

# heart and Hope

*Lake Christian Ministries*

Celebrating **25 Years of Service** and launching  
a **New Vision for a Better Tomorrow!**

November, 2017



In this season of thanks giving, we want to thank you – *our generous volunteers and donors* – for supporting our efforts over the past 25 years.

Lake Christian Ministries was launched in 1992 by a compassionate group of volunteers like you, who believed that when you "*work together*" so much more can be done to help those less fortunate.

This year a new bold vision has been crafted by another group of caring, progressive supporters who believe that when we "*work together*", we may just bring an end to the poverty in our community.

As Jesus has taught us, there will always be those in need among us – our children, sick, disabled and elderly.

For our neighbors who are able, LCM is embracing innovative programs and strategies to build self- sufficiency and help move families out of poverty.

Your support will make these programs available to our neighbors who are ready to build a better life for themselves and their families.

***Let's work together to end poverty  
at Smith Mountain Lake.***



***Lake Christian Ministries' vision is  
a poverty-free Smith Mountain Lake community where each  
individual is valued, is connected, and lives in hope.***

**Food, Clothing and Emergency Financial Assistance**

We meet our neighbors in need when they come to us in crisis. Each are interviewed to assess their situation and qualify them for support. Last year 2,322 unduplicated individuals received 117,000 meals. Once a month food for five days of meals for a family is provided. 80% of the food is purchased by LCM and 20% is donated through generous feeding partners and groups. Last year 34,000 items of donated clothing, household items, and small appliances were provided to those in need. Emergency aid in the amount of \$107,000 was issued directly to providers for housing, fuel, electrical, and medical treatment to address crisis situations for our neighbors in 2016.



graduated from this program with the skills needed to make a difference for themselves and their families.

**New Tomorrows**

Counselors and coaches work with individuals who are ready to clarify financial and family issues, and develop financial, education and employment strategies and goals. Over the past two years, 30 neighbors who completed this program were placed in jobs. These individuals have increased self-sufficiency and stability for themselves and their dependents.

**A Child's Christmas**

Like every child, our LCM children long for the joy and excitement of Christmas. During 2016 holiday season, with support from angel trees, toy collections and cash donations, LCM gave 556 children warm clothes and toys for Christmas.

**Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World**

In this 16-week workshop LCM neighbors explore issues that impact poverty – banking, housing, jobs, transportation – as well as their own experiences to move toward self-sufficiency. Since 2016, 28 neighbors

**Let's Work Together! There is strength in numbers.**

Donate to support our programs and services and help end poverty for our neighbors in need.

My donation is:  \$500  \$400  \$300  \$250  \$150  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.
- I would like my gift to be anonymous.
- I am interested in making a planned gift to LCM.

Please make checks payable to:  
**Lake Christian Ministries**  
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