

GET INVOLVED!

Looking for ways that your church or ministry can get involved with Community Missions? Here are just a few ideas that other programs have had:

- ◆ Cooking For Christ
- ◆ Dinner Fundraiser
- ◆ Sunday Food Drive
- ◆ Gardens of Compassion
- ◆ Baskets of Compassion
- ◆ Holiday Adopt-A-Family
- ◆ General Work Days
- ◆ CMI Music Partnerships
- ◆ Special Offering
- ◆ A Chapel Full of Love
- ◆ Socks 'n Undies Sunday
- ◆ "We Have This Idea..."

Let us help you reach your ministry and mission goals.

Visit www.communitymissions.org/faith-services for more information, or just contact us today at 716-285-3403 x.2259 or mbreese@communitymissions.org to get involved!

WE CAN HELP!

If you or someone you know needs help, these are just some of the services we offer at Community Missions.

Crisis Services

Emergency Food & Housing: 24/7

Community Kitchen: Mon – Fri, Noon – 1 p.m.

Food Pantry: Tues, Thurs, Fri, 1 - 3 p.m.

Clothes' Closet: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We Also Provide Services For:

At-Risk Youth ◆ Parole Re-entry ◆ Individuals with HIV/AIDS ◆ Youth and Adults with Mental Health Concerns

Please don't wait! Let us start helping today.

Phone: 716-285-3403

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ABOUT COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Community Missions (CMI) has provided a unique blend of services to address the needs of the Niagara community since its founding in 1925.

The initial population served was homeless individuals and families, which are still served today. For nearly a century, CMI's programs have evolved to meet the needs of its community. The agency now provides 22 programs in its four divisions: Crisis & Community Services, Mental Health Housing Services, Mental Health Recovery Services, and Youth Services.

The agency serves a diverse set of populations including youth, adults, families, the homeless, juvenile justice involved youth, youth and adults with mental illness, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and returning citizens. CMI serves vulnerable populations that have been marginalized, overlooked and challenging in their presentations and behaviors.

For more information on the programs offered by Community Missions, contact:

- **Crisis & Community Services - (716) 285-3403**
- **Mental Health Housing - (716) 285-3403 x. 2275**
- **Youth Services - (716) 285-3403 x. 2231**
- **Niagara Visions PROS - (716) 205-8708**
- **Respite Services - (716) 285-3403 x. 2280**

CMI Mission Statement

Community Missions provides integrated human services that meet people where they are and help them find and elevate their place in the world.

CMI Statement of Religion and Faith

As a Christian agency, our chosen role in terms of religion and faith is to express our belief that everyone benefits from spiritual growth. We will provide resources, programs, and community linkages, without proselytizing, that will enhance spiritual growth and wholeness in the faith/spiritual tradition of an individual's choice and support them as they seek to grow in that tradition.

(For the complete statement please visit www.communitymissions.org/statement-of-faith)

Faith Services



**Compassion In Action
Since 1925**



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Faith Services is to offer opportunities and resources for religious, spiritual, and faith development to those we serve, and our staff; and opportunities for faith-based community partnerships.

To meet our aim of nurturing and supporting spiritual wholeness in those we serve and our staff, our services are integrated into all CMI program areas. We support these efforts by maintaining a fulltime Agency Minister who provides pastoral leadership in matters of faith and religion at CMI. Our Minister is also our representative to the broader faith community.

In all our efforts, we seek to create voluntary and meaningful opportunities and partnerships that will enable CMI and those with whom we partner to follow the call of Christ to serve the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.

Chapel Worship

Each week, CMI offers an ecumenical Christian worship service. All services are open to everyone.



Chapel Worship is generally 20 minutes long and includes prayer, music, scripture readings, and a brief sermon. Communion (The Lord's Supper) is offered during the first week of each month. Special services and worship events are also held during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Religious & Spiritual Development

As part of CMI's commitment to supporting the whole person, we provide opportunities to assist individuals in their faith journey. These

opportunities include bible studies, group or individual spiritual direction sessions, fellowship events, community ministry opportunities, and connections to community churches and faith-based organizations. Our full-time Agency Minister maintains regular open office hours and is available by appointment to provide basic pastoral care services to individuals served or employed in CMI programs.



Commitment to Ecumenical and Interfaith Cooperation

In all that we do, CMI is committed to healthy ecumenical and interfaith cooperation and relationships that create unity as we serve the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. Also, in keeping with our Statement of Faith, CMI respects the religious beliefs of all people. Sometimes, users of CMI services or agency staff request religious, spiritual, or faith opportunities in specific Christian or other religious traditions. In that case, we are pleased to provide those services or facilitate community linkages to meet the needs of those individuals.



Faith-Based Partnerships

Community Missions is deeply committed to building partnerships in the faith community. Our goal in these partnerships is to seek common ground where we can work with local faith-based organizations to help them realize the full potential of their ministries, while also increasing awareness of



CMI services and involvement, volunteerism, and support of our work. CMI also seeks to develop ongoing working faith-based partnerships on the denominational, regional, and national levels.

Community Ministry & Outreach

Community Missions' historic and continuing mission is to minister to the needs of the disadvantaged and



marginalized in our community. Sometimes, the way to reach those in need is to go find them! We aim to enact the Gospel message of love and service to others. Faith Services works with the Community and Religious Services Committee (CRSC) of CMI. The CRSC participates in the activities and events of Faith Services, helps identify unmet needs in the community, and encourages cooperation to address these needs. The CRSC welcomes CMI staff, Board Members, and members of the Niagara Falls community.

Mission Trips

At Community Missions, we understand that hands-on work doing Christ's ministry deepens individuals' faith.



Youth groups, men's & women's groups, and other small group ministries within your church can have these experiences here in New York State. We invite you to embark on a mission trip to serve those in need. Your work here will make a difference in your church members' lives and strengthen your church's ministry and health. Most importantly, it will make a real and tangible difference to those we serve daily through our many programs and services.