

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

REAL LIFE CENTER

Meeting Needs. Sharing Christ.

A Mission of Dogwood Church

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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SHOWING OUR NEIGHBORS
THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY
PROVIDING NECESSITIES FOR
STABLE LIVING

A Note: FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reflecting on 2025, we are reminded that the Real Life Center is more than a facility; it is a testament to a community deeply rooted in one another. At its core, our mission is to meet needs and share Christ - a goal realized daily through the collective strength of working together.

True stability for those we serve begins with a foundation of shared responsibility. Thanks to your generosity, we provide far more than groceries, financial aid, educational classes, job referrals and chaplaincy services; we provide stability through genuine connection. Our programs are not mere transactions, but "stepping stones" laid by neighbors for neighbors. We believe that Christ-centered, holistic care - addressing the physical, emotional, and spiritual - is the only way to move a family from crisis to hope.

Our strength lies in being a vibrant hub of belonging. Through our 1:1 service model, we

prioritize relationships first, ensuring no one faces their challenges in isolation. Our success is entirely a shared one. Whether you are a donor, volunteer, church partner, local business, or community organization, you are a vital strand in the safety net that catches those in need.

Looking ahead, we remain grounded in the belief that practical, Christ-centered compassion is the most powerful language we speak. By feeding the hungry and comforting the hurting, we offer a tangible expression of the gospel. When we stand together, anchored by faith and mutual dignity, we ensure everyone in our community has a place to plant roots and thrive. Thank you for partnering with us through your time, talent, and treasure as we fulfill our mission of sharing the love of Christ by providing necessities for stable living.



Greg Georgianni
Executive Director

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**“IF YOU OFFER YOURSELF TO THE HUNGRY AND SATISFY THE NEED OF THE AFFLICTED,
THEN YOUR LIGHT WILL RISE IN DARKNESS...” ISAIAH 58:10**

COLLECTING MORE.
DELIVERING MORE.
SERVING MORE.



Grantville

Bear Creek

2025 Focus: FEEDING MORE



From the start, providing supplemental food has been at the heart of how we serve families facing financial hardship. In 2025, we took intentional steps to strengthen this core part of our mission. After careful evaluation, we closed our Clothing Closet to use our space and volunteer hours more effectively. Local partners already provide excellent clothing assistance, and this change allowed us to expand what we do best—distributing food to children and families.

With the additional warehouse space, we increased the reach of programs like Backpack Buddies and Summer Buddies, ensuring children had reliable meals during school breaks and throughout the summer.

We also added a new delivery van to our fleet—funded through a generous grant.

This van is a game-changer allowing us to:

- Increase food collections from local partners and community drives.
- Deliver more meals to schools and community sites.
- Respond quickly to urgent needs with smaller, flexible deliveries.

Every mile traveled represents hope delivered and lives impacted. Together, we are building a stronger network of care—because when we collect more food, we can feed more families.



Sourcing Hope: PROVIDING FOOD

Food is at the heart of what we do at the Real Life Center. We source it in several ways—rescuing items from local grocers, receiving generous donations from individuals and organizations, harvesting fresh produce from our orchard, and purchasing essential items to meet specific needs. Our focus is on providing healthy staples such as milk, eggs, fresh produce, and meat—the most expensive items at the grocery store. By supplying these necessities, we help families free up room in their budgets for other critical expenses like housing and transportation.



FROM WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME?

45% of the food we provide is rescued from local grocers.

35% of the food we provide is donated to us.

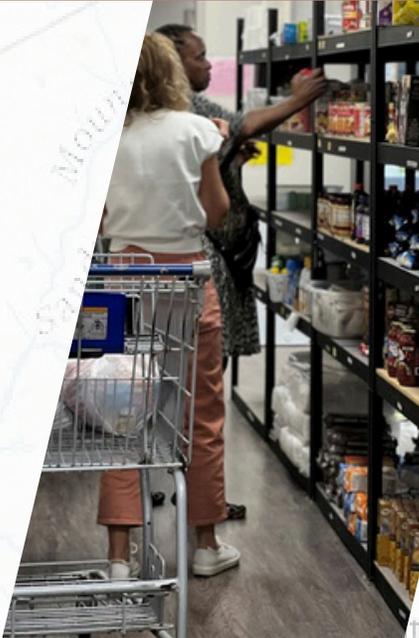
20% of the food we provide is purchased by us.



1 in 12 people living in Coweta and Fayette counties are living in poverty/low-income



RESCUING MORE.
RECEIVING MORE.
GIVING MORE.



Meeting Needs: COMMUNITY FOOD PARTNERS

Food Donation Partners

Much of the food we provide comes from local retail grocers. We also rely on the faithful support of community partners who hold food drives, serve as donation sites, or join our Adopt-A-Pantry Item Program.



Pounds of food received from our community food partners in 2025.



586,145
POUNDS

2025 Highlights: COMMUNITY FOOD PARTNERS

Adopt-A-Pantry Item Program

3

CHURCHES



11,753
POUNDS



COOSEMAN'S ATLANTA

Coosemans donated 23,918 pounds of fresh produce in 2025, strengthening our ability to provide healthy, high-quality food to families in need.

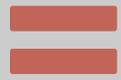
ALŌ FARMS FOUNDATION

Alō Farms Foundation provided fresh butter lettuce through their innovative indoor farming system, donating 1,741 pounds of lettuce in 2025 to help ensure families receive high-quality, nutrient-rich produce.



Atlanta
Community
Food Bank
Enabled
Program

9 LOCAL
GROCCERS



327,906
POUNDS



LIVING OUT

1

We begin by meeting immediate physical needs, providing food assistance, and financial support to help families stabilize during times of crisis and uncertainty.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Through our **Market, Pantry, and Monthly Mobile Food Pantry**, we provide nutritious food to families facing hardship. Programs like **Backpack Buddies** and **Summer Buddies** ensure children have meals when school is not in session.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We offer guidance and assistance to help families remain in their homes and manage essential expenses such as rent, mortgage, and utilities.



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After meeting urgent needs, we help clients build long-term stability through job support and classes that focus on mental health, relationships, budgeting, and spiritual growth.

JOB SUPPORT

We support individuals seeking employment by offering resume assistance, interview preparation, and referrals to available job opportunities through local partnerships.

EDUCATION

Classes and one-on-one support equip clients with practical tools, knowledge, and confidence needed for long-term stability.



EVERY INTERACTION IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT CHRIST'S LOVE—

OUR MISSION

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At the center of all we do is the hope found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through this ministry focus, we offer spiritual support and prayerful care, reflecting our commitment to share His love with every individual we serve.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Clients have access to our staff chaplain, who is available to listen, offer biblical counsel, and pray with those facing spiritual and personal challenges.

PRAYER & CARE

In addition to our chaplaincy program, volunteers and staff are encouraged to listen with compassion and pray with clients as needs arise—offering hope, encouragement, and Christ-centered care in everyday interactions.



Hi Pastor Matt,

Thank you so much for reaching out and for praying for me. Knowing that I was being lifted up in prayer truly touched my heart during a time when I really needed it.

I wanted to share that I did receive the help I needed, and it came very last minute. That experience was very emotional for me, and it reminded me that I wasn't alone, even when it felt that way. I truly believe the prayers and support surrounding me played a part in how everything came together.

Jennifer has kindly reached out to me by phone, and I do plan to connect with her [...] Thank you again for your compassion, care, and for taking the time to check in—it has meant more to me than I can put into words.

*With sincere gratitude,
(RLC Client)*

MEETING PRACTICAL NEEDS WHILE POINTING TO THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF HOPE

Meeting Needs: COMMUNITY CARE PARTNERS

 Christian Brothers Automotive
Repairs, Maintenance, Donated Vehicles

 Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church
ESL Classes

 Goodwill Industries
Tax Preparation and Job Fairs

 Healing Bridge
Comprehensive Medical

 **FAYETTE COWETA**

 Sleep In Heavenly Peace
Beds for Children

 Clothes Less Traveled
Clothing Vouchers

 Coweta F.O.R.C.E.
Support for Recovery From Addiction

EXTENDING OUR REACH THROUGH COMMUNITY CARE

At the Real Life Center, we take a holistic approach to walking alongside individuals and families facing challenging times. Our focus is to provide practical support and compassionate guidance that help clients move toward long-term stability, while recognizing that their needs often extend beyond food and financial assistance alone.

This holistic care strategy means we consider every aspect of a person's well-being: physical, emotional, relational, financial, mental, educational, and spiritual. Our team and volunteers are trained to listen with compassion and discern the unique needs of each client.

Sometimes, those needs extend beyond what we can directly provide. That's where our long-standing relationships with local businesses, churches, and nonprofits become essential. These trusted community partners help us fill the gaps—offering specialized services and support that allow us to care for the whole person.

Together, we form a network of hope and practical help, ensuring that every client receives the resources they need to move forward with dignity and strength.

2025 Spotlight: COMMUNITY CARE PARTNERS



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE

Christian Brothers Automotive hosts an annual care event for selected Real Life Center clients, providing essential maintenance and repairs that many could not otherwise afford. In 2025, 29 clients received free automotive services through this program. Christian Brothers' generosity has even included donating refurbished vehicles to vetted clients. For many, transportation is a lifeline to employment, education, and stability. This partnership demonstrates how community collaboration removes barriers and restores dignity.

CLOTHES LESS TRAVELED

Closing our Clothing Closet to make room for expanded food distribution made our collaboration with Clothes Less Traveled even more valuable. When we meet individuals or families in need of clothing or shoes, we provide a referral to this local thrift organization, which has locations in both Peachtree City and Newnan. In 2025 alone, 158 individuals received vouchers through this partnership, giving them the opportunity to choose free clothing and shoes for themselves and their families. This shared effort ensures that those we serve have access to quality items while preserving dignity and personal choice.



GOODWILL SOUTHERN RIVERS CAREER CENTER

In 2025, we referred 118 clients to the Goodwill Southern Rivers Career Center, connecting individuals—especially those with backgrounds in warehouse, light industrial, or food service work—to job opportunities well-matched to their skills. Clients benefit from Goodwill's monthly job fairs, where employers interview on site and often make conditional offers, as well as training programs that provide pathways into trades and industry-recognized certifications. This partnership gives our clients accessible steps toward stable employment and long-term progress.

2025 Impact: MEETING NEEDS

Food Distributed = 732,827
pounds

110,689 pounds
of food distributed
through our Monthly
Mobile Food Pantry



7,170 pounds of
produce distributed
from our orchard

108,709 pounds of food
distributed through our Backpack
& Summer Buddies programs



Financial Assistance = \$197,655
mortgage, rent &
utilities

**Volunteer
Hours**

2,645 hours served by
our volunteers for the Real
Life Center Orchard

12,747 hours
served by our
volunteers for the Real
Life Center services
and programs



Programs & Services = 25,791
visits



116 individuals
received job assistance

911 individuals
attended educational
classes

220 individuals
received support from our
Chaplaincy Program

2025 Impact: WHO WE CARED FOR

WHERE OUR CLIENTS LIVE



FAYETTE COUNTY

4,137
INDIVIDUALS



COWETA COUNTY

2,414
INDIVIDUALS

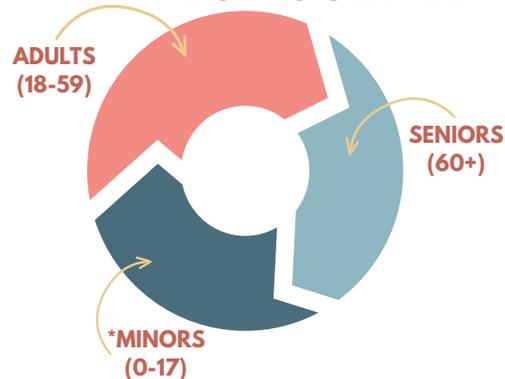


OTHER COUNTIES

***600**
INDIVIDUALS

*Majority of other counties are served through our monthly mobile food pantry.

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



*Minors in RLC client households

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND



— **36 % COLLEGE**



— **10 % TECH SCHOOL**



— **3 % ATTENDING**



— **44% HIGH SCHOOL/
GED**



— **7 % INCOMPLETE**



TOP 3 REASONS FOR SEEKING HELP

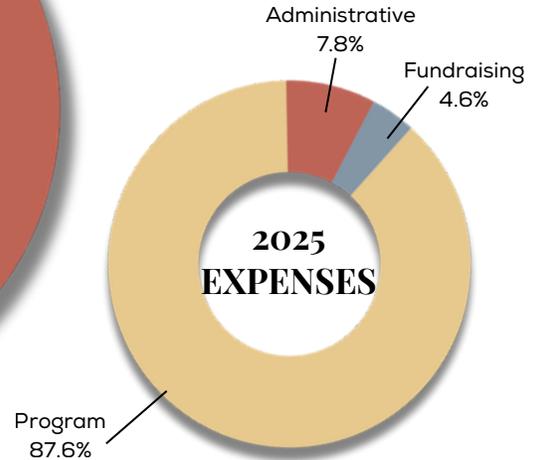
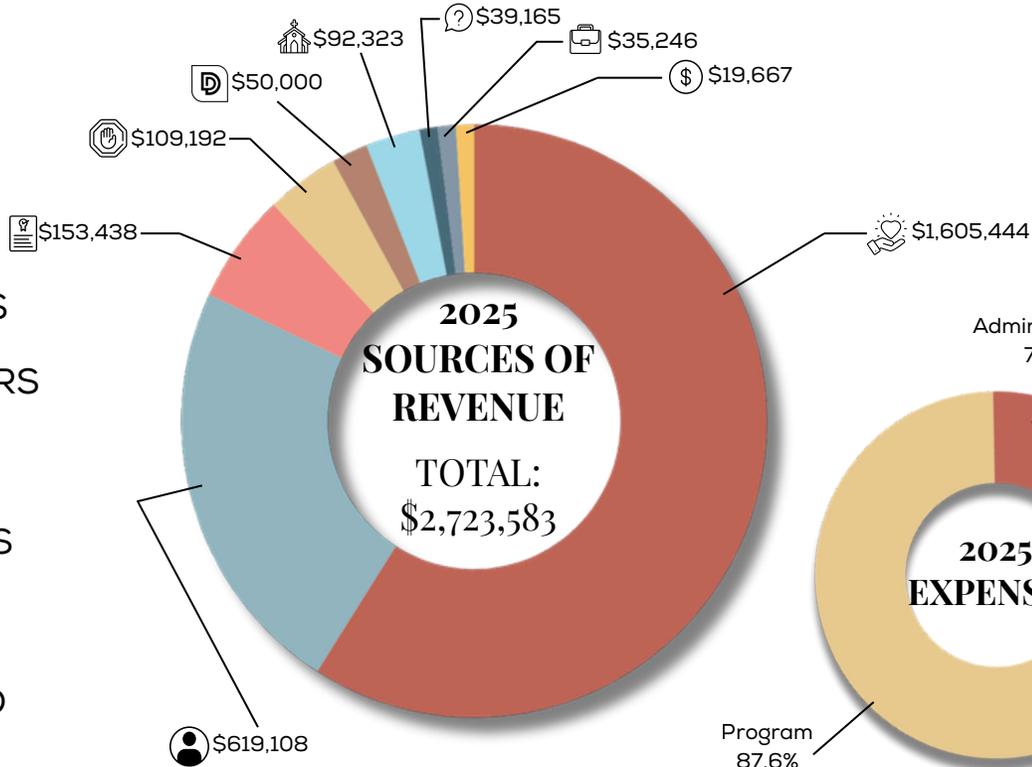
27.7%
JOB
LOSS

21.5%
HEALTH
ISSUES

17.1%
UNDER
EMPLOYED

2025: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

-  DOGWOOD
-  CHURCHES
-  OTHER
-  BUSINESSES
-  FUNDRAISERS
-  IN-KIND
-  INDIVIDUALS
-  GRANTS
-  RESTRICTED



2026 and Beyond: **NEW AND EXPANDING**

STEPPING FORWARD WITH FAITH & PURPOSE

As we look toward 2026, we celebrate all the Lord has done—and we step into what He is calling us to do next. The needs in our community are deepening, and God continues to open doors for the Real Life Center to serve in new and meaningful ways.

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GOING DEEPER WITH CLIENTS

Job Assistance

- Coaching
- Resume Prep
- Interview Support

Mentoring Support

- Goal Setting
- Accountability

Resource Navigation

- SNAP
- Medicaid
- Social Security
- Veterans Benefits
- Other Services



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EXPANDING FOOD OUTREACH

Home Delivery

Food delivery to homebound individuals

Backpack and Summer Buddies Programs

Addition of more Coweta and Fayette county schools



WHY THESE EXPANSIONS MATTER

- Rising long-term financial challenges
- More homebound neighbors needing support
- Growing food insecurity among families and children
- Increased need for deeper, personalized guidance



REAL LIFE *Meet* CENTER *The* TEAM

Real Life Center Staff



Greg Georgianni
Executive Director



Mark Dull
Operations Support Assistant, Part-Time



Tessa Henson
Client Advocacy Director



Dixie King
Marketing + Orchard Director



Matt Lowe
Volunteer Director + Chaplain



Dana McKay
Finance Director



Jennifer Nolder
Client Care + Special Programs Director



Isaac Payne
Driver, Part-Time



Bongzi Queen
Food Drive + Special Programs Manager, Part-Time



Pete Trebotte
Operations + Logistics Director

Board of Directors 2025

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Ann Messick Stone

George Williams

“EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD’S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.” 1 PETER 4:10



WAYS *To* PARTNER *for* IMPACT

Ways to Get Involved

Join hands with the Real Life Center and make a meaningful impact in your community. Together, we can provide help and hope one donation, prayer, or volunteer effort at a time. Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe environment, share the love of Christ, and promote long-term change.

Donate Funds



When you give to the Real Life Center, over 87% of your donation goes straight into our programs. Scan below to donate:



Donate Items



Help us keep our food pantry stocked by donating food and toiletry items. A food drive is a great way to get others involved. Scan below for our most-needed list:



Partner in Prayer



We believe in the power of prayer. Join us in praying for the ministries and clients of the Real Life Center. Stay up-to-date with what's going on by signing up for the newsletter:

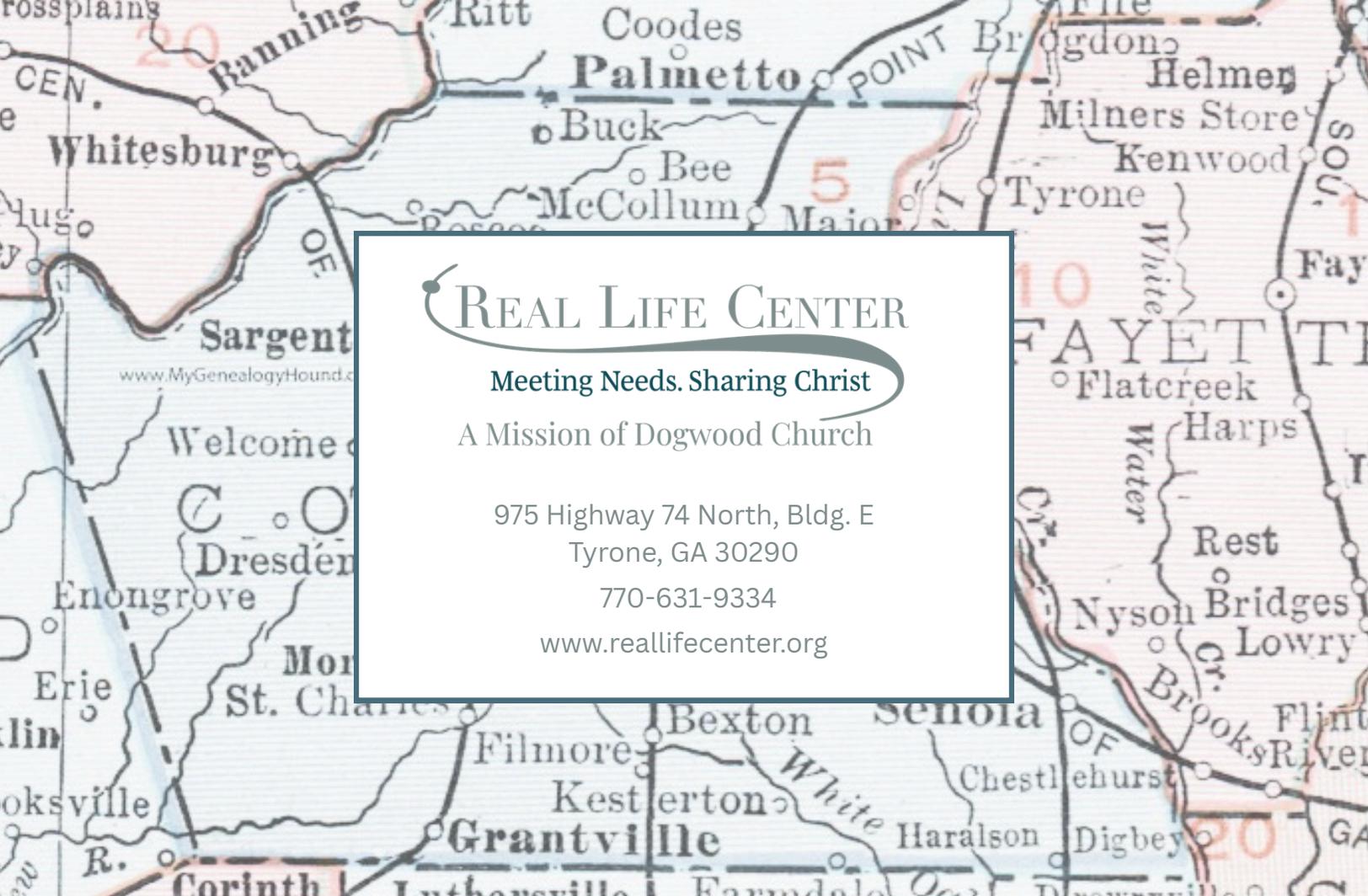


Volunteer



Our volunteers are the heartbeat of the RLC. Whether you're available for 2 hours or 10, we are thankful for your willingness to serve. Scan below for more information:





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