

**YOUR GIFTS TO CBFSC HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE**

## Triune uses trained actors to tell stories of their homelessness

By Deb Richardson-Moore  
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Triune Mercy Center in Greenville seeks to bring homeless, working poor, middle-class and wealthy into a worship community as we work to get homeless parishioners into drug treatment, employment and housing.

Our art room, partially funded in 2018 by a CBFSC missions grant, is one of our foundational ministries and the best at seamlessly mixing socio-economic classes. On many days, it is filled with families living at a nearby shelter, middle-class volunteers, street-dwellers and students from Furman, Gardner-Webb or Clemson. In addition, Jasmine Road (another CBFSC mission grant recipient), a ministry for women emerging from the sex trade, uses it as part of their women's healing.



Playback Cafe brings in trained community actors, under the direction of Dale Savidge of North Greenville University

to listen carefully to stories from our homeless parishioners and "play them back." It is our response to what a homeless man once said to me: "Pastor, do you know the worst thing about being homeless? It's not being cold or wet or hungry. The worst thing about being homeless is being looked right through."

Now their stories are heard, even seen.

**A \$2,000 CBFSC missions grant in 2018 supported the art room and Playback Cafe at Triune Mercy Center.**



Artist Christy Lynn Peeks Fowler



### Your dollars at work in Conway

Palmetto Works, a community development organization based in Conway, is a covenant partner of CBFSC, and in 2018 received \$10,000. Some of your gifts made it possible for the Palmetto Kids Choir to perform during the Rivertown Christmas Celebration at the Horry County Library in Conway. The choir was directed by Katrina Reaves and accompanied by Jasmine McCray. Palmetto Works also has a thriving produce market to make healthy food available at affordable prices, and offers drop-out prevention mentoring and tutoring to middle and high school students.

**In Corinth or Conway, IF YOU DON'T HAVE LOVE, IT'S ALL A WASTE.**

—Jay's column, back page

# Gifts given through CBFSC

Calendar year Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018

These are gifts given through CBFSC. Some churches may make direct gifts to CBF Global, and to other designated causes.

Church	City	CBFSC	Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions	CBF Global	Global Missions	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
Augusta Heights Baptist	Greenville	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Augusta Road Baptist	Greenville	\$13,057.64	\$1,521.00	\$15,928.76	\$3,870.00	\$946.00	\$35,323.40
Belmont Baptist	Columbia	\$2,643.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$3,008.00
Boulevard Baptist	Anderson	\$39,641.05	\$250.00	\$48,230.15	\$3,070.87	\$2,000.00	\$93,192.07
Brunson Baptist	Brunson	\$1,440.37	\$1,150.00	\$1,760.45	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$5,100.82
Cedar Spring Baptist	Spartanburg	\$249.75	\$0.00	\$305.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555.00
Cherokee Avenue Baptist	Gaffney	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Chesterfield Baptist	Chesterfield	\$2,250.00	\$52.00	\$2,750.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$5,852.00
Corinth Baptist	Vance	\$1,769.36	\$0.00	\$2,162.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,931.91
Earle Street Baptist	Greenville	\$11,775.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,775.90
Eau Claire Baptist	Columbia	\$1,129.64	\$0.00	\$1,380.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,510.30
Emmanuel Bap. Fellowship	Lexington	\$187.53	\$0.00	\$229.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416.73
Fernwood Baptist	Spartanburg	\$8,585.00	\$485.00	\$5,722.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$15,917.00
FBC Belton	Belton	\$7,416.94	\$5,185.00	\$2,205.06	\$6,087.97	\$0.00	\$20,894.97
FBC Orangeburg	Orangeburg	\$11,269.28	\$0.00	\$20,928.60	\$6,869.07	\$0.00	\$39,066.95
FBC Edgefield	Edgefield	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
FBC Mauldin	Mauldin	\$337.50	\$0.00	\$412.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$749.98
FBC Walterboro	Walterboro	\$7,482.34	\$0.00	\$9,145.10	\$2,699.00	\$0.00	\$19,326.44
FBC Clinton	Clinton	\$6,049.74	\$1,536.72	\$0.00	\$3,617.25	\$0.00	\$11,203.71
FBC Pageland	Pageland	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
FBC York	York	\$6,691.41	\$288.50	\$7,386.99	\$488.00	\$0.00	\$14,854.90
FBC Aiken	Aiken	\$36,300.83	\$1,922.16	\$0.00	\$24,749.94	\$7,560.37	\$70,533.30
FBC Clemson	Clemson	\$13,950.00	\$1,765.00	\$17,050.00	\$5,727.10	\$0.00	\$38,492.10
FBC North Charleston	N. Charleston	\$445.50	\$0.00	\$544.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$990.00
FBC Pendleton	Pendleton	\$10,001.25	\$690.00	\$10,001.25	\$3,575.00	\$2,850.00	\$27,117.50
FBC Conway	Conway	\$2,616.12	\$0.00	\$2,961.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,577.65
FBC Greenwood	Greenwood	\$6,670.00	\$11,944.36	\$16,965.00	\$9,550.00	\$5,400.00	\$50,529.36
FBC Greenville	Greenville	\$4,000.00	\$12,547.38	\$7,500.00	\$74,834.27	\$1,000.00	\$99,881.65
FBC Laurens	Laurens	\$28,050.92	\$25.00	\$21,301.27	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$51,877.19
FBC Anderson	Anderson	\$22,927.10	\$1,120.00	\$28,022.02	\$2,795.00	\$5,250.00	\$60,114.12
FBC Gaffney	Gaffney	\$1,427.90	\$0.00	\$1,745.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,173.10
FBC Denmark	Denmark	\$0.00	\$202.92	\$0.00	\$416.52	\$0.00	\$619.44
Goodrich Baptist	Goose Creek	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Greenlawn Baptist	Columbia	\$3,586.50	\$474.25	\$0.00	\$350.57	\$0.00	\$4,411.32
Inman First Baptist	Inman	\$14,167.49	\$404.06	\$17,315.82	\$883.79	\$0.00	\$32,771.16
Kathwood Baptist	Columbia	\$4,725.00	\$1,305.00	\$5,775.00	\$1,300.00	\$45.00	\$13,150.00
Lake City First Baptist	Lake City	\$14,985.00	\$0.00	\$18,315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,300.00
Lakeview Baptist	Camden	\$786.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$1,566.36
New Hope Christian Fell.	W Columbia	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00

**OUR MISSION:** We are women and men participating in God’s mission together. We nurture spiritual development, encourage congregations to thrive, and value collaborative and innovative ministry and missions.

Church	City	CBFSC	Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions	CBF Global	Global Missions	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
Nixonville Chapel	Conway	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Oakland Baptist Church	Rock Hill	\$21,755.25	\$0.00	\$14,503.49	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$36,308.74
Overbrook Baptist Church	Greenville	\$137.70	\$0.00	\$168.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.00
Pelham Road Baptist	Greenville	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Providence Baptist	Daniel Island	\$4,450.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$5,428.10	\$10,428.10
Shaws Fork Baptist	Aiken	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,250.00
St. Andrews Baptist	Columbia	\$14,140.90	\$605.00	\$17,283.32	\$4,987.50	\$0.00	\$37,016.72
Swift Creek Baptist	Hartsville	\$148.50	\$44.80	\$181.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.80
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	Beaufort	\$11,044.04	\$175.00	\$3,706.34	\$4,511.34	\$138.17	\$19,574.89
Tidal Creek Fellowship	Beaufort	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Timberlake Baptist	Myrtle Beach	\$1,054.87	\$0.00	\$1,289.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,344.14
Trinity Baptist	Seneca	\$48,696.18	\$7,035.00	\$2,253.30	\$10,410.00	\$3,790.50	\$72,184.98
<b>Total Church Giving</b>		\$395,697.86	\$51,438.15	\$307,145.36	\$174,203.19	\$38,908.14	\$967,392.70
<b>Total Individual Giving</b>		\$43,327.75	\$2,400.00	\$2,851.25	\$10.00	\$3,965.00	\$52,554.00
<b>TOTAL ALL GIFTS</b>		\$439,025.61	\$53,838.15	\$309,996.61	\$174,213.19	\$42,873.14	\$1,019,946.70

## MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS IN 2018

### IN HONOR OF

**SARA AND RANDY GARDNER** by Mason and Marcia Harris, Spartanburg

**BEVERLY GREER** by Faye Edwards, Gaffney, and Janice and John Johnson, Greenville

**CHERYL AND WAYNE PATTERSON** by Mason and Marcia Harris, Spartanburg

**SHAW CHIN CAPPS** by Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson

### IN MEMORY OF

**POSEY BELCHER** by Teresa and Tim Britt, West Columbia

**BEN GREER** by Davis Byrd, Canton, Ohio

**MILBRA REESE** by Robert Reese, Columbia

**CAROLYN DAVIS** by Charles Walker, Norway

## Your acts of love continue to help Metanoia move into new places

Metanoia, a community development ministry in North Charleston, was CBFSC’s first long-term Covenant Mission partner. Our \$90,000 gift supported these (among other) accomplishments in 2018:

- Completion of three affordable houses.
- Expansion of youth programs to record levels.
- Hiring of additional staff, including Chief Operating Officer Jamilla Harper.

“To be sure, all this growth and new work come with growing pains,” said director Bill Stanfield. “There are new stresses and uncertainties on our organization. We are moving into uncharted territory and, though we have worked hard to make plans for how to handle change, it is inevitable that complications will arise.”

“We are pioneering a new community with in-

clusive housing, youth and economic development opportunities for the residents of our neighborhood,” Bill said. “It is a bold vision that must be made real in the smallest possible moments such as a child falling to sleep at night in a safe home or a baby receiving the care she needs so her parents are able to get to work on time or neighbors sharing a cup of coffee.”

“Thank you for being with us on this long journey – not just for the big things you do to help us but for the many little things you do to renew our faith for this remarkable work,” Bill said.

“I am looking forward to 2019 as much as I have ever looked forward to any year at Metanoia—not because of the size of our ambitions but because of the depth of those **LITTLE ACTS OF LOVE AND GRACE** that make us who we are.”

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Your dollars help make it possible for these college students to gain valuable work experience while assisting in the music ministry of Kathwood Baptist Church in Columbia. Called Choral Scholars, they receive a stipend of \$60 each per week, partially funded with a CBFSC partner grant. From left are Warren Hastie from Columbia, McKenzie Ouzts from Cayce, Ben Doyle and Hayley Doyle from Rock Hill. Justin Stillabower (inset) is an Organ Scholar from Atlanta. Their focus of studies include music education, art, piano, computer programming and psychology.

## Paul and John said “All You Need is Love” ... long after the Apostle Paul talked about love

Long before Beatles John and Paul collaborated on their song “All You Need is Love” (1967 Magical Mystery Tour), the Apostle Paul coached his Corinthian friends to keep love as the basis for their church work.

The Corinthian community and church seems to be diverse with many backgrounds and perspectives collaborating for life together. There were controversies and contentions in the church and Paul struggles to find the path forward with these folks who are young in faith.

After spending some time chastising them about eating habits and reminding them that though not everyone is the same all are valuable in the church (1 Cor. 11-12), the Apostle tells them to keep love as the foundation for their life together.

“You can have great gifts for getting things done,” Paul says, “but if you don’t have love it is all a waste” (my paraphrase).

And then Paul identifies the characteristics of loving action so that his friends can conduct themselves in a faithful way: “love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth” (1 Cor. 13:4-6, NRSV).

We live in a time with diverse backgrounds, passionate political perspectives, and lots of notions about ways to make our towns, state, nation, and world better.

It is natural—even appropriate—that our backgrounds and passions accompany us to church and are confronted for transformation by the Gospel of Jesus. But it is possible that



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our passions, perspectives, and commitments could create tension, conflict, or even hostility and distrust among church kin.

The Apostle Paul is adamant that the church-folks in Corinth treat one another with love as they fashion their life together.

I believe we must, too. If our actions are loving, we will faithfully fulfill our church covenants and mission statements. If our church business meetings and conversations in the church hallway or Sunday School classroom are patient, kind, humble and truthful then we will live up to the standard of love.

Please know, I’m not a “pollyanna.” I know that love takes practice and time and the results aren’t always immediate or visible (there is a 2nd Corinthians in my Bible, after all!). But that doesn’t let me off the hook of remembering, and reminding, that the “greatest of these is love.”