

## Food Insecurity & Homelessness

*I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in (Matthew 25:35)*

Ongoing projects and partnerships support persons who are experiencing food insecurity and homelessness:

- **Suthers Center for Christian Outreach** is a Saturday drive-up food and assistance ministry for DeKalb County at nearby St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church which BCC has supported for many years through donations, volunteers, and drives. Learn more at [sutherscenter.org](http://sutherscenter.org).
- **Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH)** is a 10-unit (and growing) apartment building which houses and serves homeless families for up to 2 years while they achieve permanent self-sufficiency. BCC, a founding partner, supports IOH through donations, special projects, and holiday support.
- **Little Free Pantry** is an on-site ministry at BCC that features a mini food pantry installed in 2021 on the west side of the building, on Lanier Drive. Church members and friends stock the pantry which is open to all. Learn more about this movement at [littlefreepantry.org](http://littlefreepantry.org).
- **Blessing Bags** are a way of serving persons who are experiencing homelessness. A ready supply of these bags, filled with up to 25 different food and hygiene items, plus water, are distributed by a steady group of BCC volunteers throughout the month.



## Children's Growth & Nurture

*Let the little children come to me (Matthew 19:14)*



Children have been a primary focus of our church's ministry in Brookhaven since 1995, when the Brookhaven Christian Church Child Development Center opened. Here are some of the ways we serve children:

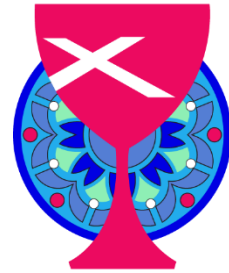
- **BCC Child Development Center** is fully licensed and accredited, offering full-day care for infants through preschoolers, as well as two Georgia Pre-K classes and after-school care. BCC supports the center through volunteers, teacher appreciation, books for children, and other projects.
- **Backpacks and School Supplies** are collected and distributed by BCC each school year to four DeKalb County elementary schools, for use by school staff in supporting underserved students in the community.
- **Presencia** is an after-school program serving a nearby apartment complex whose residents are primarily immigrant children. BCC provides volunteers, donations, and other support. Learn more at [presenciaatl.org](http://presenciaatl.org).
- **Camp Christian Conference Center** is a Disciples of Christ summer camping facility in Gordon, GA which has served generations of Georgia Disciples, including children and youth of BCC. BCC is a long-time supporter of the camp. Learn more at [gadisciples.org/camp](http://gadisciples.org/camp).

## Hospitality & Welcome

*Extend hospitality to strangers (Romans 12:13)*

From support of global partners and refugees, to events in our parking lot, to the feeling you get on Sunday morning when all are invited to the communion table, welcome is central to who we are at Brookhaven Christian Church. Here are some of the other ways we offer hospitality:

- **Community Events** at Brookhaven Christian Church range from selling pumpkins or yard sale items to giving away hot cocoa and singing carols. Look for the big red striped tent for the next event coming soon.
- **Mission Angeles** is a preschool program in Puerto Cortez, Honduras, which offers early childhood education, as well as access to immunizations, nutrition, and parent education to a very underserved population. BCC offers support with an annual fundraiser which pays the teacher's salary and enables property development.
- **Inspiritus** is a refugee agency in Atlanta through which BCC has provided mentoring and donations for immigrants. Learn more at [weinspirit.org](http://weinspirit.org).
- **Week of Compassion** is our Disciples disaster, refugee, and development fund that enables BCC to be on the ground responding to significant needs around the globe. BCC collects an annual offering for Week of Compassion and supports other needs as they emerge.



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## Outreach and Community Service

Outreach in the community and beyond is a great way to get connected at Brookhaven Christian Church. We partner with ministries year-round, providing both financial and hands-on support, and offering members and friends a variety of ways to serve. Many projects are family-friendly with an emphasis on three main areas:

- Food insecurity & homelessness
- Children and families
- Hospitality and welcome

To learn more about outreach and community service opportunities – and help make a difference in our community and our world – look for regular updates at [brookhavenchristian.org](http://brookhavenchristian.org). You may also contact the church at [info@brookhavenchristian.org](mailto:info@brookhavenchristian.org) for more information about getting involved.

