



## **Mission Statement:**

To journey into communities by inspiring people in bringing life transformational guidance through God's love.

## **Vision Statement:**

- **Mobilize** - To travel into areas of poverty and homelessness to serve individuals and families.
- **Inspire**- To provide for the immediate needs and offer inspiration through relationship.
- **Guidance** - To collaborate with community relationships that lead to a self-sustaining life through support spiritually, life skills, employment skills, and peer mentoring.
- **Heart** - To put God's love into action through healthy living, supportive relationships, and accountability.
- **Transform** – To transform people's lives and renew their quality of life.

## What We Do

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In most urban area's there are people who live out of the mainstream and for various reasons are unable to utilize the resources available to live a self-sustained life. Those we serve often lack the ability to get help for reasons such as lack of knowledge, transportation, mental health issues or physical illness. There is often the lack of hope, encouragement or trust in his fellow man. Many have lost their faith, many are addicted to drugs or alcohol, and many have lost everything due to circumstances and choices.

**Columbus Relief is a 501(c)(3) not for profit Faith-Based Ministry for those affected by the lack of a home, below poverty income, addictions and/or other issues.** Our goal is this: to mobilize, inspire, guide, share God's love and help transform lives. At the core of our mission is Christ's charge: "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**' *(Matthew 25:37-40)*

We accomplish this mission thru the help of volunteers and staff members who have a huge heart for serving the Lord and helping those in need. We **also** have a mobile soup kitchen that uses a bus(es) to go out onto the city streets to accomplish our mission.

Our faith inspires us to a team built on community. Each of us bring spiritual gifts that reflects God's unconditional love. We invite you to partner with us and see how your gift of presences can impact lives as well as being blessed with the opportunity to serve others. We want to draw people toward Christ as the ultimate provider of their needs, and guide them in transforming their lives as well as the people around them. We want to use the gifts and talents God has provided us with, as well as the resources that already exist in order to do that. We want to use our mobile relief bus to connect us to the people that have needs, and connect them to organizations and people who have the resources to meet those needs.

As an organization, we want to be strong in being able to provide hospitality with grace, and do it in a dignified manner. We want to be financial responsible and generous at the same time. We want to offer training and job resources. We want to tear down walls that have traditionally held back The Church from being able to work together in service to transform the world. We want to be able to maximize our footprint locally and regionally as we try to help those that find themselves in need. We seek to 'raise up' people who catch this vision and wish to take it with them, as our experience is meant to be shared. Above all, we want to point people to God.

We believe that our success will be determined not by our own abilities, but by The Power that transforms all of us, and allows us to see real change in communities throughout the Columbus Area. We believe that if we stay an organization that values the ability to serve others to empower them to serve others we will accomplish our mission.

We have chosen to be a 501c3 Non-profit Organization as we use the funds we are given in service of the community we are looking to transform. Our staff raises their own support with some administrative support from the organization.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Columbus Relief. These are our scheduled opportunities. It is important to arrive on time. If you cannot arrive at the scheduled time, please consider rescheduling for a different date. Feel free to call (614) 517-2038.

Please note: You must be 16 years of age to volunteer independently. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by their legal guardian or parent.

Every Saturday, as scheduled (Evening Outreach can be scheduled per group)

Bus Outreach

9:00-3:30 p.m.

Arrive 9:00 a.m. at 3750 Sullivant Avenue for preparation.

9:00 - 9:15	Sign In, Meet the Team, Job Assignments
9:15 - 10:15	Load up bus and cook soup!
10:15 - 10:30	Prayer, Mini Orientation and Group Meeting
10:30	Leave for Outreach
10:50 - 11:00	Set up at location
11:00 - 1:30	Serve and Fellowship
1:30	Return to Base
2:00	Group A – Clean Up
	Group B – Serve left over at Inglewood Apts.
3:00-3:30	Closing

**Outreach Preparation:** Together we prepare all the food, toiletries, clothes, and reading material and load them into the bus. Each group will carefully follow a checklist for their particular outreach. Generally, the group will divide into smaller groups: making the soup and drinks, hygiene kits, sock and clothing, inspiration table and reading material ready to hand out on the bus. We load the bus and follow the guidelines concerning the placement and storage of everything we need to serve that day. In case of an accident, there are two first-aid kits located on the bus. Once we are loaded, we gather for a mini orientation and prayer. On the way to our location, we spend some time in worship and prayer. At our location, you will have the opportunity to serve in multiple positions (5 Star Bistro, War Room, Dining area, Blessing Walk, etc.) all with the same goal of getting to know our friends, sharing God's love to them to and providing them with resources or support that they may need. On the ride home we debrief about the day, go back to base to clean everything up and share leftovers with our community friends.

**Evening Outreach:** The evening will begin with prayer and a 15-minute Round Meeting. The outreach leader will help you prepare for the evening. Groups of 2-4 people will walk the streets of Columbus sharing a blessing kit to those that we meet.

**Donations:** We accept new men's crew socks & travel sized hygiene items (gallon zip lock baggies, index cards, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, alcohol free mouthwash, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and body wash/soap), wash clothes, toilet paper, cat or dog food. In the winter, we accept donations of hats, gloves, scarves, small propane tanks, tarps. You may also designate a gift online so we can purchase these items. For questions about donations, please e-mail [info@columbusrelief.org](mailto:info@columbusrelief.org).

**Training:** The Outreach Director will educate and train all volunteers before the bus leaves the station. Our goal is to be caring, loving, effective and efficient in serving the needy as teams. Training is important to ensure volunteers understand the purpose and methods of each outreach.

**Feedback:** Since volunteers are the front line of Columbus Relief, it is important that they share information about the needy and how they are receiving our services. After any outreach, they should notify their Outreach Director or the Volunteer Coordinator of any situation or concern they have about the outreach or people involved in it. Columbus Relief wants to ensure we are satisfying the needs of the homeless and working poor so it is critical we get timely feedback from the people serving them.

**Please complete application online or bring with you on your first day of volunteering.**

## Volunteer Dress Code

Volunteers are expected to carry themselves in a professional manner at all times. Our dress code is casual, however, please keep the following in mind:

The following will not be permitted:

- Ripped, patched or stained clothing
- Clothing with offensive language or displays of alcohol/tobacco
- Exposed midriff/tops or spaghetti strap shirts
- Excessively short, tight or revealing clothing
- Shorts must have a 4" inseam. Miniskirts are not permissible.

Shoes:

- Wear comfortable shoes. You will be on your feet a lot.

Grooming & Hygiene:

- Long hair must be tied back.
- Bring a baseball cap or scarf to wear around food. (hair nets available)
- Keep fingernails clean
- Minimize or eliminate use of perfume or cologne
- Wear the minimum amount of jewelry needed. No dangling jewelry.

VERY IMPORTANT: While you are working:

- No Cell phones
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't "hold" your pen or pencil over your ear or in your mouth.
- Food Servers must wear gloves and hat (or hairnet).
- Do not touch the tops of glasses or cups
- Do not lick your fingers!

**For your safety, Columbus Relief maintains a no-fraternization policy. DO NOT FRATERNIZE, flirt with, or give any personal information to any staff, volunteers, community service workers, or others encountered during your time with or after your time with Columbus Relief. ANY contact with ANY person MUST be approved of by a Columbus Relief Outreach Leader. IF you give your personal information to any individual such as phone number, email address, mailing address, etc. you may be opening yourself up to unwanted contact.**



Columbus Relief is a volunteer-based organization and our champions are the key to meeting our mission to mobilize, empower, restore, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed. We look for volunteers who will serve others face to face in a loving and caring manner. The people we serve are usually homeless or working poor and may have serious hunger, clothing, addiction, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Our program is meant to be guilt-free for volunteers. While we do have guidelines, we allow our volunteers the flexibility to choose how and when to serve. If something comes up in the life of our volunteers, there is no problem in canceling a commitment. Our volunteers find this is a transformative experience and they are drawn to come back for new experiences with those they serve, for personal satisfaction, and for team fellowship. That's why we call them a CHAMPION!

# T-Shirts

Order TODAY

If your team would like to further support Columbus Relief, they can buy a T- shirt and have it waiting for them when they arrive for their date of scheduled outreach. Collect the funds from your team, and write one check to Columbus Relief for the order.

Please email me sizes prior to arrival so we can make sure we have enough t-shirts.

XS-XL \$10.00

2X-5X \$15.00

Optional: V-Neck Add \$2.50

Checks Payable to: Columbus Relief

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: Extra Small \_\_\_\_\_  
Small \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Large \_\_\_\_\_  
Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_  
2X \_\_\_\_\_  
3X \_\_\_\_\_  
3X \_\_\_\_\_  
4X \_\_\_\_\_  
5X \_\_\_\_\_

Color: Grey

Standard Crew Neck

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**LEADER TIPS**

1. Preview *packet and complete volunteer application. Bring to your first outreach. Please let us know if you have any questions.*
2. We strongly encourage your team to enter in during worship and prayer on the bus. Assign a worship leader to connect with the Columbus Relief Bus Outreach Director. Bring your own worship music, lyrics, devotions or other creative forms of worship. Emphasize the importance of worship during the ride into the city as you position yourselves for praise, worship and to hear what God is saying to your team.
3. If you are riding back on Columbus Relief bus, consider a time of debrief with your team. You could also debrief later that night wherever you are staying with the team. Ask them questions. What was their experience with Columbus Relief? How did it impact them? Did God speak anything to them during the outreach?
4. Review the materials with your team such as the brochures, fliers, brief sheet, etc.
5. **There are many ways your team could minister to the poor partnering with us: raising funds for the operation of Columbus Relief, collecting Bibles, providing clothing or hygiene products to be given out on the streets. As a team, you may raise more funds than you need for your expenses. Why not put the extra funds towards the cost of a day or week worth of soup on the BUS?**
6. Feel free to share the outreach schedule with your church leadership and parents of teens who will be praying for your team during your trip.
7. Have the team pray big prayers for miracles in the lives they are reaching out to and the team themselves.
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