

LOVE BOLDLY



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2024 Organization Descriptions



Turning Point (All Teams)- Turning Point is the only organization in Union County that provides emergency and lifesaving resources for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. We offer a wide range of services at no charge to the client. Turning Point believes that everyone who experiences abuse deserves a safe place to heal and receive the resources they need to seek independence and justice. (<https://turningpointnc.org/>)
- Teams will serve Turning Point in many ways: making no-sew blankets for families, serving at the boutique and warehouse, and preparing a hot meal for delivery to the TP home.



Community Shelter of Union County (Blue Team)- The Community Shelter of Union County provides Emergency Shelter, Food, and Rehousing. Our low-barrier services support equitable opportunities because safe, affordable housing and food security are basic human rights. (<https://www.unionshelter.org/>) - The blue team will go to the shelter to prepare lunch for the shelter.



Spirit of Joy Church (Green and Yellow Teams)- Spirit of Joy Church is our next door neighbor! (<https://pastorsoj.wordpress.com/>) SOJ has an In-N-Out garden and all of the produce goes to a ministry that works with and teaches those who just got out of prison how to cook. The director of the program comes by and takes it to his facility for instruction. The garden will need some detailed cleaning and then ground prep for spring and summer crops. If extra time allows, the teams will also work with the church on installing a 6-hole community disc golf course with a prayer walk. This task is outdoors, and students should dress warmly and wear clothes that might get dirty!



Common Heart (Green and Yellow Teams)- Since 2006, we have been a grassroots movement of friends creating a small revolution of kindness in our community to eradicate food insecurity and eliminate generational poverty. (<https://commonheart.org/>). Teams will serve in Common Heart's food pantry.



HELP Crisis Pregnancy Center (Pink Team)- HELP Pregnancy Center is a 501c3 non-profit agency providing free and confidential services for women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Our caring peer counselors and staff provide pregnancy, parenting, adoption and abortion education. (<https://monroehelp.com/en/home/>)



Food for Families (Blue Team)- “Feeding Families, Changing Lives” To fill the food gap over the weekend for those students known to have insufficient food. For many students, the school provided meals are the only meals they will eat all day. During the weekend, these students do not have access to school meals and can often go the duration of the weekend hardly eating anything. This lack of food impacts many aspects of a student’s life from schoolwork, interaction with others, and even personal health. Food for Families is a ministry that has sent home a bag of food for these children and their families to have over the weekend. (<https://www.f4fnc.org/index.html>). The pink team will work in the pantry fulfilling F4F needs.



Beds for Kids (Pink and Blue Teams)- Beds for Kids is a Charlotte, NC, based furniture bank. We are a 501(c)3 organization funded by individuals, churches and corporations. We are dedicated to serving with dignity and powerfully supplementing a family’s resources as they rise out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. (<https://bedsforkids.org/who-we-are/>). Teams will serve in the furniture warehouse.



Project658 (Yellow Team)- We believe that Christ’s love compels us to change the world through serving our neighbors. We are a Christ-centered, holistic ministry providing services for at-risk families in Charlotte, moving them toward sustainability; with a key focus on the international and refugee communities. (<https://project658.com/about/our-ministries/>). The yellow team will buddy up with kids from the Childcare program for a reading session.



Congregations for Kids (Orange and Yellow Teams) - Imagine a city where every kid in foster care has the support they need to thrive. *Vision*- A city where every child has a Champion. *Mission*- CFK mobilizes the community to be Champions for kids in the foster care system. *Model*- CFK has four simple pathways to help you become a champion for kids in foster care: Foster.Mentor.Serve.Give. (<https://www.cfknc.org/>). Teams will learn about foster care in the Charlotte area, and the work on assembling care baskets for social workers.



Soul2Sole (Pink, Yellow, and Orange Teams)- With the support of over 20 partnering organizations including churches, nonprofits, and business sponsors, Sole2Soul has provided more than 210,000 pairs of shoes since the start in 2017. Teams will sit with the children and wash their feet and give them a new pair of shoes. Shoes are given with names written in them, notes inside, and with the heartfelt prayers from dedicated volunteers. (<https://www.sole2soulmission.org/mission>).



Bright Blessings (All Teams)- Today, Bright Blessings remains a volunteer-led organization that impacted more than 27,000 homeless and impoverished children in 2022. Through our core programs; Bless-A-Birthday, Bless-A-Baby, Gift of Literacy and Gift of Care, we surpassed a huge milestone in October of 2021 by celebrating 100,000 children served since our organization’s humble beginning. Bright Blessings now has partnerships with over 30 local agencies and school districts and is serving children in 6 counties including Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell and York. (<https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/aboutbrightblessings>) Teams will create bookmarks and encouragement cards for recipients of Bright Blessings bags.