

CITY OF REFUGE COMMUNITIES 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



Overview

2021 has been an incredible year for City of Refuge and all of the amazing affiliates. We have seen tremendous growth and arguably, our most impactful year to date. Even in a worldwide pandemic, City of Refuge has experienced great generosity and through that we have been able to transform lives. The official launch of City of Refuge Communities is one of the many great things that came out of 2021. All of our affiliates are in different stages, but all of them are accomplishing the same goal - transforming lives! We have 9 locations, including our main campus in Atlanta. We have 3 other locations in Georgia (Athens, Calhoun, and Thomaston), 3 Virginia locations (Hopewell, Pulaski, and South Hill), and a location in Baltimore and in Chicago! This is tremendous but is only the beginning for COR Communities. God-willing, we will launch new sites in Dallas, Cincinnati, St. Charles, Nashville, and New Orleans within the next 12 to 18 months. God has big things in store for 2022! But before we get to 2022, we wanted to take a minute and highlight some of the impact numbers that each of the affiliates has experienced over the last year.



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COR Athens

First and foremost, Athens is now an official affiliate and partner with City of Refuge. City of Refuge Athens has experienced a lot of growth in 2021. To date, they have served nearly 22,000 food bags for children! Additionally, they have provided 7,273 grocery boxes for families in their community. Over Thanksgiving, COR Athens had a special feeding program where they served 233 families a full Thanksgiving meal, including a Turkey! For Christmas, they will serve 100 families with not only food but also gifts for families that can't afford them. They have also been able to give 98 mattresses and linens to kids that didn't have a bed. Athens was also able to gift a new enclosed trailer and a new cargo van!

2021 has been super successful from an outreach standpoint and we believe that God has rewarded that from a financial perspective. COR Athens has increased their total financial support by over 50% in this year alone. Their monthly sponsorships have increased and the support from local businesses and churches has increased greatly. COR Athens held their very first fundraiser this year! They received 2 grants in 2021 and were able to hire their first two part-time employees. In 2022 they hope to hire 2 full-time employees - 1 to be their After-School Director and 1 to be their Director of Operations. Great things are happening in Athens and this is only the beginning!

COR BALTIMORE

What a year it has been for City of Refuge Baltimore. Billy and his team were able to purchase a 50,000 sq. ft. building to expand their operation and efforts! You can see a concept of what the building will look like once it is all finished below. The COR Baltimore team has already partially moved into the building and it has helped grow their outreach. Along with the new building, they have launched a 2 phase \$15 million capital fundraising campaign. They have already raised over 30% of phase 1! They also had their first annual Gathering and it was very successful. Out of that night, they cultivated a partnership with Amazon that will help build out their commercial kitchen in the new building! COR Baltimore also launched their Workforce Development HUB and has 4 job training programs. 24 individuals have completed vocational trainings thus far.

Day to day programming has made a big difference in south Baltimore. In 2021, they served over 1 million pounds of food and personal items to community members. They averaged 400 households per week on campus and 350 households per week off of campus! They have given diapers and supplies to 150 babies per month. COR Baltimore was able to house 7 homeless youth! They were able to convert their old building into a new youth center. Out of this youth center, they served over 250 individual youth! They also launched the R&R Drop in center for survivors in June of 2021. They have served 18 individuals and have helped rescue 1 and help the individual secure rehab! COR Baltimore has also launched an initiative to address the digital divide for families in poverty without WIFI in their home. 2021 has been super successful for COR Baltimore but we fully believe what God has in store for them in 2022 will be greater! With the addition of a new building, their efforts programs will only increase.



Aerial View

COR Calhoun

City of Refuge Calhoun has had a lot going on this year. The largest of their programs is their Celebrate Recovery program.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12 step recovery program for anyone with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. As you know, this is the population City of Refuge strives to serve! COR Calhoun has an average attendance of 75 people at their Tuesday night meetings. Throughout 2021, over 250 people have attended these meetings. COR Calhoun has also been working on events to help feed the community. After having to suspend their usual meal service because of COVID, they established events to help feed their community. They served about 100 meals for Thanksgiving and will do the same for Christmas. Throughout the year COR Calhoun hosted several other events that focused on helping reach and serve the community. These events included Easter in the park with an egg hunt and food for over 200 people and fall music in the park where they fed over 150 people. Over Halloween, they did a trunk or treat with 400 kids in attendance! COR Calhoun is working to establish a transitional housing program and they were able to provide that so far for 2 individuals. They are also providing motel housing for 4 people to help provide safe transitional housing. COR Calhoun is working hard to enhance their program and hope to launch a full transitional housing program in 2022!



COR Chicago

City of Refuge Chicago has many things going on throughout the year. The most prominent is their youth sports program. COR Chicago partners with churches, the police department, and other non-profits to operate a youth sports league. They have over 400 kids enrolled in their league and each team gets paired with a coach, police officer, and a church member to provide the kids with positive role models from their local community. The league has 8 different sites around the city. Along with providing free equipment and uniforms, some of the sports sites provide meals for the athletes and their families.

In addition to the sports league, COR Chicago has donated over \$200,000 worth of furniture and served over 300 people that didn't have the means to buy their own furniture. They provided a Christmas drive-thru for over 275 children. COR Chicago gave away over 600 toys, 1000 stuffed animals, and 200-300 coats. They also partnered with West Side Middle School to create a wrapping paper business where the children create and sell their own wrapping paper! COR Chicago also partnered with the Chicago Bulls during COVID to do E-Sports (video games) tournaments. This culminated into a meet and greet with Bulls players and the kiddos were then able to play video games with the NBA players! City of Refuge Chicago was featured on episode 1 on Level Playing Field on HBO Max. Lastly, City of Refuge Chicago was able to partner with several local universities to provide 4 full-ride scholarships, with 4 more in the works, to students from their program so they can attend college completely free of cost!



COR Hopewell

City of Refuge Hopewell had a very successful year!

Thurman Collier was officially named Chief Operations Director in October! Congratulations to Thurman! Hopewell was also able to hire an additional team member to manage the website and social media accounts. They also were able to secure 2 different grants for a total of \$50,000. COR Hopewell secured a partnership with the City of Hopewell for additional funds and were able to exceed their fundraising goal for the 2021 year! This year they had 12 program graduates with 16 more currently enrolled and moving towards graduation in the spring of 2022. COR Hopewell hosted a job fair and taught students how to apply and secure employment successfully. COR Hopewell was able to agree to a partnership with Wellspring Resources to help with their fundraising campaign for the fall of 2022. As they move into 2022, COR Hopewell will continue the efforts to develop sober living and enhance their wrap-around support services for families directly impacted by addiction. 2022 will be a big year for COR Hopewell as they look to expand their programs and grow by serving even more families in their local community.



COR Pulaski

City of Refuge Pulaski has had a strong and successful year! In Pulaski, Virginia, City of Refuge has launched and operated several programs that are vital to their community. These stellar programs include the Mama Bear Clawset, Look up Fashion, and the amazing food bank. In 2021 alone, City of Refuge Pulaski has given out over 300,000 pounds of food and essentials through their food bank! COR Pulaski has been able to provide basic life essentials and to meet the felt needs of so many individuals and families. By serving with a smile and leading with love, COR Pulaski has assisted 5,246 families! Just over 13,000 individuals have received food, services or assistance from City of Refuge Pulaski this year!

City of Refuge Pulaski plans to continue serving with passion and excellence in 2022 and will enhance program services and serving capacity to increase the positive impact they are having on individuals, the community, and the city of Pulaski as a whole. Services for individuals and for families is so crucial and the COR Pulaski team has done a stellar job of ensuring all feel welcome, have their needs met, and experience true transformation.



COR South Hill

City of Refuge South Hill has impacted their community in a big way in 2021! One of South Hill's biggest areas of focus is on youth. This year alone, COR South Hill has served over 1,800 children. They have also served 312 people through their hope and recovery program. COR South Hill also has a pen pal program where they write letters to those that are incarcerated. They wrote 40 letters this year. COR South Hill has a community feeding program where they served over 600 meals! COR South Hill served 48 young adults walking to empower them to become self-sufficient and contributing members of society. For Halloween, COR South Hill offered a Hallelujah Night where kids were provided with an alternative to trick or treating and over 250 children came to this event. Lastly, COR South Hill held their annual back-to-school bash where they provided school supplies to over 100 kids and youth. COR South Hill has a great 2022 ahead of them!



COR South (Thomaston)

City of Refuge South is primed for some really big things in 2022! COR South is on the verge of breaking ground on what will be a 90-acre ranch that will be used as a retreat center, equestrian therapy, and a community destination. COR South is also going to partner with House of Cherith to provide 3 efficiency apartments to graduates of HOC. These ladies will have the opportunity to have safe and affordable housing while still working to maintain their sobriety, secure employment and continue recovering from trauma.

COR South has a phenomenal kids program that partners with schools to provide mentoring and tutoring. During 2021, they graduated 4 5th graders from their program, added a lot of new students this fall, and will graduate 5 more 5th graders in May of 2022. COR South officially launched their middle school program and they are now able to serve 1st-8th grade students. During the summer, they hosted a 6 week VBS camp that included field trips, pool days, Olympic-style games, and other fun activities! On top of the kids' programming, COR South held 3 major family events for Easter, a fall festival, and the Christmas/Advent party! COR South has a lot of things coming in 2022 and we can't wait to see what is next!

