



Mission Statement:

Our mission is to serve those in need through His M.I.G.H.T.

Vision Statement:

- **Mobilize** - To travel into areas of poverty and homelessness to serve individuals and families.
- **Inspire**- To provide for the immediate needs by offering inspiration through friendships.
- **Guidance** - To collaborate with community relationships that help lead to a self-sustaining life by offering spiritual, life skill, employment skill, and peer mentoring support services.
- **Heart** - To put God's love into action through healthy living, supportive relationships, and accountability.
- **Transform** – To transform people's lives; renewing their quality of life.

What We Do

In most urban area's there are people who live out of the mainstream and for various reasons are unable to utilize the resources available to live a self-sustained life. Those we serve often lack the ability to get help for reasons such as lack of knowledge, transportation, mental health issues or physical illness. There is often the lack of hope, encouragement or trust in his fellow man. Many have lost their faith, many are addicted to drugs or alcohol, and many have lost everything due to circumstances and choices.

Columbus Relief is a 501(c)(3) not for profit Faith-Based Ministry for those affected by the lack of a home, below poverty income, addictions and/or other issues. Our goal is this: to mobilize, inspire, guide, share God's love and help transform lives. At the core of our mission is Christ's charge: "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**' *(Matthew 25:37-40)*

We accomplish this mission through the help of volunteers and staff members who have a huge heart for serving the Lord and helping those in need. We **also** have a mobile soup kitchen that uses a bus(es) to go out onto the city streets to accomplish our mission.

Our faith inspires us to be a team built on community. Each of us bring spiritual gifts that reflect God's unconditional love. We invite you to partner with us and see how your gift of presence can impact lives as well as bless you with the opportunity to serve others. We want to draw people toward Christ as the ultimate provider of their needs, and guide them in transforming their lives as well as the people around them. We want to use the gifts and talents God has provided us with, as well as the resources that already exist in order to do that. We want to use our mobile relief bus to connect us to the people that have needs, and connect them to organizations and people who have the resources to meet those needs.

As an organization, we want to be strong in being able to provide hospitality with grace, and do it in a dignified manner. We want to be financial responsible and generous at the same time. We want to offer training and job resources. We want to tear down walls that have traditionally held back The Church from being able to work together in service to transform the world. We want to be able to maximize our footprint locally and regionally as we try to help those that find themselves in need. We seek to 'raise up' people who catch this vision and wish to take it with them, as our experience is meant to be shared. Above all, we want to point people to God.

We believe that our success will be determined not by our own abilities, but by The Power that transforms all of us, and allows us to see real change in communities throughout the Columbus Area. We believe that if we stay an organization that values the ability to serve others to empower them to serve others we will accomplish our mission.

We have chosen to be a 501c3 Non-profit Organization as we use the funds we are given in service of the community we are looking to transform. Our staff raises their own support with some administrative support from the organization.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Columbus Relief. You are a CHAMPION! It is important to arrive on time to your scheduled activity. If you cannot arrive at the scheduled time, please consider rescheduling for a different date. Feel free to call (614) 517-2038.

****Please note:** You must be 16 years of age to volunteer independently. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by their legal guardian or parent.

Every Saturday, as scheduled

Bus Outreach

9:00-3:30 p.m.

Arrive 9:00 a.m. at 800 Frebis Avenue for preparation.

9:00 - 9:15	Sign In, Meet the Team, Job Assignments
9:15 - 10:15	Load up bus and cook soup!
10:15 - 10:30	Prayer, Mini Orientation and Group Meeting
10:30	Leave for Outreach
10:50 - 11:00	Set up at location
11:00 - 1:30	Serve and Fellowship
1:30	Return to Base
2:00	Group A – Clean Up
	Group B – Serve left over at Inglewood Apts.
3:00-3:30	Closing

Outreach Preparation: Together we prepare all the food, toiletries, clothes, and reading material and load them into the bus. Each group will carefully follow a checklist for their particular outreach. Generally, the group will divide into smaller groups: making the soup and drinks, hygiene kits, sock and clothing, inspiration table and reading material ready to hand out on the bus. We load the bus and follow the guidelines concerning the placement and storage of everything we need to serve that day. In case of an accident, there are two first-aid kits located on the bus. Once we are loaded, we gather for a mini orientation and prayer. On the way to our location, we spend some time in worship and prayer. At our location, you will have the opportunity to serve in multiple positions (5 Star Bistro, War Room, Dining area, Blessing Walk, etc.) all with the same goal of getting to know our friends, sharing God's love to them to and providing them with resources or support that they may need. On the trip back to the building we will debrief about the day. Once there, we will sanitize and clean everything up, as well as, share leftovers with our community friends.

Evening Outreach: The evening will begin with prayer and a 15-minute Round Meeting. The outreach leader will help you prepare for the evening. Groups of 2-4 people will drive through the streets of Columbus sharing a blessing kit to those that we meet.

Donations: We accept new men's crew socks & travel sized hygiene items (gallon zip lock baggies, index cards, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, alcohol free mouthwash, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and body wash/soap), wash clothes, toilet paper, cat or dog food. In the winter, we accept donations of hats, gloves, scarves, small propane tanks, tarps. You may also designate a gift online so we can purchase these items. For questions about donations, please e-mail info@columbusrelief.org.

Training: The Outreach Director will educate and train all volunteers before the bus leaves the station. Our goal is to be caring, loving, effective and efficient in serving the needy as teams. Training is important to ensure volunteers understand the purpose and methods of each outreach.

Feedback: Since volunteers are the front line of Columbus Relief, it is important that they share information about the needy and how they are receiving our services. After any outreach, they should notify their Outreach Director or the Volunteer Coordinator of any situation or concern they have about the outreach or people involved in it. Columbus Relief wants to ensure we are satisfying the needs of those without a home and/or working poor. It is critical we get timely feedback from the people serving them.

Please complete application online at www.columbusrelief.org or bring with you on your first day of volunteering.

Volunteer Dress Code

Volunteers are expected to carry themselves in a professional manner at all times. Our dress code is casual, however, please keep the following in mind:

The following will not be permitted:

- Ripped, patched or stained clothing
- Clothing with offensive language or displays of alcohol/tobacco
- Exposed midriff/tops or spaghetti strap shirts
- Excessively short, tight or revealing clothing
- Shorts must have a 4" inseam. Miniskirts are not permissible.

Shoes:

- Wear comfortable shoes. You will be on your feet a lot. (For your safety, no open toe shoes are allowed in the kitchen)

Grooming & Hygiene:

- Long hair must be tied back.
- Bring a baseball cap or scarf to wear around food. (hair nets available)
- Keep fingernails clean
- Minimize or eliminate use of perfume or cologne
- Wear the minimum amount of jewelry needed. No dangling jewelry.

VERY IMPORTANT: While you are working:

- No Cell phones
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't "hold" your pen or pencil over your ear or in your mouth.
- Food Servers must wear gloves and hat (or hairnet).
- Do not touch the tops of glasses or cups
- Do not lick your fingers!

For your safety, Columbus Relief maintains a no-fraternization policy. DO NOT FRATERNIZE, flirt with, or give any personal information to any staff, volunteers, community service workers, or others encountered during your time with or after your time with Columbus Relief. ANY contact with ANY person MUST be approved of by a Columbus Relief Outreach Leader. IF you give your personal information to any individual such as phone number, email address, mailing address, etc. you may be opening yourself up to unwanted contact.



Columbus Relief is a volunteer-based organization and our champions are the key to meeting our mission to share His M.I.G.H.T. (mobilize, inspiration, guidance, heart, transform). We look for volunteers who will serve others face to face in a loving and caring manner. The people we serve are usually homeless or working poor and may have serious hunger, clothing, addiction, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Our program is meant to be guilt-free for volunteers. While we do have guidelines, we allow our volunteers the flexibility to choose how and when to serve. If something comes up in the life of our volunteers, there is no problem in canceling a commitment. Our volunteers find this is a transformative experience and they are drawn to come back for new experiences with those they serve, for personal satisfaction, and for team fellowship. That's why we call you a CHAMPION!

Parental Consent Form

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I (We) the undersigned parent(s), legal guardian(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby release, hold harmless and discharge Columbus Relief, its staff and volunteers from any and all liability, claim, loss, damage, cost or expense arising from my (our) child's participation in this outreach. I waive such claims against the organization or any such person, arising directly or indirectly from or attributable in any legal way, to any action or omission to act of any such organization or person in connection with execution of this event. I (we) authorize treatment of my (our) child by a licensed medical physician or licensed medical team in case of any accident or illness that may so arise, or any hospitalization necessary. This consent form will remain effective in route to, during and in route from the outreach site(s).

I (we) the undersigned parent(s), legal guardian(s) of _____, a minor give permission for my (our) child to participate in all activities offered during this event. I (we) are aware that there are inherent risks involved in participating in this event. I understand that all participation in this program is by choice.

Guardian Name _____

Relationship _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work (____) _____

Doctor's Name _____ Telephone _____

Health Plan Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Hospital Preference _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date



Volunteer Application

For court ordered community service hours, please use the Community Service Application.

Date: _____

1st Time Volunteer: Y / N (circle)

Thank you for your interest in our organization.

Title: Ms./Mrs./Mr. First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Y / N (circle) Please send me email updates and newsletters.

Employer _____ Position _____ Birthdate _____

Any special talents or skills you have that you feel would benefit our organization?

Availability _____

Church you attend (if applicable): _____

How did you hear about Columbus Relief? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes ___ No ___ If so, what was it?

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for Columbus Relief to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries (some of which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon Columbus Relief receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability Columbus Relief, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Columbus Relief is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the Executive Director and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Columbus Relief policies or principles.

In case of emergency contact: _____ Phone _____

RELEASE, I hereby grant Columbus Relief, the full right to use my participation in the outreach in part or in full, audio, video, published and/or produced in any form, in any way that Columbus Relief deems useful. I agree to comply to the guideline requirements of Mid-Ohio Food Bank for serving food.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

If Minor/Parent Signature _____ Date _____

DRESS CODE: It is important to dress modestly and wear weather appropriate clothing. DO NOT wear open-toed shoes, short-shorts, bare midriffs, tight clothing, tank tops, clothing with vulgar or explicit messages, clothes advertising drugs/alcohol, or wear expensive clothes/jewelry.

T-Shirts

Order TODAY

If you would like to further support Columbus Relief, you may receive a T- shirt with a suggested donation of \$10.00 or more. It will be waiting for you when you arrive for outreach.

Please email me sizes prior to arrival so we can make sure we have enough t-shirts.



Picture shows on a crew neck t-shirt – they are actually on a standard t-shirt.

XS-XL \$10.00

2X-3X \$15.00

Checks Payable to:
Columbus Relief

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Size: Extra Small _____
Small _____
Medium _____
Large _____
Extra Large _____
2X _____
3X _____

Color: Grey

TOTAL _____

LEADER TIPS

1. Preview *packet and complete volunteer application. Bring to your first outreach. Please let us know if you have any questions.*
2. We strongly encourage your team to enter in during worship and prayer on the bus. Assign a worship leader to connect with the Columbus Relief Bus Outreach Director. Bring your own worship music, lyrics, devotions or other creative forms of worship. Emphasize the importance of worship during the ride into the city as you position yourselves for praise, worship and to hear what God is saying to your team.
3. If you are riding back on Columbus Relief bus, consider a time of debrief with your team. You could also debrief later that night wherever you are staying with the team. Ask them questions. What was their experience with Columbus Relief? How did it impact them? Did God speak anything to them during the outreach?
4. Review the materials with your team such as the brochures, fliers, brief sheet, etc.
5. **There are many ways your team could minister to the poor partnering with us: raising funds for the operation of Columbus Relief, collecting Bibles, providing clothing or hygiene products to be given out on the streets. As a team, you may raise more funds than you need for your expenses. Why not put the extra funds towards the cost of a day or week worth of soup on the BUS?**
6. Feel free to share the outreach schedule with your church leadership and parents of teens who will be praying for your team during your trip.
7. Have the team pray for miracles in the lives they are reaching out to and the team themselves.
8. If your team would like to further support Columbus Relief, they can buy a T- shirt and have it waiting for them when they arrive for their date of scheduled outreach.