

**COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY
2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

*"...for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."
- Matthew, chapter 25*

One Great Hour of Sharing offering held in spring totaled **\$3073.00**

Neighbors In Need offering held in late fall totaled **\$1,762.00**

The Crop Walk was promoted more this year. There were 14 walkers who raised **\$2,500.00**

Christmas Fund offering collected on Christmas Eve totaled **\$964.00.**

Food Bags for Urban Ministries—the in-kind donations for 2008 were **\$4,800.19**

The Agency of the Month program in 2008 featured three agencies:

**Triangle Pastoral Counseling
Method Child Development Center
Urban Ministries**

These agencies met with the Ministry, gave a Mission Moment to the congregation, and were featured in the Newsletter and on the bulletin board. The congregation continues to receive positive responses to this program so we plan to continue next year.

Mission/Ministry Moments are being sponsored by COM. Representatives of Ministries are requesting dates for mission moments ahead of time so they can be placed on the church calendar. A calendar will be generated on the church website for viewing of possible dates. The scheduling will help keep records as well as provide some direction on the amount that are presented in a given month.

Virtual Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts

Having access to a list of organizations that fit our church's missions via our website was a different approach to the event that had been held at the church in the past.

Contributions to different organizations are allocated according to the individual's preferences. The church office distributed the funds (**\$1,135.00**) per request and combined them with the donations of others for delivery to the organizations. Participation through the newsletter via paper form was also provided. There is no data for any contributions that might have been sent with use of the printed forms provided in the back of the sanctuary.

CUCC provides much more to the community than the dollars sent by checks each year.

Many members/friends volunteer their time, treasure, and talents to nonprofit agencies in the Triangle. Among those most easily identified are preparing/serving meals to the women at Wright Center, delivering Meals on Wheels, helping at Loaves & Fishes, monthly food bags to Urban Ministries, board membership at RICH Park and Method Child Development Center, and comfort to those afflicted with AIDS.

We THANK everyone for their contributions of volunteer hours and talents to benefit our community.

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