PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Duke has partnered with faith communities and faith-based supportive services over many decades. Historically, Duke is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and has grown to support many faiths as a secular academic institution including the Duke Chapel, Divinity School, Center for Jewish Life and Center for Muslim Life. Through community action, Duke has partnered with the faith community to help improve quality of life and reduce poverty for Durham residents. Duke continues to seek partnership with faith communities and supportive services to address community needs.

Examples of Faith-based and Supportive Service Partnerships

**Education and Outreach**

Duke University Chapel has a rich history of community outreach including fundraising and volunteerism with local nonprofits. Duke Chapel's work and worship is additionally supported by the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Duke Chapel PathWays Program enables a group of recent graduates to spend a year in service. Duke supports the Duke Habitat for Humanity Chapter in which students and staff build one home per year.

Duke Divinity School has extensive engagement with faith organizations in Durham through its Office of Field Education. DDS hosts the Office of Black Church Studies, Hispanic House of Studies, Baptist House of Studies, Anglican-Episcopal House of Studies, and Methodist House of Studies among others. Its Center for Reconciliation and Office of Black Church Studies have been partnering on initiatives with black and brown communities over the past year and the Center for Reconciliation also works with DurhamCares on pilgrimages in Durham for DDS students.

**Health Outreach**

The Duke Health Office of Community Relations has engaged a diverse group of faith-based leaders on integrating health, wellness and spirituality by hosting Durham Health Summits. In 2005, pastors from Union Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church helped developed the Principles of Community Engagement to guide how Duke works with community partners. In 2011, the Duke Faith and Health Initiative helped foster dialogue between Duke Health and Durham faith leaders. In 2016 the Duke University Hospital Ethics Committee CAB (Community Advisory Board) became a part of the Faith & Health Initiative. In partnership with faith leaders, the Office of Community Relations coordinates quarterly roundtable discussions from Duke Divinity School, Duke Pastoral Services, Patient/Visitor Relations, Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Spirituality, Theology & Health Program, Durham VA Hospital and Duke Univ. Theology, Medicine, and Culture Initiative.

**Neighborhood Partnerships**

Duke University prioritized faith-based organizations for improving quality of life in neighborhoods around Duke’s campus when it established the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership in 1996. In Southwest Central Durham, Duke supported First Calvary Baptist Church in building the Community Family Life & Recreation Center at Lyon Park in 2002 and added a community health clinic in 2003 with Lincoln Community Health Center. First Calvary also participated in the building of a Kaboom playground at Lyon Park with Duke and NCCU students in 2001. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church played a significant role in the development of the Emily K Center for Durham youth. Duke collaborated with the Quality of Life Project along with many church-based organizations in East Durham and Southside neighborhoods. In 2000, Duke supported Walltown Neighborhood Ministries housed in St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church and assisted in their Knox Street office renovations with help from the Duke Divinity School and The Duke Endowment. The Ministry also helped establish the Walltown Neighborhood Clinic in 2005. Also in Walltown, Duke supported the opening of the St. James Family Life Center with the building purchase and renovation. Through Duke's partnership with New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, it has hosted the Crest St. Tutorial Program for the past 20 years. Also in that neighborhood, a Kaboom playground was built with City, Duke and Crest St. Community Council help.

**Supportive Services**

Duke has worked with the School of Conversion and Urban Hope for youth empowerment. And Duke contributed to the Digital Connectors project with the Walltown Community Association. Duke Athletics collaborates with the Durham Rescue Mission to uplift homeless residents. Duke Communicators volunteer and support Urban Ministries in Durham. Duke Recreation Department has a long-standing relationship with Reality Ministries to assist the disabled community. Duke supports the activities of Durham Congregations in Action. Student and employee groups across campus volunteer and donate to faith-based initiatives.

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