

THE STORY OF CVCCS BEGAN WHEN A MAN STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS SOUGHT REFUGE FROM THE FREEZING WINTER TEMPERATURES INSIDE A LEOLA CHURCH.

-THE PASTOR LEARNED THAT HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY WAS A SERIOUS ISSUE FOR MANY OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL.

-THEREFORE, IN 2010, THE CONESTOGA VALLEY MINISTERIUM (A COALITION OF LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS) STARTED CVCCS.

-CVCCS INITIATED WITH SETTING UP SEVERAL FOOD AND CLOTHING BANKS AT AREA CHURCHES.



-IN 2014, SEEING THE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF, CVCCS MOVED INTO THE LAPP ELECTRIC BUILDING IN LANCASTER (2420 GEHMAN LANE).

-THE GOAL WAS TO BE A **ONE-STOP-SHOP** FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.





**OUR MISSION** IS TO PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHING, MENTORING, & MINISTRY FOR OUR STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS **TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING.** 

**OUR HOPE** FOR THE LANCASTER COUNTY COMMUNITY IS TO FOSTER **SELF-SUFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY.** 

- WE BELIEVE TRUE COMPASSION & CHARITY OFFERS THOSE IN NEED THE OPPORTUNITY TO **THRIVE** THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
- OUR MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS AIM TO PROVIDE CHARITY THAT'S INDIVIDUALIZED, HOLISTIC, & TRANSFORMATIONAL.



Our **CLOTHING BANK** is **client choice** and provides **new & gently used** clothing to clients who live **anywhere in Lancaster County**, referred to us by an **agency**, **school**, **or church**.

Adults may visit 2 times a year & children up to 4 times a year by appointment only.

Our clothing bank is stocked with a variety of clothing, shoes & socks, coats, hats, gloves, new underwear . . . and MORE!











Our **FOOD BANK** is also **client choice** and provides to people in need that live or attend church in the CV School District and meet financial guidelines.

Clients may use the food bank once every 30 days by appointment only.

Our food bank is stocked with non-perishable foods, fresh produce, dairy, meats, bakery items . . . and MORE! Uniquely, we give our clients everything they need to make full meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!









\*INDIVIDUALIZED: Each of our food & clothing clients has inherent value. We believe people are <u>much more</u> than just mouths to feed and bodies to clothe, they are human beings with dignity and capacity. Therefore, a personal shopper assists every individual & family on a ONE-ON-ONE basis to get to know our clients & to build relationships.









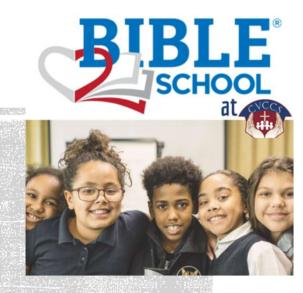
# OUR OTHER PROGRAMS/MINISTRIES





**BIBLE2SCHOOL:** We provide a "released-time" program for **Smoketown Elementary** students during the school day (over lunch & recess time).

So that we can effectively journey with the students, our program is available to one grade at a time, each school year.





**WEEKEND BLESSINGS:** We provide students who struggle with **food insecurity** in all CV schools K-12, with individualized bundles of food to take home each weekend during the school year.

The food bundles include: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners, and snacks and are quick, individually sized items that can be easily prepared.





BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Before the start of each school year, we provide backpacks and school supplies for families in need in the CV School District. Each year we provide an average of over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies.



Additionally, with every backpack given, we encourage reciprocity in students to make a difference in the CV community through our "Backpack Give Back" initiative!

#### Here are 10 ideas to get you started:

- 1. Donate clothes your family no longer needs.
- 2. Donate toys/books you no longer use.
- 3. Do an extra chore to help out at home.
- 4. Do a chore for a neighbor.
- 5. Recycle at home.
- 6. Recycle at school.
- 7. Write an encouraging note for a family member or friend.
- 8. Read or play a game with a younger child.
- 9. Learn from a senior citizen.
- 10. Use your manners; smile and say Hello!





**BACK ON TRACK** assists hard-working families & individuals living in the Conestoga Valley School District impacted by an **UNAVOIDABLE** financial hardship.

We provide one-on-one coaching and limited, one-time, financial assistance to those who quality. The vision of Back on Track is to equip our clients to be the champion in their own journey!

- Back on Track clients also get access to our Food and Clothing Banks for 3 months.



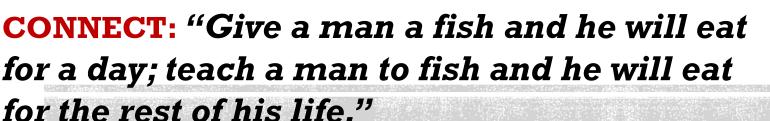


To protect the **dignity** of our clients, we use careful discernment in **each individual case** to **differentiate** between situations of *RELIEF, REHABILITATION, & DEVELOPMENT*.

- **RELIEF** is an urgent, temporary provision of emergency aid to reduce immediate suffering from an unavoidable crisis (not caused by chronic behavior or conditions). Not meant to be a long-term solution.
- **REHABILITATION** begins as soon as the immediate suffering stops. Here, we move away from doing things **for** someone to working **with** them to take steps to improve their situation. The goal is stability.
- DEVELOPMENT is the process of ongoing change. Like rehabilitation, development is not done to people or for people, but with them. The goal is a holistically flourishing life.
   Therefore, we give our clients the option of being paired up with a personal mentor.









While this cliché does not fully acknowledge all the complexities of poverty, it *does* acknowledge the inherent limits of keeping those in poverty in a state of perpetual relief.

Our mentors are paired with clients of the same gender and are trained by CVCCS be less like a *boss* or *savior* and more like a *consultant* or friend.





**BIRTHDAY BAGS** are given out to our clients (adults & children) when they visit CVCCS close to their birthday which builds **dignity.** 

#### **Birthday Bags include:**

- Box of cake mix.
- Tub of icing.
- Party favor
- · Disposable aluminum cake pan.
- Decorative paper plates and napkins.







### "The 7 marks of Effective Charity."

Taken from the book 'The Tragedy of American Compassion,' by Marvin Olasky.

### The main point of this presentation:

The more you apply these 7 marks of Effective Charity in your practice, the more effective your charity will be!

## #1. Affiliation - The closest and nearest help is the BEST help.

- a. Empowerment
  - i. "We will walk WITH you, not FOR you."
  - ii. Empowerment is not something that's done **TO** someone.
  - iii. The government should be the LAST resort of charity.

# **#2. Bonding**- The importance of getting to know those you're offering charity to.

- a. How can you truly **HELP** someone if you don't KNOW anything about them?
- b. Find out more about their situation, and most importantly, who they are.
- c. SLOW the process down. Don't give in to urgency and emotion.

## #3. Categorization - Not everyone is the same, therefore not everyone's needs are the same.

- a. Charity must be individualized.
- b. "Blanket" approaches DO NOT work. There's no such thing as "one size fits all" charity.
- c. Do they need relief, rehabilitation, or development? (Remember, we talked about the difference between these in our overview about CVCCS).

- **#4. Discernment** How do we **BEST** serve the client?
  - a. Discernment comes from asking good questions.
  - b. John 5:1-15:
    - a. "Do you want to get well"?
    - b."I have no one to help me."
    - c. "Stop sinning..."

#### #5. Exchange - It's reciprocal.

a. Giver and receiver are both involved in the

process.

b. The goal is to **empower** the client.

### #6. Freedom- Dependency crushes freedom.

- a. Steps to dependency for the one **receiving** charity.
- b. Steps to dependency for the one giving charity.\*THESE ARE INTERCONNECTED\*



#### #7. God-Faith component

a. A person is made up of 4 components:

Physical, mental, **spiritual**, and social. The spiritual component is often ignored in charitable circles.

- i. Imago Dei.
- ii. Shalom.

### **QUESTIONS?**

