

Benevolence Committee

Jesus said “The greatest among you will be a servant”. The Big Canoe Chapel, through its Benevolence Committee, is a servant, supporting individuals in need and charitable or faith-based organizations in Dawson and Pickens Counties. As resources allow, support is also considered for similar organizations in surrounding counties.

Assistance to these individuals and organizations is primarily in the form of one-time or scheduled financial support based on a review of needs. The Benevolence Committee also looks for ways to assist the organizations in accomplishing their missions with “hands on” projects which can involve Chapel members.

Mission

The mission of the Big Canoe Chapel Benevolence Committee is to glorify Christ by supporting charitable and faith based organizations and individuals in need in Pickens and Dawson counties. As Paul wrote in Galatians 6:10, “*as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people especially those who belong to the family of believers.*”

Activities

The Big Canoe Chapel Benevolence Committee identifies, evaluates and selects on behalf of the membership, worthy Christian non-profit organizations for the Chapel’s support. It is responsible for visiting, reviewing and evaluating all organizations under consideration for quarterly support. The committee manages the annual benevolence budget and approves the disbursement of all benevolence funds.

[Click here](#) for a list of supported organizations.



ACES Youth Home

The mission of ACES Youth Home is to provide temporary and long-term residential placement and care for youths, both boys and girls, ages 11-18. They provide a safe, secure, and nurturing home for youths who have been victims of abuse or neglect. ACES help children discover their strengths and learn to cope with the crises in their lives and strive to recognize the value and dignity of each individual we serve. <https://acesyouthhome.org>

Appalachian Children’s Center

The mission of Appalachian Children’s Center is to be an advocate for the safety of children and to reduce the trauma of child abuse victims and their families by facilitating a multidisciplinary team approach to prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse.

<https://appalachianchildrensctr.org>



Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia

Founded in 2005, the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Georgia proudly serves the youth of Pickens, Gilmer and Fannin Counties. Home to three clubs, BGCNG provides safe places where children can find learning, recreation and companionship in the afternoons and evenings. Their mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. <https://bgcng.org>

CARES for Pickens

CARES’ mission is to provide food and essential non-food items, temporary financial assistance, resource counseling and educational assistance to those in need residing in Pickens County, Georgia. Anyone who is placed in a difficult situation due to illness, accident or any misfortune that causes them to be in a temporary or emergency need of food is welcome to be a recipient. <https://caresforpickens.com>

Cheryl’s Place

Cheryl’s Place mission is to provide short-term housing assistance, job skills training, and life skills training to homeless families with children, so that they may be housed in a stable environment and have the time and chance to become self-sufficient. <https://www.cherylsplace.org>



Good Samaritan Health and Wellness

Good Samaritan provides medical, dental, vision, pharmaceutical, substance abuse, and mental health care to adults, families, and children in Georgia for Pickens and surrounding counties— whether they have insurance or not. Their mission is to provide quality, compassionate, and complete healthcare for all in an atmosphere of respect and dignity. Good Samaritan is committed to providing quality healthcare to those in our community and surrounding communities and removing any barriers to care, including financial ones. <https://www.goodsamhwc.org>



Good Shepherd Clinic, Dawson

Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County strives to make Dawson County a better place by providing health care for those who have none. A wide range of services are offered including general medical care; basic dental care; women's Wellness screening; prescription assistance; eye exams and glasses; and information, referral and advocacy for health and support services.

<http://www.goodshepherddawsonco.org>



Habit for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in the community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With their support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing. <https://www.habitat.org/us-ga/jasper/hfh-pickens-county>

Hope House

Hope House provides care for children removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment. Ages range from up to 17 years old. This is a temporary shelter until a permanent solution can be found by DFCS. The house can accommodate up to eight children. No website available at this time.



Joy House

The *Joy House* provides Christ-centered restorative care for struggling teens, families and individuals. There are two residences, one for boys, and one for girls, supervised by live-in house parents. They have an accredited school and a separate counseling center. Through education and counseling the teens are able to recover from their situations and re-enter society. <https://thejoyhouse.org>

No One Alone

No One Alone (NOA) provides safe haven and support services for victims of family violence. Through educational programs, NOA works to foster attitudes in the community that violence is not acceptable. Their services include housing, trauma counseling, financial assistance, transportation, child care, domestic education and legal advocacy.

<https://noonealone.org>

The Pregnancy Center



The Pregnancy Center provides hope to women and teens unprepared for pregnancy. This includes services for those who are pregnant such as nutrition and parenting classes. Also provided are fatherhood and family and life skill classes. Healing and restoration are also provided for those who have had abortions. An Angel Baby Store is nearby. <https://babyontheway.org>



North Georgia Family Partners/Prevent Child Abuse Pickens County

Working closely with DFCS, North Georgia Family Partners provides home visitation services to Pickens County's most at-risk families with children aged four or under. The Parent Educators' visits focus on child development, discipline, health, nutrition, safety, sleep, and parent/child interaction. They work with families through visits, group connections, screenings and resource networks.

<https://northgeorgiafamilypartners.org>

The Place of Dawson County/Ric Rack

"Feeding the Hungry of Dawson County" is Ric Rack's motto. Everything they do is geared toward providing free food to qualified Dawson County residents. Staffing is from the Church Alliance and funding comes from Thrift Store sales as well as cash and food donations. The Thrift Store also donates clothing and household items to needy residents.

<https://www.theplaceofforsyth.org/dawsoncounty.html>



Ruth House

Ruth House Ministries is a faith-based, one-year, residential programs for women struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. Ruth House offers hope by offering residential programs of Christian living, Onseling, healing, life skills, job search and placement. Support is also provided to their families.

<https://ruthhouseministries.org>

Saint Vincent DePaul, Dawson and Saint Vincent DePaul, Pickens

These are Catholic lay organizations that provide economic and spiritual help for those less fortunate in their geographical areas. They fund food, housing costs, and transportation costs on a temporary basis to get folks through tough times. No website available at this time.



A ministry with a **real world** approach to **real world** issues.

Timothy House

The *Timothy House* is a 9 to 24 month Drug and Alcohol Rehab facility for adult men. They work with probation and parole and the criminal justice system regularly. Three dorm houses house the men. Timothy House provides counseling, housing, food and transportation to community service projects. <https://www.timothyhouse.org>

Young Life

Young Life provides a Christian after-school environment for adolescents and helps them grow in their faith. They offer various activities in the county and camps that support a summer program. They also hold weekly Bible studies for the students. <https://pickenscounty.younglife.org>