2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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If they close HCPSS I volunteer to run meals to students and families who are in need, or help in locations where food will be offered. Who is with me???

改 🗘 Jenna Billard, Jessica Brause and 80 others

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It all started with a Facebook post on March 11, 2020, two days before schools closed for the pandemic.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CARE

Connecting People, Resources, Opportunity



Today, through the support of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and community partners, Columbia Community Care (CCC) is able to provide food and services to hundreds of local individuals and families each week.

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Beyond food, CCC is focused on meeting the essential needs of our community for resources and connection through our programming and partners. The ongoing and growing demand for CCC services underscores the incredible need for supplemental support within Howard County and the surrounding areas.

Our work is made possible because of the connections and partnerships we have formed among our neighbors, and our impact is a reflection of the true heart of Columbia, Howard County, and the local community.

our **MISSION**

THE MISSION OF COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CARE IS TO CREATE

AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

WE LISTEN, AND RESPOND BY PROVIDING RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS,

WHILE RESPECTING THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.

our **VISION**

CCC ENVISIONS A COMMUNITY THAT IS

HEALING CENTERED, SELF-DETERMINED,

COLLECTIVELY POWERFUL, AND ECONOMICALLY

INDEPENDENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

AND COLLABORATION.



WHAT'S NEXT: where we are going

As we enter our 5th year, Columbia Community Care continues to evolve to meet the needs of our community as efficiently and effectively as possible, guided by our principles and mission.obust marketing and web presence.

We are strengthening our partnerships with key programs, such as STAND and PUSH, to ensure that these programs continue to have a positive impact on youth in our community.

We are planning a third annual resource day and expungement clinic to support employment and job readiness for local families.

We will amplify our voices in advocacy and policy conversations that impact the people we serve.

We will be enhancing our outreach with more robust marketing and web presence.



What an incredible year for Columbia Community Care. We solidified our strategic growth plan, which includes establishing a community center in the heart of Columbia centered on restorative justice through education, services, and resources.

our **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

We also honed our focus on high impact programs for youth, partnering with S.T.A.N.D HoCo and P.U.S.H to send our first group of young people to Mexico for the Black August Summer Institute. And, we continue to operate our food distribution sites and grocery delivery service, which is the cornerstone of our mission to connect people, resources, and opportunities.

TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES for young people

In August, we were able to send several of our youth mentee to the Black August Summer Institute in Mexico, hosted at the idyllic Mud & Lotus Baja.The mentees and mentors alike immersed themselves in new experiences—from horseback riding and interacting with farm animals to participating in rigorous physical activities and engaging cultural exchanges. Throughout the experience, they gained invaluable knowledge about Revolutionary Black history, sustainable agriculture, and vital life skills such as CPR and self-defense. They practiced yoga, mindfulness, and discussed the realities of immigration and border relations – opening their eyes to a world beyond their immediate environments.

Watching the mentees develop self-pride and self-love as they conquered each new challenge with the support of their peers was profoundly moving. This experience was the first of what we hope will be many more, all aimed at providing transformative opportunities for growth and development.



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roots for **A NEW HOME**

In April, Columbia Community Care announced a partnership with Columbia Concepts to redevelop the Columbia Flier building into a multi-use community center. To be known as The Source, the center will provide safe and inclusive spaces with access to an abundance of resources, programs and services such as physical and mental healthcare, a food hall, a gymnasium, game rooms, a recording studio, computer access and Wi-Fi service, tutoring, arts engagement, mentorship programs and employment resources.

The new center, which will be constructed and operated by Columbia Concepts, will create at least 100 new jobs.

Our vision is to create a hub where the community can connect, engage, and make a difference.

THE COLUMBIA FLIER BUILDING, BEING DEVELOPED AS A MULTI-USE COMMUNITY BUILDING BY COLUMBIA CONCEPTS, WILL BE OUR NEW HOME.



HOLIDAY BASH

TOY DRIVE

celebrating FOUR YEARS

On March 7, 2024 CCC hosted a 4 year anniversary celebration event at The 3rd. With delicious food, lively music, and raffles, and awards, we honored our supporters, partners, friends, and volunteers whose support has allowed us to provide our hunger relief, community, and youth programs since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

first annual HOLIDAY BONBON

On December 4, 2024, we hosted our first annual Holiday BonBon Bash in partnership with the Jonathan Johnson Community Coalition. This event featured memorable performances by local artists, including D.J. J Stud and the World's Greatest Entertainer, Doug E. Fresh, and special guest Maryland Governor Wes Moore. During the event, CCC collected donations for our holiday toy drive and opened a silent auction with an incredible selection of travel and luxury gift items.

Funds raised at this event will support CCC's programs for hunger relief, youth, and community. The second annual BonBon Bash will be held in December 2025! our organization **AT A GLANCE**





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FINANCIAL POSITION

	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	69,030.48
Account Receivable	41,823.00
Other Current Assets	38,630.79
TOTAL ASSETS	149,491.27
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Account Payable	0.00
Credit Cards	1,934.71
Accrued Expenses	10,290.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,224.71
Equity	
3100 Unrestricted Assets	154,167.00
3200 Temporary Restricted Net Asset	40,830.00
Net Income	-57,751.04
TOTAL EQUITY	137,266.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	149,491.27

final **THOUGHTS**

At Columbia Community Care, we remain steadfast in our mission to create authentic connections and community partnerships and to listen, and respond by providing resources and programs, while respecting the inherent dignity of every person. It is our promise to continue to uplift and support the most marginalized and oppressed in our community, no matter the challenges that come our way. We were founded on the principles of equity and justice, inspired by Erika's own students—young people who have faced systemic obstacles, inequities, and injustices, yet continue to persevere. Their resilience and the resilience of so many of our friends and neighbors is what fuels our work every day, and we will not waver in our commitment to them. We cannot.

We will continue our efforts to provide critical resources through youth mentorship programs, community outreach, and hunger relief—programs designed to address the disparities that exist in our community. Columbia Community Care has always highlighted the deep equity gaps in our society, and we have also demonstrated the power of love, solidarity, and collective action to overcome them. That will not change. We remain steadfast, unwavering, and committed to justice. Now more than ever, we need each other.

Together, we will persist.



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