

## Let us tell you about the Footprints Collaborative!

### WHAT IS IT?

The **Footprints Collaborative** is an asset-based community development initiative between 3e Restoration, York County Housing, The Village Initiative, Bacon Street Youth & Family Services, and Inner Peace Coalition to serve houseless unaccompanied youth who lack family support and do not qualify for established programs.



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Collaborative

Sponsored by our community partners:



### DID YOU KNOW?

**So far, the Footprints Collaborative has served 20 youth and children!**

*We are thankful for our partners in the collaborative, especially Bacon Street and York County. We could not do this work without them.*

It is a housing-first program attached to a system of care that will offer mental health services and substance use counseling (if needed) through Bacon Street Youth and Family Services, and qualified professional mentorship for job readiness, employment coaching, entrepreneurship through Inner Peace Coalition, and housing case management through York County Housing coordinated and facilitated by 3e Restoration.

The Footprints Collaborative also partners with local school counselors and other community agencies like Literacy for Life.

**WE THANK SENTARA AND GEORGE NICE & SONS FOR SPONSORING THIS INITIATIVE!**

We want to share the story of one youth who completed the program. This 19 year-old Latino male was a displaced youth living through homelessness. He entered Footprints in the summer of 2024 and completed his junior year of high school. In God's grace and in partnership with the Collaborative, we were able to locate extended family who would graciously welcome him home.

**Hear him share his experience with Footprints, in his own words:**

*I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the time you gave me and the invaluable help you offered me when I needed it most.*

*Your support has meant a lot to me, more than words can express. Not only were you generous with your time, but you also offered me your expertise and advice at a key moment, and that is something I will never forget. The patience with which you listened to my concerns and the dedication you put into helping me solve each challenge made me feel truly supported. Not everyone is willing to offer that level of care, and I feel very fortunate to have had your help.*

*Sometimes, in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, we don't stop to reflect on the importance of those small (or large) gestures that the people around us give us. But I want you to know that your help was crucial to me, and it has left a deep mark on my life.*

*I have been inspired by your generosity, and I will try to reflect that same attitude in my own life, helping others just as you did for me. If you ever need anything, no matter how small, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to be able to give back, even in part, for all that you did for me.*

*Again, thank you so much. I really appreciate the time you gave me and the kindness with which you did it.*

The words that follow are from one of the youth who completed the Footprints program. She came to us through York County Schools in January 2024. In need of shelter, she moved in to the Pineapple Inn. During that time, the Footprints Collaborative connected her with benefits, mental health services, and budget counseling with the bank. By the end of her time in the program, she secured a job, graduated from high school, and moved out of shelter and on to college.

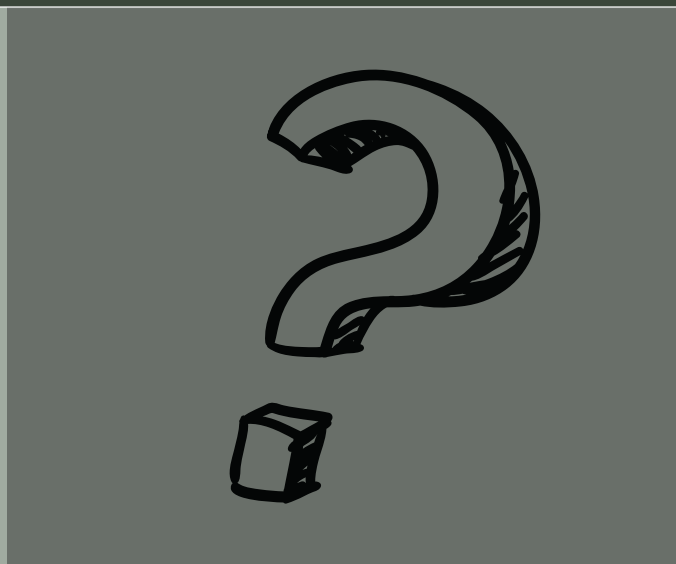
*The Footprints program has helped me tremendously! They helped me accomplish my goals by providing me housing and helping me through all of the hardships I was dealing with at 18 on my own. I appreciate everything they did for me. I am now in college and working towards my bachelors in Nursing degree.*



THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG NEIGHBORS. YOUR INVESTMENT IS MAKING THE DIFFERENCE.

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

3e has always been a Christian Community Development Agency. No matter the program initiative, whether it was housing or trauma training, community development has always been our work.



- ✔ We understand that alleviating social displacement is a community-based effort that requires strong commitment and risky actions.
- ✔ We believe the most creative long-term solutions to the problem of social displacement come from grassroots faith-based movements willing to collaborate with other nonprofits, social services agencies, and education institutions.
- ✔ We call on people of the Christian faith to organize courageous initiatives, from the neighborhood to the public square to the marketplace, for the good of the city.
- ✔ With a firm commitment to trauma-responsive practice, restorative justice principles, and a Christian theology of hospitality, we will carry out our mission in the hope that our vision will become a reality.



## WHAT DOES 3E MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRAUMA?

We understand trauma as the emotional and physical harm resulting from a lack of effective control or power amid vulnerability and uncertainty where life feels destabilized or threatened. Trauma affects individuals, communities, and societies' bodies, brains, beliefs, and behaviors.

- Whether it be a horrifying event, sudden loss, social displacement, violent conflict, natural disasters, the adverse impact of societal structures, or other traumagenic situations, trauma affects individuals, families, communities, and societies.
- Left unprocessed, it can fuel continuing cycles of harm and prevent sustainable rebuilding.
- We believe individuals and communities are resourceful and can collaborate to address the impact of trauma and cultivate resiliency.