New Life Community Outreach (NLCO) – District Mission Center

New Life Community Outreach is an inclusive and welcoming community of persons from across the local UMC connection, as well as other churches, individuals and community partners devoted to loving, welcoming, and serving in the name of Jesus Christ. Birthed by New Life UMC, New Life Community Outreach is an independent, United Methodist Affiliated non-profit located at Short North Church. The purpose of New Life Community Outreach is to enhance the quality of life for people in the city of Columbus, particularly for adults who are economically disadvantaged. We strengthen our community by offering hope, physical, emotional, and spiritual care.

The centrality of Christ in our mission is depicted in a large mural painted on the dining room wall, which is entitled A Safe Place. Scenes include: a nurse treating a patient, a young man putting a coat on a child, vans driving around the city and returning full of our neighbors, a joy-filled woman with a cap that reads: ‘I Love Jesus’, and a banquet table where the meal has become five loaves of bread and two fish. These scenes all depict actual people in the diverse community gathered throughout the week. And most importantly, in each of these scenes, Jesus is present.

Ministries:

NEW4 U Men’s Clothing

Clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, blankets, and backpacks are available on a first-come, first-served basis, Sundays from 7-8am and Wednesdays from 10-11am.

Call to schedule an appointment to be fitted for employment-ready clothing for work and job interviews (work boots, jeans, suits, dress shoes and business casual clothing).

Donations of new and gently used clothing, shoes and blankets, and new socks, underwear and personal hygiene items are received Sunday 7-8:30am, Tuesdays 9-11am, Wednesdays 9-11am, and other times by appointment.

Volunteers receive donations; sort and hang clothing; welcome and assist shoppers; pray with shoppers, and track inventory.

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast is about more than food—it’s about growing community and friendships. Hot and cold breakfast is served from 7-8am. A lively breakfast worship service led by Short North Church Pastor Rev. Amy Aspey will resume spring 2022.

Volunteers cook, serve food and beverages, pray with community members, and enjoy conversations around the breakfast table.

The Health & Wellness Center

Our all-volunteer, free clinic is fully staffed with a greeter, physicians, nurses, a pharmacist, students in-training, and prayer ministers. Walk-in medical care is provided every other Sunday morning from 7-8am. All services are free, and no insurance or ID is required. We offer general practice, podiatry, blood pressure and glucose checks, prescription assistance, referrals to specialized care and health education. Our space is shared with Alcoholics Anonymous groups that meet every day of the week.

Legal Assistance

The JusticeMobile is onsite the second Sunday of the month from 7-8am. In a converted RV, attorney Mindy Yocum offers free legal advice on issues such as expungement, evictions, child support, warrants, child custody, disability, and identification. More information can be found on her website at [www.justicemobile.org](http://www.justicemobile.org/)

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