



About Welcome House Community Network

Simply put, every person should have a safe place to call home and community that welcomes them as a neighbor.

Welcome House is a collaborative initiative that provides temporary housing and community outreach among vulnerable people across our state. Launched in partnership with CBFNC, local churches and refugee agencies in the NC Triangle region by CBF Field Personnel Kim and Marc Wyatt in 2015, Welcome House Raleigh has served over 400 refugee and immigrant guests, developed community outreach programs in five Raleigh-area apartment communities and inspired seven similar ministries in North Carolina and Tennessee.

In August 2020, the CBFNC Coordinating Council voted to adopt Welcome House Community Network (WHCN) as a new, signature missions program of CBFNC. CBFNC leaders recognize that the ministry model of Welcome House Raleigh is replicable and expandable to meet a variety of needs among those who are housing insecure—from refugees to the homeless to victims of abuse and more. We have a bold vision to help establish Welcome Houses in every town and city in North Carolina, providing a tangible expression of the call to love the stranger and to invite them into God's beloved community as a neighbor.

In just three short years, the ministry has grown to over 40 Welcome House expressions throughout North Carolina and beyond with about 60 churches engaging in this ministry of the welcome in the name of Jesus.

Whether your church is in a large urban area or rural community, the mandate to serve the vulnerable and marginalized is a mission priority for all of us. Together we can provide home to those who have lost theirs, welcome to those who are unwelcomed and hope for those who desperately need it.

We invite you and your church to join CBFNC to welcome the vulnerable and embrace our neighbors. We are calling for every church in every community to join us.

Welcome Ride is the annual awareness building and fundraising event for the emerging WHCN. The proceeds raised are used to support and empower congregations across our state to engage in ministries of welcome in their communities.