. Walker Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118
(713) 789-0060
www.chainreactionbikes.org
Chain Reaction Ministries provides freedom of transportation to those in need through a ministry of bicycle recycling. Started at Memorial Drive Christian Church in Houston, Texas, CRM recycles bicycles by linking donors with identified needs in the community. CRM had humble beginnings in 2009 by answering a call by Westside Homeless Partnership for used bikes for kids in their program. People have an emotional attachment to their bicycles. It was their first bike, or their kid’s first bike – and they don’t simply want to set it on the curb, or donate it to a large, faceless charity. They want to know that their bike can provide the same freedom and hope to a person in need that they experienced.
Child Saving Institute (CSI)
Peg Harriott, President and CEO
4545 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68132
(402) 553-6000
www.childsaving.org
Child Saving Institute provides a safe haven and healing for thousands of innocent young victims of family crisis, neglect and abuse. We offer the vital services necessary to make at-risk children safe and fractured families whole through programs such as early childhood education, foster care, adoption, an emergency shelter, parenting classes and therapy. Our mission is “responding to the cry of a child,” but it is our vision that guides us as we work to give the children we serve safe, happy childhoods. Our vision is that all children have homes where hope is kindled and dreams can be achieved. This is our work, and they are ALL our children.

Christian Care Communities
Mary Lynn Spaulding, President/CEO
12710 Townepark Way, Suite 1000, Louisville, Kentucky 40243
(800) 662-1738
www.christiancarecommunities.org
Christian Care Communities is the oldest provider of older adult care related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are Kentucky’s largest faith-based provider of housing, long-term care, adult day centers, and community based services for older adults. We serve approximately 3,000 individuals and their families throughout Kentucky. We actively work with churches helping them with older adult ministries.

Christian Church Homes (CCH)
Syd Najeeb, President and CEO
303 Hegenberger Road, Suite 201, Oakland, California 94621
(510) 632-6712
www.cchnc.org
At Christian Church Homes (CCH) we build and manage affordable housing communities where seniors can live and thrive in the comfort of their own homes, because we believe doing so is better for communities as a whole and the seniors we serve. Having served more than 100,000 seniors over 50 years, CCH has now grown to 57 caring communities that are More Than a Home to residents in seven states.

Christian Services for Children in Alabama (CSCA)
Rev. Tabitha Isner, Interim Executive Director
1792 Highway 14 East, Selma, Alabama 36702
(334) 875-0608
Christian Services for Children in Alabama strives to be an organization that has a positive, recognizable, long-term impact on ALL children and youth in our care by providing professional, cost-effective, and timely services. CSCA is a pioneer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Alabama/Northwest Florida in promoting ministries that nurture, restore, and reclaim those children who have experienced various types of abuse and neglect.
We provide opportunities for families and individuals (who wish) to share their love, time, and resources to nurture vulnerable children and youth toward independence and enriched lives.

Cleveland Christian Home
Charles Tuttle, CEO
1400 West 25th Street, 2nd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
(216) 671-0977
www.cchome.org
Cleveland Christian Home exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect. Cleveland Christian Home will be a center of excellence providing the highest quality services to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs of children, youth and families.

Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry
Rev. Sally A. Robinson, Chaplain
101 North Tenth Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201
(573) 819-5043
The Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry (CAOAM) provides spiritual and emotional support to the growing elderly population in long-term care and retirement communities in the Columbia, MO, area. Though this is an ecumenical ministry, it is recognized as a ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, MO. Currently CAOAM provides spiritual support in seven long-term care and retirement communities on a regular schedule.

Disciple Homes Management Group
Karen Wardlaw, Administrator/CEO
327 Eden Drive, Longview, Texas 75605
(903) 845-7638
www.disciplehomes.org
Disciple Homes has been providing quality affordable housing for senior adults (age 62 years or older) and their household since 1972 in Northeast Texas. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, rental assistance is available to all of our residents that qualify. Qualified residents pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent and utilities. Disciple Homes Management Group provides social services and housing to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of person, in the loving and caring spirit of Christ.

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO)
Sallie Spillman, Board Member
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma
301 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118
580-821-6561
Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO) provides funding to assist Disciples older adults living in Bradford Village senior living community in Edmond, OK.
Florida Christian Center
Rev. Kimberly Weir, Executive Director
1115 Edgewood Avenue S., Jacksonville, Florida 32205
(904) 981-3095
www.flchristiancenter.org
The Florida Christian Center provides ministry, pastoral care, worship services, classes on faith and aging and other programs and services focused on the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the senior and disabled residents in our community. Serving more than 300 residents in three buildings—Sundale Manor Apartments and Florida Christian Apartments provide subsidized housing for senior and disabled adults, along with Edgewood Condominiums, a senior community on-site—and with a full-time Activity Director and full-time Chaplain/Executive Director, FCC seeks to provide an array of services that honor the body, mind and spirit.

Garden of Eden Health Center
Alicia Rodriguez Davila, Founder/CEO
2833 Eagle Eye Court
Kissimmee, FL 34746
(407) 414-5511
www.gardenofedenhealthcenter.org
The Garden of Eden Health Center (GOEHC) is a vision of a future community health clinic; a faith-based health education program focused on women, infants, and children; and a senior and therapeutic health center, deep in the heart of the central mountain range (Cordillera Central) of Jayuya, Puerto Rico. As a not-for-profit healthcare organization, GOEHC aims to provide quality healthcare, preventive medicine, and holistic health education to higher risk communities (rural residences, women, children, and seniors), while also providing local work and volunteer opportunities for children, youth, and families.

HER Faith Ministries
Rev. Elaine Y. Sanford, Executive Director
3396 Park Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38111
(901) 324-3705
www.herfaithministries.org
HER Faith Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Christian charity that provides assistance to homeless and needy women and children. The ministry provides emergency food, clothing, transportation, dental assistance, and housing to impoverished women and children. HER Faith also provides family counseling and programs for ministry and reading to incarcerated individuals.

Hiram Farm
Leanne Saro Jereb, Executive Director
PO Box 157, Hiram, Ohio 44234
(330) 569-3441
www.hiramfarm.org
Hiram Farm is a nonprofit organization, agricultural setting that serves developmentally disabled adults, with an emphasis on adults on the autism spectrum. The Farm provides opportunities for these adults to grow, learn, and work in a setting focused on respect and
support for individuals and the environment. Here, farmers can develop both professional and social skills and accomplish meaningful work. The program began serving six adults with autism in June 2009. Today, the Farm has grown to provide meaningful work for 24 farmers.

Juliette Fowler Communities
Nicole Gann, President and CEO
1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75214
(214) 827-0813
www.fowlercommunities.org
Juliette Fowler Communities is a neighborhood of choice and connection, of caring and service, of faith and fulfillment. Founded more than 120 years ago as an intergenerational community, Fowler serves children, youth and seniors, as well as their families, at our East Dallas location. As a continuing care retirement community, Fowler’s residential services and care offerings for older adults include: Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Support, Health and Rehabilitation, and Affordable Senior Housing. As an intergenerational community, Fowler’s residential offerings for children, youth and young women include: Foster-to-Adopt and The Ebby House.

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes
Debi Windahl, Administrator
7987 N. 53rd Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85301
(623) 915-5039
www.manisteemanor.com
In the loving and caring spirit of Christ, Disciples House of Glendale Inc. and Manistee Manor are passionately committed to exceed the needs and expectations of our residents by providing quality senior housing and other services to enhance the lives of those we serve in a friendly family-style community environment. A place our residents are proud to call home. Manistee provides apartment home rentals for our low-income senior residents in a safe and caring environment where they can continue to age in place independently (with or without the help of out-side services) in an active senior community.

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond
Rev. Dean Bucalos, Executive Director
PO Box 22-34, Louisville, Kentucky, 40252
(502) 396-3543
www.missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org
Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is a nonprofit, faith-based organization providing community based mentoring programs for those released from prison and returning to communities in Kentucky. In conjunction with a Disciples of Christ congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located in a women’s halfway house, we minister to those incarcerated, train outside volunteers to form Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups (NSAG) and connect returning citizens with a NSAG which will then walk alongside each person for six months to a year to equip them for a successful re-entry into the community to which they are returning.
New Communion
Rev. David Harrison, Jr., Director
2320 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104
(336) 722-2714
http://www.newcommunion.org
New Communion is a faith-based organization with the goal of enhancing community relationships and diminishing the impacts of hunger and food insecurity. We are committed to providing nourishing food and being in relationship with those experiencing food insecurity and hunger in the communities we serve. Through the model of Asset Based Community Development, New Communion emphasizes shared abundance in ways that transform individuals and systems of poverty. We function as an interfaith organization and utilize interdisciplinary practices in order to promote healthy food systems through shared abundance and redistribution of resources. Currently, New Communion is feeding over 150 local families a week, and would like to continue to grow, increasing the number of families being fed, using shared abundance and expanding our food and financial sponsorship to support securing healthy nutrition for all.

Oakland Peace Center
Rev. Sandhya Jha, Executive Director
111 Fairmount Avenue, Oakland, California 94611
www.oaklandpeacecenter.org
As an emerging social entrepreneurship nonprofit model of ministry, the Oakland Peace Center exists as a physical space (40,000 square feet gifted by First Christian Church of Oakland) and a network of people and organizations (over 40 Bay Area based nonprofits). It brings together more than 40 direct service, advocacy, youth empowerment, art and culture-shift nonprofits to connect and collaborate with each other in the struggle for peace and justice.

Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center (OFEC)
Rev. Sharyn Cosby, Executive Director
1020 South Garnett Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128
(918) 551-6017
www.ofec.co
Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center, a related organization of In the Spirit Christian Church, is a not-for-profit agency that seeks to provide resources and assistance to individuals and their families that will empower them to live a successful and purposeful life. In an effort to reduce the disparity of minority contact with law enforcement, Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center has entered into an agreement with the City of Tulsa and partnered with various state, local, and community agencies to implement the Tulsa County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Community and Strategic Planning Demonstration Project through a grant funded by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.
Patchwork Central / Sozo Health Ministry
Rev. John Rich and Amy Rich, Co-Executive Directors
100 Washington Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47713
(812) 424-2735
www.patchwork.org
Patchwork Central has worked to serve its neighborhood through flexible and innovative programming that matches the talents and interests of those involved to the needs of our community. Today, Patchwork serves individuals and families with a food pantry (since 1982), neighborhood hospitality (a cup of coffee, telephone usage, someone to listen, etc.), a community garden (created in 1995), low-rent facilities for other community organizations, a bicycle program for the homeless, a Health Ministry, and unique art/education programs (Arts & Smarts) that have been available free of charge to at-risk children and youth since 1980. As part of the community fabric, Patchwork Central changes the lives of those it serves by giving them a sense of hope, a place of acceptance, and a bright outlook for the future.

QC Family Tree
Rev. Helms Jarrell and Rev. Greg Jarrell, Executive Directors
2910 Parkway Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208
(704) 654-7429
www.qcfamilytree.org
QC Family Tree’s mission is to be kinfolk rooted in discipleship in West Charlotte, NC. They embody this mission through creativity, prayer, and welcome. The Family Tree offers hospitality in their homes to neighbors who are in transition. Participants enjoy family-style meals each evening with neighbors and guests and gather for prayer every weekday morning and midday. The ministry has grown to include: Freedom School summer literacy camp, Wednesday evening dinner and devotionals for youth and children, twice monthly community meals, arts activities, young adult leadership development through internship programs, edible gardens, community outreach activities, and microbusiness in order that provides employment to neighbors as well as sustainable income to their nonprofit.

Reach Beyond Mission
Rev. Mary Lu Johnston, Executive Director
15907 Braesgate Drive, Austin, Texas 78717
(512) 218-4335
www.reachbeyonddmission.org
Reach Beyond Mission is a fully planned youth mission/poverty education experience. Youth join youth from other churches across the country to explore issues of culture, gender, and poverty in an urban setting. Participants volunteer at numerous metropolitan area nonprofits working with the homeless, low-income families, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Summer mission week focus on food justice, housing, or advocacy. RBM provides speakers, age-appropriate activities, and discussion starters to help young people explore the biblical, theological, economic, social, and political issues related to poverty. Our goal is to help youth begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the systems that sustain poverty through their votes, career choices, and how they spend their money.
Recovery Café San Jose
Rev. Dana Bainbridge, Founder and Development Officer
80 South 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 294-2963
http://recoverycafesj.org
Recovery Cafe San Jose is a healing community for those traumatized by homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. We are founded on the belief that every human being is precious, worthy of love, and deserving of the opportunities to fulfill his or her potential.
Located in the heart of downtown San Jose, Recovery Cafe San Jose members come for long-term support in a safe, sober, and supportive environment. Program elements include Recovery Circles (small, peer-support groups), School for Recovery classes in job and life skills, group meals, guest speakers, creative activities, and connections to community resources. Through the Cafe, members gather the skills and strength needed to gain and maintain employment and housing, and achieve their goals in health, family, and sobriety.

Safe Haven Day Shelter
Joni Laurence and Donna Hawley, Co-Coordinators
6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22044
(703) 532-8220
www.fccfc.org/safe-haven/
Safe Haven in Falls Church, VA, is a drop-in program working together with Northern Virginia Family Services to provide a welcoming environment for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. This program began as an outreach program at First Christian Church to an average of 15-20 individuals and has grown to a drop-in program serving more than 100 clients weekly, now an interfaith coalition of faith-based communities contributing hot meals and volunteers to the program.

Serra Center
Lisa Sennadenos, CEO
2610 Central Avenue, Suite 120, Union City, California 94587
(510) 477-1000
www.serracenter.org
Serra Center offers three types of support services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-DDH) provides 24-hour care and supervision in six-bed homes in residential neighborhoods. Individuals in Supported Living Services live in the environment of their choice, with care and support based on their individual needs. Independent Living Services provide services focusing on specific identified living skills, working toward eliminating the need for services when the skills are mastered. All individuals served are active during the day either at jobs or in a day program.
Upon the diagnosis of a child’s disability, families find themselves on a lonely journey in which they are isolated from friends, other families who care for children with special needs, and the community. The constant care demands of the child’s disability create stress and leave little time for relationships and personal care. SHARE provides respite care for these families, including parent support groups, counseling services, family events, and programming for siblings. SHARE cares for the whole family because strong families are needed to provide care for the person with special needs—now and well into the future.

Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.
Jamie Himes, Executive Director
860 East River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi 39202
(601) 354-0983
www.sccscy.org
SCSCY provides services through 11 different statewide locations including therapeutic group homes for children and youth, a transitional living facility for older teens who are homeless, an array of adoption, therapeutic foster care, and post adoption services, and education services that include independent living preparation for teens in the foster care system, and abstinence education for at-risk youth.

SquareOne Villages (formerly Opportunity Village)
Rev. Dan Bryant, Executive Director
458 Blair Boulevard, Eugene, Oregon 97402
(541) 606-4455
www.squareonevillages.org
As we grow into an organization with multiple projects, Opportunity Village Eugene has recently evolved to SquareOne Villages. Our mission continues to be to create self-managed communities of low-cost tiny houses for people in need of housing. SquareOne Villages has two projects: Opportunity Village Eugene, which provides transitional shelter for approximately 35 people, and Emerald Village Eugene, an affordable housing project of 22 tiny homes being built in fall 2016. Both communities provide stable, safe and sustainable places for people in need of housing through alternative, cost-effective approaches.
Tulsa’s Table is a project of StoneSoup Community Venture, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2010. Our identity springs from the heart of the stone soup folktale, in which community members provide valuable contributions that turn a soup of stone into a nourishing, sustainable meal. The mission of Tulsa’s Table is to provide enriching, seed-to-table educational experiences as solutions to hunger and poverty for youth living in at-risk communities in Tulsa. Our objective is to nourish community for a purpose by providing opportunities for youth to obtain solid job and life skills through the learning laboratory operations of a food production garden and our pay-what-you-can community café. The long-range goal is for our garden and café to be fully operated by graduates of our programming who develop a sense of ownership in the operation through their learning experiences at Tulsa’s Table. The garden will supply fresh, locally-grown food to the café that will function five days per week, serving lunch or dinner to everyone on a pay-what-you-can basis.

The Summit
Gina Meadows, Executive Director
1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502
(434) 941-7606
www.summitlynchburg.com
The Summit is a senior living community providing an environment for each resident to be engaged in life. We provide services, amenities and facilities that support an active lifestyle in Independent Living for each individual. As residents’ needs change, The Summit’s campus has a continuum of care available through Assisted Living and The Summit Health and Rehab Center.

Tennyson Center for Children
Ned Breslin, CEO
2950 Tennyson Center, Denver, Colorado 80212
(303) 433-2541
www.tennysoncenter.org
Tennyson Center provides 24-hour intensive residential care, day treatment, special education and home/community based services for approximately 150 children and their families every day. Children with severe behavioral and mental health problems along with educational delays are the primary client population. The families of these children have experienced or are experiencing extreme trauma, physical and/or sexual abuse, mental illness, substance abuse, or extreme poverty and/or homelessness. Tennyson is a leader in advocating for the needs of all children and families in need in Colorado through legislative and policy development.
Urban Mission Community Partners  
Rev. Al Lopez, President  
810 S. White Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766  
(909) 764-8054  
http://www.um-cp.org

Located on the campus of UrbanMission (a UCC/DOC new church start), UMCP is a community-focused nonprofit organization that seeks community wholeness, resilience, and sustainability in the Pomona area of Los Angeles County, California, by working with families and individuals at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or inadequate education and healthcare. In cooperation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, as well as other denominations, faith communities, neighborhoods, community organizations, and public/government entities, UMCP actively seeks out and develops opportunities to empower and walk with our community towards a brighter tomorrow. This includes but is not limited to: Social service provision to individuals, families, and neighborhoods at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or inadequate education and health care. Other opportunities for UMCP’s intended work include involvement in nonviolent civic engagement; advocacy for social uplift in local, state, and national legislation; urban agriculture; supportive and transitional housing for vulnerable populations; and deeply inclusive neighborhoods.

Woodhaven  
C. Mark Palmer, CEO  
1405 Hathman Place, Columbia, Missouri 65201  
(573) 881-9840  
www.woodhaventeam.org

Woodhaven is a caring team advocating for those with disabilities. Its Community Living program supports more than 100 men and women in more than 50 apartments and homes, and its Community Connections program provides opportunities for individuals who do not work during the day. Our mission is not just about providing supports; it is about working toward a fundamental shift in how the community perceives people with disabilities. Every day, the men and women we support are living full, independent lives as active members of the community. With every shirt they buy, hour they work, and life they touch, they’re changing the face of ability.

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The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2018
(Dollars in Thousands)

**Assets**

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**Net Assets**

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Consolidated Statements of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017
(Dollars in Thousands)

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