

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 develop 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 training and 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.