**MISSION**

Duke’s Office of Durham and Community Affairs Forges Purposeful Partnerships with our Neighbors to Improve Health and Well-being in Communities.

**PRIORITYs**

**Nonprofit Capacity**
Supporting nonprofits and community-based organizations through capacity-building activities. Resources include grants, research, volunteerism, and programmatic support in the focus areas.

**Housing Affordability & Infrastructure**
Addressing equitable affordable housing availability for Durham residents through loan-making and land-banking, financial literacy, transportation, homelessness prevention, and increasing affordable housing units.

**Early Childhood & K-12 Readiness**
Partnering with public schools, local government, nonprofits, and AmeriCorps on programs and initiatives benefiting pre-kindergarten-12 students.

**College & Career Readiness**
Supporting college and career-readiness through talent and workforce development, including partnerships with public education and regional universities.

**Food Security & Nutrition**
Addressing social drivers of health to help close health gaps by working in partnership with nonprofits and faith-based organizations focused on food security and access to nutritious foods for vulnerable residents.

As a private research university and healthcare provider, employer, corporate partner, and neighbor, Duke is committed to forging and sustaining purposeful partnerships that offer mutual benefit and the greatest positive impact to communities. Through its engagement with communities via scholarship, service, and collaboration, Duke will build ongoing connections with reciprocity and equity that reflect the values of respect, trust, inclusion, discovery, and excellence.
Organizational Units
Duke’s Office of Durham and Community Affairs (DCA) supports community partnerships and programming in the region.

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership and Community Development
Builds on longstanding support of surrounding neighborhoods to address housing affordability and infrastructure efforts across Durham.
- Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership
- Duke Homebuyers Club
- Social & cultural infrastructure
- Transportation and infrastructure issues

Educational and Workforce Collaboration
Oversees all programming, partnerships and funding opportunities for pre-school, K-12 education and college and career readiness efforts.
- Jumpstart pre-kindergarten program
- America Reads, America Counts
- Duke College Advising Corps
- PepsiCo Educational Technology
- John Hope Franklin Young Scholars Program

Community Health
Duke Health's unit addresses access to healthcare and population health and other drivers of community health with an emphasis on food security and nutrition.
- Faith-based initiatives
- Durham Health Summits
- Community health clinics
- MaryAnn Black Internship Program
- Health access programming

Duke Civic Engagement
Strengthens and connects the ways in which Duke partners with communities by facilitating service and partnership opportunities, building best practices for community engagement, expanding scholarly collaborations and enhancing nonprofit capacity.
- ConnectCommunity volunteer platform
- Community engagement trainings & consultations
- Community-engaged scholarship resources & support

Research and Advancement
Supports the applied research, scholarship, and creative activities of DCA and translates results into social, economic, and technological developments with our neighbors in Durham and the region. It also serves as the philanthropic nexus for donors leading to mission-guided investments and impacts.
- Community Research Collaborative
- Durham Data Science Initiative
- Doing Good Employee Giving
- The Partnership Platform

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