



2022 #LoveChattanooga Overview

January 2022

Blue Monarch

- \$5900 was given to help buy household items for Blue Monarch's new 8 family farm house. This donation went towards buying tons of various items such as bedding, pillows, bathroom supplies, kitchen utensils, TVs, etc. to help this house feel like home.

MetMin

- \$1000 was given for the on-site grocery store to sponsor guests' shopping experience (\$15 per person) and to help with needed grocery supplies. This ministry helps to provide food boxes to low income families and senior citizens in our area on a weekly basis.
- \$1000 was given for the emergency hotel fund for families experiencing homelessness or eviction. The discounted rate at Bugetel is \$200 per week, so this helps MetMin have 5 additional weeks of stay for families in need.

Hardy Elementary

- We kicked off the 2022 school year by providing a Chick-Fil-A breakfast for the teachers and staff.
- Hundreds of items were donated through The Boards including various school supplies, snacks for the students, uniform needs, Kleenex and Clorox wipes, and art supplies.

Adult and Teen Challenge

- Hundreds of items were donated through The Boards including canned goods and boxed food for their kitchen, various hygiene supplies for those first entering the program (most students come from jail or homelessness and have nothing but the clothes on their backs upon arrival), slippers, wallets, robes, hats, underwear, and socks.

First Things First

- \$5000 was donated to go towards funding their Dads Making a Difference program, a transformative 13-week program for Dads that offers guidance and classes in navigating the child support and legal systems, getting (and keeping) a good steady job, seeing their children more often, and how to better relate to their children and the mother of their children.

February 2022

Hardy Elementary

- We were able to show the whole school some love this Valentine's Day because of your generosity! Every teacher and staff member got a gift bag with an Amazon gift card, chocolate, coffee, and valentine card and every student got a fresh baked sugar cookie to wish them a Happy Valentine's Day!
- Four field trips were covered for all students in various grade levels. Most of these students had never been on a field trip before and it has been such a fun and educational experience for the students.
- Dozens of new sensory books were purchased for the Special Education classes.
- Two classroom rugs were provided for two new Hardy Teachers this month as welcome gifts. (they would have had to purchase these out of pocket and this is such a helpful and necessary thing for their classrooms.)

Salvation Army

- Hundreds of Undergarments, hygiene and feminine products donated for Mardi Bra, an event that serves women in our city who are experiencing homelessness by giving them a "sense of love, community and a celebration of womanhood." In addition to a time of connection and food, the women are given these necessities like bras, underwear, and feminine hygiene items that are often overlooked.
- Hundreds of Undergarments and hygiene products donated for Bacon and Boxers, an event that serves men in our city who are experiencing homelessness and in need of basic items and connection.
- \$2,000 donated to The Blessing Place for food and clothing. The Blessing Place is a "store" through the Salvation Army that is open weekly on Wednesday where individuals in need can get a box of food and a few clothing items for free.

ATCM

- We donated 100 sodas to Adult and Teen Challenge. Our RockPoint 5th graders decorated these soda bottles to encourage the students at ATCM. Sodas are a special treat that their students get once a week when they have them.
- We delivered Crumbl Cookies as a mid week treat to the staff and students. Many of them had never had Crumbl before and everyone went crazy over them apparently and felt so loved!
- We delivered St. Patrick's Day cookies and balloons. Holidays big and small pass the students by throughout the year, so thoughtful gifts like cookies and treats go a long way to help them feel seen and a part of our community.
- Hundreds of hygiene and food items were donated from the Boards to be given to students upon arrival. Most come from jail and have nothing.

Blue Monarch

- We donated a new filing cabinet for office needs.
- A new table and chairs was donated for the children's play area where they can sit and discuss emotions with a counselor and learn to process them in a healthy way together.

- Hundreds of cleaning supplies and household items were donated for the residential houses at Blue Monarch.
- 3 new vacuums were given for the Blue Monarch houses.

March 2022

First Things First

- Gifted new leather wallets and a \$50 Walmart gift card to 6 dads that recently graduated from First Things First Dad's Making A Difference program, a transformative 13 week program that offers Dad's guidance in navigating the child support and legal systems, getting (and keeping!) a good steady job, and learning how to better relate to their children and the mother of their child or children.
- We covered the security deposit and first month utilities for a dad who recently graduated the DMD program through First Things First and is achieving sustainable housing for the first time in years. This is a huge step in his journey and restoring relationships with his children.

The Salvation Army

- Donated \$2000 to the Salvation Army to get 50 CARTA month long bus passes for our homeless neighbors in desperate need of transportation resources.
- Donated over 1300 Easter eggs, Easter candy, and \$1000 for food and drinks for their community wide Eggstravaganza event.

Hardy Elementary

- We provided all of the snacks and test supplies needed for standardized testing week at Hardy.
- We provided a Chick-Fil-A teacher and staff appreciation breakfast at the end of the month.
- We were able to purchase needed classroom items from teacher's wish lists across the whole school from binders to Kleenex to pencils to dry erase markers to help them have the supplies they need to finish out the rest of the school year.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- Hundreds of items were donated through our Board cards including hygiene items, food and pantry items, slippers, undergarments, socks, toilet paper, etc. These items are necessary for students who oftentimes come straight from homelessness or jail and have nothing.

April 2022

Adult & Teen Challenge

- We had a #LoveChattanooga picnic day where we provided and shared an amazing meal together from Chatterbox BBQ, shared stories, played tons of yard games and had an absolute blast connecting with the students. We are so thankful to partner with ATCM

and support their students as they journey through recovery, healing and discovering and developing a relationship with Jesus. We loved the opportunity to support local business Chatterbox BBQ, who's owner is a former graduate of ACTM.

- Donated yard games including can jam, yard darts, and ring toss for the women students to enjoy on campus.

Project Thank You

- We partnered with the 7th annual Project Thank You event to spread love and encouragement to our local Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) . Several churches and the citizens of Chattanooga are working together to provide personalized gift bags for each of the almost-500 sworn officers of the CPD. The bags are filled with daily needed supplies, gifts/snacks, and hand written notes addressed specifically to each officer. We donated over \$5000 worth of items needed for these bags to be given to our city's officers this July.

Hardy Elementary

- We got to celebrate Hardy during teacher appreciation week! We had an amazing volunteer decorate the teacher's lounge with lots of fun decor for their Surf's Up theme. We provided an entire week of treats including Crumbl cookies, CFA breakfast, an ice cream party and beach bags filled with summer items (sunscreen, beachball, beach towel, snacks) to love on all 85 of the teachers and staff!

The Salvation Army

- We purchased hundreds of granola bars and high protein snack foods and hundreds of travel size hygiene items for the 614 Day Center that serves our homeless community throughout the week.

May 2022

Blue Monarch

- The 10 women currently at Blue Monarch got to have a fabulous day out in Chattanooga! Nicole Miller, owner of Painted Mane Beauty Bar in Ooltewah, heard about Blue Monarch at our #LoveChattanooga service in February. She wanted to show her love and support for these women and their recovery journey and opened her salon free of charge to them this week so each of the women could get a fresh haircut and feel even more confident and beautiful! Truly amazing!
- After they got their hair done, they enjoyed some burgers at Urban Stack, explored downtown, walked on the walking bridge, and finished the day with some delicious Clumpies ice cream! Because of your generosity we were able to cover this through #LoveChattanooga. Thank you for helping us to love and celebrate these women and their recovery journey.

Hardy Elementary

- We were able to provide all of the snacks and treats needed for field day to make sure the kids and teachers stayed hydrated and fueled up.
- We covered all of the items on the summer school needs wish list including hundreds of school supplies and incentive prizes for the students and teachers.
- To celebrate the last day of school we surprised the teachers and staff with a yummy CFA breakfast to start the day and Crumbl cookies as they headed out!

Adult & Teen Challenge

- We supplied 3 bounce houses and volunteered at Adult & Teen Challenge's All Things New Celebration! We loved getting to connect with members of our community and celebrate the recovery journey of so many who have gone through and are going through the ATCM program.

Chambliss Center for Children

- We provided all of the items off of the Chambliss Center's wish list for their facilities needs, computer lab remodel, and volunteer project equipment.

June 2022

Project Thank You

- Project Thank You is an annual community wide opportunity to show appreciation to the officers of the Chattanooga Police Department. Each July, Project Thank You helps to organize churches, businesses and individuals across our city to provide personalized gift bags for over 450 sworn officers of the CPD. The bags are filled with needed supplies, gift cards, snacks, and hand written notes addressed specifically to each officer. Morale for police officers in our community has been incredibly low. Many have retired or quit to pursue other career paths in the last two years. Through #LoveChattanooga, we were able to donate \$5000 worth of items for these bags and partner with our community to offer some small encouragement to the many compassionate and dedicated men and women of the CPD who are so often overlooked and underserved.

The Salvation Army

- We donated thousands of healthy snacks, granola bars and travel size hygiene items for the Day Center at 822 McCallie Ave location that provides shelter, food and showers for our homeless neighbors throughout the week during the day.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- We donated \$5000 to Adult and Teen Challenge to contribute to their food ministry. It is currently their biggest need and expense. The students receive 3 full meals a day, which totals to about \$450 per day.

Blue Monarch

- We covered all of the needs on Blue Monarch's summer fun wish list. This included items for summer fun like new swimsuits for all the ladies and their children, swim diapers, beach bags, sunscreen, beach towels, etc.

Chambliss Center for Children

- We partnered with the Chambliss Center's For Children through their Transitional Living Program, which is an amazing program that provides stable housing and careful case management for youth who have aged out of traditional foster care at age 18. They have 6 new transitional living units opening soon and we donated \$1200 to the remaining needed household items for these units to be ready to go for the new young adults.

July 2022

Blue Monarch

- Blue Monarch just opened their brand new 8 family farmhouse, allowing more families to enter the program. In order to support the upcoming growth, they needed a new-to-them van for transportation. We were able to donate the remaining amount of \$3500 to help them get the transportation needed.
- Through the Boards, we donated several needed items to Blue Monarch for their kids craft corner such as colored pencils, construction paper, organization baskets, beads, paints, crayons, etc. The guided craft time is an important time at Blue Monarch because it is often a bonding time between the mothers and their children.

Hardy Elementary

- We purchased 2 new classroom rugs for two new teachers coming on staff at Hardy this August. These classroom rugs are several hundred dollars and are usually an expense the teachers have to cover out of pocket, so this is a huge blessing and a great welcome gift to these new teachers!
- As Hardy closed out summer school in July, we helped them celebrate by providing a pizza party for the students and Crumbl cookies for the teachers and staff. We also had a serve day to help move all the furniture in the summer school classrooms so the custodial staff could wax the floors in preparation for the students this fall.
- Every classroom at Hardy has a "Peace Corner". A peace corner is a trauma-informed designated area in every classroom with a safe and calming environment to give students time and space to process strong emotions. Teachers find that after 5-10 minutes in the peace corner, students are more focused and available for learning. While they are there, students have the chance to write, color, play with fidget spinners or stress balls and just process. We were able to purchase all of the needed items, such as calming coloring books, play-dough, and sensory, anxiety alleviating games and toys for all the classrooms heading into this new school year.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- We donated several needed items requested by the counselors at ATCM for their students, including new bibles, headphones and CD players, a new TV for the women's

living room area and paper and pencils for their classes. Their students love to listen to worship music and sermons, and for students who don't read quite as well, the CD players allow them to enjoy books on CD during their reading time.

- We provided a catered dinner from Chuy's to the students and staff to give the kitchen staff a much needed break in July. The kitchen staff provides 3 meals a day, every day to the students and were grateful for the night off.
- We donated several campfire skewers and s'mores kits for the students to enjoy during their summer bonfire nights.

The Salvation Army

- We donated over \$2300 of food items to help restock the food pantries at the Salvation Army locations downtown. Food has become an increased need across our community partners. This food will be distributed to families experiencing poverty as well as our homeless community.
- We donated hundreds of items to the SA's Hair Care Ministry, including shampoo and conditioner sets, hair gel and oil, hair brushes and hair accessories. These items will be given to young girls in need that visit the East Lake Community Center. This initiative aims to help young girls gain confidence by learning how to take care of their hair and what to use on it.

Hope for the Inner City

- Each week, Hope for the Inner City distributes food Tuesday through Thursday to residents in the East Chattanooga community in need. We donated over \$500 worth of cardboard boxes, reusable grocery bags and non-perishable snacks items to help meet some of their current needs to continue distributing food in our area.

August 2022

Hardy Elementary

- As Hardy kicked off the school year, we invited teachers to send us their amazon wish lists to help cover costs for their classrooms that they would normally cover out of pockets. We donated over \$3000 worth of items such as classroom rugs, tons of school supplies for their students, good behavior incentives, lamps, diffusers, the list goes on!
- We were able to do two Chick-Fil-A catered breakfasts on Fridays for the entire faculty and staff in the month of August. The Vice Principal shared with us that these are especially loved by the teachers who feel seen and loved after a long week.

Metropolitan Ministries

- We donated over \$2300 worth of food items to the MetMin grocery store. This grocery store is open Monday-Thursday for those in need in our community to get a large box of food (valued at \$300) once a month. Their grocery store serves all age demographics and house sizes and helps hundreds of families each month.

Restore 6:34

- Restore 6:34 is a nonprofit ministry whose purpose is to offer Christ-centered discipleship, shelter, and life-skill training to formerly incarcerated women in the North Georgia region. We helped to purchase some of their most needed items for helping to landscape their property such as a lawn mower, a weed hacker, a wheelbarrow, a hose, etc. We also provided several needed items for the women in the program including feminine hygiene products, household supplies (cleaning supplies, toilet paper, towels, laundry detergent), notebooks for their classes, some food supplies and a laptop and printer for their job placement searches.

Blue Monarch

- We provided several needed items for Blue Monarch's program and the women and children they serve including several hundreds of diapers, wipes, a weighted blanket for a child, and new board games for their family farmhouse for the moms and children to use together.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- Hundreds of hygiene items and some clothing items were donated to go to the students at ATCM. These are a constant need as a lot of their students come into the program with little to no belongings.

September 2022

Dad's Making A Difference

- We donated \$5000 to First Things First's Dad's Making a Difference program. The DMD program is a 13-week transformative program that offers community, counseling and classes for dads seeking guidance in navigating the child support and legal systems, getting (and keeping!) a good steady job, and seeing their children more often. They also learn how to better relate to their children and the mother of their children. They were able to use some of the donation to throw a park day reunion to honor the over 400 dads that have graduated from the program over the last 10 years.

ATCM

- We gathered with several volunteers and had an amazing time with Adult & Teen Challenge at our #LoveChattanooga BBQ and bonfire night! We got to connect and hang out with some of the students and staff, share an amazing meal, play some yard games and kicked off the fall season with some s'mores and bonfires. We were able to provide the food, games and s'mores supplies for this night.

Hardy Elementary

- We donated \$1000 to Hardy Elementary to provide a field trip for the entire first grade to go to the Creative Discovery Museum downtown. They had an absolute blast and every student was able to go.
- We purchased all of the needed items of several teachers' wishlists for their classrooms including rugs, lamps, school supplies and sensory toys.

Blue Monarch

- We donated \$10,000 to Blue Monarch at their annual "Abundance" fundraiser. Blue Monarch provides a nurturing and therapeutic environment for individuals and families to achieve sobriety, enhance mother and child relationships, and build better life skills while promoting spiritual growth. This donation will help to increase the amount of women and children they can take into the program so they can further expand their ministry.

October 2022

Howard High School

- Howard High School is the largest high school in Hamilton County with over 1600 students. Most of these families are low income families and several students are considered "living in transition" meaning they are technically homeless, living in hotels, doubling up in rooms with extended family members, living in cars or couch surfing. We donated \$2500 to help meet the basic needs of hygiene products, undergarments, feminine products, and food supplies for the social workers at the school to give to students in need. We will continue to assess needs at Howard to see how we can best help these students.

ATCM

- We provided an outing for the men and women students at ATCM. They were able to grab dinner at a restaurant altogether as well as attend our October Night of Worship.
- We donated hundreds of hygiene items and clothing items to the program to give to incoming students who often do not have any of these items upon entry.
- We helped ATCM love their staff and counselors by delivering some delicious Crumbl cookies to say thank you for all of their incredible work they do throughout the year.

Salvation Army Blessing Closet

- We donated over \$2000 worth of needed items for the Blessing Closet to restock its shelves with thermal blankets, high protein food supplies, hygiene items, beanies and gloves, camp chairs and clothing items. The Blessing Closet is open once a week for homeless and families in poverty to "shop" for needed items in the store. These items are all donated and are free to the guests in need who come to shop.

Hardy Elementary

- We provided a CFA breakfast for the staff and teachers at Hardy to encourage them at the end of a long week.

November 2022

ATCM

- Volunteers took time to lead a jewelry making class with the women students. We were able to cover all of the supplies needed through #LoveChattanooga.

- \$5000 was donated to help ATCM get 10 new laptops for their staff and counselors to have the equipment they needed to do their jobs well.

Hardy Elementary

- A large volunteer group went to the school to have a serve day where they helped to repaint bathrooms, organize and clean classrooms, and sort lots of clothing and donated items.
- We provided a CFA breakfast for the staff and teachers.
- We had the chance to share some big wins with the school - you can watch that story [here](#).

Salvation Army

- Hundreds of coats, shoes, clothing and hygiene items were donated to go towards the 614 Day Center, which provides shelter, food and supplies for our homeless community throughout the week.

Howard High School

- Donated \$1500 to Howard High School to help cover the cost of Thanksgiving food for families in need.

Blue Monarch

- We purchased several new board games for the women and children to enjoy in the family fun room at the farmhouse.
- We purchased three TVs for Blue Monarch to have for their new farmhouse.

Individual Needs

- We were able to purchase all of the Christmas presents needed for a family with several foster children to make sure all their children would receive Christmas presents this year.
- Over \$5000 was given to individual and family needs brought to us through our community partners. Two of these help families from being evicted from their homes.

December 2022

We had a Christmas #LoveChattanooga packing party where we packed over 125 backpacks filled with supplies for our homeless community, 450 goodie bags for the students at Hardy, wrote Christmas cards for staff members at our partners, and packed 128 staff and bags for Hardy, Blue Monarch and Adult & Teen Challenge. We also wrapped and packed 45 gift bags for the students at ATCM student bags that were filled with gifts and supplies given to us by their counselors. Some students shared they were so grateful and that it was the first Christmas gift they had received in years due to being in jail or homelessness.

Additional Christmas...

- (46) Students at Hardy received Christmas gifts through the Hardy Tree program.
- (3) moms and (7) children received gifts at Blue Monarch through RockPoint.

- (38) stockings filled with toys and hygiene items were given for all of the kids at Blue Monarch to open on Christmas.
- (16) gift "stocking" bags filled with gifts were given for all the moms at Blue Monarch.
- We purchased all of the costumes and set needs for the Hardy Christmas play.
- We donated \$3000 to ATCM to sponsor their Christmas celebration and reunion night which was a time to celebrate with staff, current students and former graduates all that God has done and is doing through the ministry at ATCM. We shared food together, a time of worship, a time of devotion and gift giving.
- Over \$5000 was given to help individual family needs that were brought to us from our community partners that helped to provide some Christmas presents and help a family in a hard situation with 3 kids from being evicted from their home.

All in all - over \$30,000 was given over the month of December to help provide these gifts and needed items for our community partners. These items and cards and gifts went directly to children at Hardy, individuals in recovery from addiction and abuse, hard-working staff members and our homeless in Chattanooga to help them feel seen and loved this Christmas season. It is our hope that they would feel and know God's love for them as they receive these gifts. Thank you for helping us #LoveChattanooga this Christmas season and all throughout the year.