

Community Outreach Fund suggestions for spring 2025, on the theme “Coming Home”

[Families Moving Forward](#)

Member who suggested this group is a longtime volunteer and current chair of the board.

Families Moving Forward is the largest shelter for homeless families in Durham. Our vision is "Every family thriving in a safe, stable home." There has been a dramatic increase in the homeless population in Durham, and there are currently 40 unhoused families on the waitlist to get into shelter. Community support for Families Moving Forward is vital to our ability to help these families.

[Interfaith Council \(IFC\) HomeStart](#)

IFC HomeStart is a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and families experiencing homelessness. In keeping with IFC's belief that everyone deserves dignified and affordable housing, we provide a safe, temporary home until residents obtain permanent housing. We assist residents in connecting to appropriate community resources for finding housing as soon as possible, as well as other resources such as healthcare and income growth. During extremely cold weather, we offer emergency overnight accommodations as space allows.

[The Green Chair Project](#)

Member who suggested this is a grant-writing consultant for this organization.

This unique program uses furniture donated by the community and business partners to support families who are living in poverty or facing the challenges of homelessness, natural disaster, domestic violence, addiction, or other crisis. TGCP partners with over 100 agencies and organizations in Wake County to receive referrals from case managers whose clients have established stable housing but lack the furnishings and household items needed to create a true home. Participants pay a small fee (\$200) (waived based on need), ensuring buy-in and providing a more dignified experience as they select the furnishings and household items. Without this program, many families are forced to choose between going without basic furniture or incurring debt through credit cards or rent-to-own stores, making it even harder for them to build healthy, stable homes for themselves and their families. They also have a program providing free new beds and bedding for children identified as needing one.

[World Relief Durham](#)

Member who suggested this organization is a donor.

At World Relief Durham, we believe that refugees and other immigrants are vital to the flourishing of our community. Together, we can create welcoming communities and empower refugees and other immigrants to rebuild their lives with hope and thrive. Since 2007, we have worked alongside churches, community organizations, and people like you to adapt to the challenges of the moment for the sake of refugees. As needs have increased in recent years, our work has expanded beyond refugees to include other immigrants in vulnerable situations.