



2023 #LoveChattanooga Overview

Through your generosity, **over \$135,000 was given in 2023** to love and serve our community. Thank you for helping us love Chattanooga!

January 2023

First Things First

- \$5000 was donated to the counseling resource fund at First Things First. This amount will allow 6 individuals or couples to go through 8 sessions of counseling together assessed by FTF.

Blue Monarch

- We were able to provide needed tangible items like hygiene items, car seats, diapers, books, vitamins, and other supplies needed for the children at Blue Monarch.
- \$1000 was given to help their staff members have updated versions of microsoft office to better do their jobs.

ATCM

- Several needed tangible items were donated through the boards such as clothing for men and women, slippers, hats and scarves, and hygiene items. These items are given to students when they enter the program. Many of those coming from homeless or prison have nothing more than the clothes on their back, and these items help to provide a warm welcome when they arrive.

Hardy Elementary

- We provided all of the snacks needed for testing in the month of February.
- We purchased several items needed from teachers wish lists as the school year began again.

#LC Care

- Over \$10,000 was given in the month of January to go towards individual needs that we were made aware of through the church or our partners. We assess these needs very carefully and prayerfully. This has helped several families meet deadlines for rent when they were facing eviction, utility bill help, basic needs for food and shelter, as well as some transportation needs through Carta Bus passes.

February 2023

The Salvation Army

- \$5000 was donated to go towards the Mardi Brad and Bacon & Boxers events. Mardi Bra serves women experiencing homelessness and Bacon and Boxers serves men experiencing homelessness. These events provide a meal, a time of connection, and free undergarments and hygiene items for the guests to take with them.

Hardy Elementary

- We provided a Valentine's Day breakfast from Chick-Fil-A for staff and teacher appreciation.
- We donated all the needed items for the Spelling Bee Competition including decor, award ribbons and snacks.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- We delivered Crumbl cookies on Valentine's Day to the students and staff at ATCM. Often times, holidays can pass by the students in the program, and a simple gift or treat can go a long way to help them feel seen and connected to the world around them.
- We were able to donate over \$2000 worth of needed items for the ATCM student and counselor wish list. This included items like shower shoes and hygiene items, yard games for the students to enjoy during their free time, closet organizers, shower caddies, gardening supplies, etc.

Isaiah 117 House

- \$2000 given to Isaiah 117 House to help get their wish list items for household items as they prepare to launch this summer. Isaiah 117 Houses serve to provide a warm, comforting environment for children entering state care. Items donated included toys, cleaning items, snacks, bedding, towels, & various household items.
- We delivered Crumbl cookies to the DCS (Department of Children's Services) Chattanooga office on Feb. 17th for DCS worker appreciation day. These individuals work hard to help love and serve foster children in the Chattanooga area.

March 2023

Blue Monarch

- \$10,000 was donated to go towards several ongoing needs for 2023, specifically with childcare needs, staff training and certification in trauma therapy, and the reunification fund. The reunification funds help to provide immediate assistance with moms being able to be reunited with their children that have been placed in state care. This helps cover costs of hotel, gas, food and court fees.

Adult & Teen Challenge

- Through the boards hundreds of tangible items like clothing for men and women, slippers, hats and scarves, and hygiene items were donated to give to students when they enter the program to provide a warm welcome when they arrive.

- \$10,000 was donated to go towards a major need to help repair roof damage in their dining hall.

Hardy Elementary

- We provided a CFA breakfast for the teachers and staff to boost morale on a Friday after a long week.
- Board items were brought back to help meet the needs for classrooms.
- \$2000 was donated to sponsor field trips for 2nd-5th grade students.

CHATT Foundation

- Over \$3300 was donated to provide tangible items to the CHATT Foundation which provides homeless assistance- they offer 3 meals a day, a day center for shelter and showers, clothing vouchers and case management to help those experiencing chronic homelessness. Items donated include food & supplies for their kitchen, clothing for the thrift store, hygiene items for showers, emergency blankets and ponchos, and reentry household items (Like pot & pans, shower curtains, bedding) for families that receive housing and need household items.

April 2023

CHATT Foundation

- Over \$1000 was donated to help purchase hundreds of items for our homeless community. Items included ponchos and umbrellas for the rainy season, hygiene items, towels for the day center shower services, and laundry detergent.

The Salvation Army

- Board items were donated to the Salvation Army to help fill the shelves of their Blessing Closet. Items included clothing, undergarments, canned goods and various hygiene items. The Blessing Closet provides resources like these to families and individuals in need to come to "shop" once a week at no cost.

ATCM

- As part of their entry gift into the ATCM program, students are given a reusable water bottle. We helped to provide 200 custom water bottles to restock these as new students enter the program.

Hardy Elementary

- We donated a new farm table and chairs for the Hardy community center to serve students and their families. This multi-purpose room is an area for students to receive tutoring, for families in need to do laundry.
- We donated all of the needed items on the Summer School Wish List, including classroom supplies for teachers and students, breakfast bars and snacks, decor and student incentives.

Blue Monarch

- Every month, Blue Monarch covers lots of expenses to keep their facilities running. They asked us to help cover a gas bill so additional resources could go towards their residents. We donated \$1500 to help cover the cost of this bill.

May 2023

Hardy Elementary -

- Over \$5000 was donated towards **teacher appreciation week** to love on the teachers and staff as they concluded the school year. It helped to cover 2 catered lunches, Crumbl cookies, a breakfast bar, a trail mix bar and gift bag for all 90 of the staff including some treats and an Amazon gift card.
- We have over 25 volunteers join us for the 2023 Hardy Field Day! Our volunteers helped to lead the field games and connect with the kids. We had such a blast! Thank you to all the awesome volunteers that served to help make this possible. We love Hardy!

Blue Monarch -

- The small, but mighty staff of 13 at Blue Monarch works tirelessly to love and serve the women and children that come to them. Many days are exhausting, so to help encourage and come alongside them in this season we donated \$1500 towards **staff appreciation** which allowed their staff to enjoy a much needed lunch out together. It also provided individual gifts for them including some self-care items (candles, face masks, eye masks), a VISA gift card and a hand-made card with an encouraging message from one of our amazing volunteers, Trish.
- For Mother's Day we helped sponsor an outing for the moms. They were able to get their hair done at a hair salon and go out to lunch together. They also received a handwritten card with an encouraging message as they continue their journey towards healing and transformation.
- Several items were donated through the boards to help with supplies needed for the program including cleaning supplies, diapers and wipes, medicine, feminine products and laundry detergent.

Project Thank You -

- Project Thank You is an annual community wide opportunity to show appreciation to the officers of the Chattanooga Police Department. Each year, 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 \$2000 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.

June 2023

First Things First

- We were able to partner with First Things First to sponsor the **Dad Making A Difference Lookouts game**. We helped purchase tickets for over 100 dads and their children to attend the game and have a great evening of connecting and watching baseball. It was a blast! *(DMD is a transformative 13-week program for Dads. Throughout this program, dads join a small group of men weekly for sessions that offer guidance in navigating the child support and legal systems, getting (and keeping!) a good steady job, parenting and relationship education, and more.)*

Hardy Elementary

- We delivered Crumbl Cookies for all of the summer school staff and students.
- Hundreds of board items were delivered to help with summer school needs including school supplies, snacks and Walmart and Food City gift cards.
- We purchased three new teacher rugs to welcome the new kindergarten teachers on staff. Teacher rugs are a huge help as they are usually not provided by the school and teachers have to cover the cost. It makes for a great welcome gift!

The CHATT Foundation

- We donated over \$1600 worth of items to help our homeless community at the CHATT foundation day center. These items included things like laundry pods, underwear and socks, food items, hygiene items, tarps, sunscreen and towels.

ATCM

- We had the BEST time at our **#LoveChattanooga connection night** with Adult & Teen Challenge! We shared a meal (we provided Pizza Bros pizza), shared stories, laughed, played yard games, played with baby chicks and most importantly connected about how the gospel is changing all our lives. It was such a wonderful time of community and fellowship together.

Blue Monarch

- We donated \$1500 to help sponsor some of Blue Monarch's summer events. This helps to cover the cost of food, transportation and supplies (swimsuits, towels, sunscreen) for the women and children Blue Monarch serves.
- We donated \$500 to help cover the cost of the "Summer Staycation" supplies for arts and crafts time for the children. This included a variety of craft items and paints for the kids and their moms to enjoy for summer craft classes on campus.

July 2023

ATCM

- We donated \$1000 to the **women's house** as they were in desperate need of feminine products, hygiene items (shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant), and hair

accessories. The women were so excited on the delivery day and felt so seen and loved to have these needs met!

- Two administration laptops were needed for the day-to-day operations at ATCM to function smoothly. We purchased the two laptops (totaling \$1800) to help meet this need.

The CHATT Foundation

- We donated \$1900 worth of items to help our homeless community and families that are transitioning from homelessness to housing. The homeless help items included socks, underwear, undergarments, sandwich baggies for meals, laundry pods, towels and hygiene items.
- For the families transitioning to housing, the CHATT Foundation provides them with a "Welcome Home" basket filled with items the families do not have. These items include things like a laundry basket, laundry pods, towels/washcloths, shower curtains, bed sheets, dishes, silverware and a set of pots and pans.

Blue Monarch

- We donated \$1000 to help cover the cost of upcoming Blue Monarch graduate dinners. These dinners currently happen once a month and graduates are encouraged to come back for a time of fellowship and community to encourage positive relationships, support and a continued relationship with Jesus after the moms reenter society.
- As we approach the beginning of the school year, Blue Monarch has 13 children in need of school clothing and shoes. We donated \$1500 to help cover the cost of new clothing and shoes for the children to have as they head to school in the fall.
- We donated \$1250 to help cover the cost of school supply needs at Blue Monarch prepares the many children onsite for the fall. This will help to cover needs like basic school supplies, backpacks and books.

August 2023

First Things First

- As FTF expands their work to help families transition to permanent housing, we were able to fund purchases of **"Welcome Home Kits"** with basic home supplies like mops, paper towels, toilet paper, towels and cleaning supplies. Most of these families come into their new homes with little to nothing. Having basic tangible home items like these are incredibly helpful.
- FTF is launching a new program E.P.I.C., soon. E.P.I.C - Empowered Parents In Community - is a weekly class for parents to help them develop community and grow in their parenting skills. We are able to provide funds (\$4,000) for them to offer a free dinner at these weekly meetings for the parents for the year.

MetMin

- MetMin seeks to stop homelessness before it starts and provides recovery services for those who've already fallen into homelessness. We donated over \$1200 worth of items

to help them serve our homeless community in need. These items included things like: tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, water bottles, ponchos and bike helmets.

Hardy Elementary

- As Hardy kicked off the school year, they expressed the need for new school uniforms, undergarments and shoes for students in need. We were able to provide \$1000 to help teachers and administration purchase needed clothing items throughout the school year for their students.
- We purchased two new teacher rugs to welcome a new PreK teacher and 5th grade teacher to Hardy. Teacher rugs are a huge help as they are usually not provided by the school and teachers have to cover the cost. It makes for a great welcome gift!
- We funded the "Happy Cart" for the teachers and staff. This is a fun cart that the administration takes around to the staff on Fridays for them to enjoy and snack, sweet treat or drink of their choice.

September 2023

Hardy Elementary

- The fifth grade team needed new stools for their classrooms and we were able to provide 9 of these to help them in their teaching environment.
- We did a Chick-Fil-A staff appreciation breakfast on the last Friday in September to celebrate the 75 hard working staff and faculty.

First Things First

- As FTF comes alongside family units in Chattanooga they offer counseling sessions to individuals and couples who desire additional resources for trauma therapy, communication skills and relationship building. We donated funds to help go towards covering the cost of these sessions for families in need.

Blue Monarch

- Blue Monarch held their annual Abundance Fundraiser in September. RockPoint was able to sponsor a table and send 8 members from our RP community to hear the incredible stories of what God has been doing in the Blue Monarch community this year and learn more about their plans for the future. The leadership at Blue Monarch was thrilled to have exceeded their previous year's attendance to 500 guests and be able to raise funds to sustain their program for the coming year.

Love's Arm

- Love's Arm provides love, advocacy and support from Christ-centered community for women survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction. RockPoint sponsored a group to attend the Love's Arm Jazz & BBQ Event to learn more about the program, how they are making a difference in women's lives in our community.

October 2023

First Things First

- As FTF comes alongside family units in Chattanooga they offer counseling sessions to individuals and couples who desire additional resources for trauma therapy, communication skills and relationship building. We donated funds to help go towards covering the cost of these sessions for families in need.

ATCM

- OCT. 26th - ATCM Student Hangout ; volunteers from Rockpoint came for a night of pizza, music, games and prayer with the ladies and men at ATCM. Love Chattanooga was able to provide food and Rockpoint small groups provided the fellowship!

Chatt Foundation

- A local business, GreenTechBuild, wanted to find a group project where employees could serve this year. We were able to connect them and work out a service day with Chatt Foundation this Fall. GreenTech did four consecutive days of volunteering from October 23 to October 26. They organized some donations, worked on a painting project, and created 275 hygiene kits.

Hardy Elementary

- The fifth grade team needed new stools for their classrooms and we were able to provide 9 of these to help them in their teaching environment.
- We provided a Chick-Fil-A staff appreciation breakfast on the last Friday in October to celebrate the 75 hard working staff and faculty at Hardy.

November 2023

ATCM

- God reminded us how He makes a way when a need is present! ATCM reached out to local churches asking for help with providing food for their Thanksgiving as they are in a time of challenge with providing meals after their long-time cook passed away earlier this year. At the same time we received the request, one of our small group leaders reached out to see if there was a local need their group could fulfill for serving at Thanksgiving! The group provided side dishes and desserts to help make Thanksgiving memorable and meaningful to the students at ATCM who are not able to be with their own families.

First Things First

- As FTF expands their work to help families transition to permanent housing, we are continuing to fund purchases of "Welcome Home Kits" with basic home supplies like mops, paper towels, toilet paper, towels and cleaning supplies. Most of these families come into their new homes with little to nothing. Having basic tangible home items like these are incredibly meaningful and to date, FTF has been able to give away 14 of these welcome home baskets!

Hardy Elementary

- Several volunteers read to the children from selected books at the annual Character Reading Day - this was a great way to encourage kids to read, have other adults interact with the classrooms to help teachers, and to celebrate books!

December 2023

ATCM

- A Christmas celebration for staff and students was held 12/7, and RockPoint was able to provide a heartwarming meal with Christmas music for the staff and students at ATCM! Kenny's Southside restaurant provided the meal, and some of our own worship team members played for the guests! Being able to provide a celebratory atmosphere for the students who are working so hard on their sobriety and salvation was an incredible experience as we helped to share the Christmas message.

Chatt Foundation

- RockPoint gave hundreds of items to help the homeless in our community from clothing for their no-charge thrift store, men's and women's hygiene items, and even hundreds of socks (they give out 1000 pairs of socks each week!). Your generosity is critical to helping this community of people.

First Things First

- Our church answered the call for helping LoveChattanooga bless families in need with gift cards so parents could be empowered to buy their kids gifts when they could not otherwise afford to do that. Through the generosity of the church, we were able to provide **gift cards for 90 kids** whose fathers are in the Dads Making A Difference program so those dads could buy Christmas presents for their children.
- We were able to provide a staff lunch for the crew at FTF who rarely get the opportunity to dine and fellowship with each other outside of the program schedule.

Hardy Elementary

- Our church showed up big for LoveChattanooga and helped us bless families in need with gift cards so parents could be empowered to buy their kids gifts when they could not otherwise afford to do that. Hardy had **over 50 kids** who got to experience a little bit of joy on a holiday they often feel passes them by, and we are so grateful to this church for their generosity!
- The entire staff at Hardy - administrators, teachers, janitors, food service workers - are a steady presence in the lives of the students and Hardy, and deal with a lot of challenging moments as they teach and build into these kids. This Christmas season, LoveChattanooga provided a **special staff holiday celebration** with snacks, music, and games so the entire team could feel celebrated and special this season.
- Because of you who said 'yes' to the Board Cards, we were able to deliver 4 bags full of clothes for kids in need at Hardy. In fact the day these were dropped off, a staff member shared that just that morning, a little boy came to school that day with damaged pants and they would not have been able to help him without this generous donation!

Toy Drive For Hamilton County Advocacy Group

- Miss Teen Chattanooga spearheaded a project to gather toys and hygiene items for kids in the Hamilton County Child Advocacy program to help kids who come to them out of dangerous domestic abuse situations, and worked with our middle school girls program to fill the need! **Over 70 bags were filled with toys and hygiene items** after the students at RockPoint purchased items. Miss Teen Chattanooga came in person to share about the important work of the program, and even did a little karaoke with the girls!

Blue Monarch

- The daily work the staff of Blue Monarch provides to their residents is challenging on the best of days, and we were excited to be able to provide funds for the staff to celebrate with their own **Christmas lunch and gift bags** for each of them to feel loved, appreciated, and seen.
- We also want to share how LoveChattanooga goes beyond meeting tangible needs and how much our partners appreciate PRAYER: this is from Blue Monarch: "You guys have been praying for a little boy and his mom. I wanted to let you know that your prayers have been fruitful. This family is blooming. Mom and son's bond is stronger than ever and we are truly seeing a miracle from God!"