



To the Commissioners of the Town of Davidson,

As part of our rezoning effort, and at your request, we wanted to communicate our broader commitment to the general wellbeing and flourishing of our town. We say “our” town, because Davidson is truly our home. We love this place, and we strive to serve the people who make it wonderful. The following document is just a snapshot of our nine years of friendship and service in Davidson, but we hope it will give you a wider view of our history and (by God’s grace) impact.

With gratitude,  
Lake Forest Davidson

## TREASURE

Every year, Lake Forest Davidson contributes financially to numerous local organizations and individuals, who in turn meet people’s practical needs (emotional, physical, spiritual, etc). Over half of our annual Missions budget goes to local Davidson and Charlotte area organizations and ministries, including serving the students of the college.

As we put down permanent roots on South Main Street, you can anticipate that this giving will remain steady, and in fact grow, both in amounts given and to include new organizations.

### **Annual Local Giving**

Organizations listed in *Italics* Indicates an LFCF Regular serves in a staff or board position.

- *Access to Success: \$15,050*
- *Ada Jenkins: \$6,000*
- *Charlotte Rescue Mission (recovery from addictions): \$3,600*
- Davidson College Ministry and Events: \$7,450
- Davidson K-8 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events: \$2,300
- *El Buen Samaritano (local Spanish-speaking church and ministry center): \$31,500*
- Gethsemane Baptist Back2School Breakout: \$2,000
- *La Escuelita: \$2,400*
- *Lake Norman Young Life and Young Lives (teen moms): \$7,500*
- Serve Day: \$3,000
- Swing Family (Davidson locals serving impoverished youth): \$8,736
- Sammi Jo Sharp (Davidson local serving in Honduras): \$900
- Lindsey Crane (Davidson local serving in Bolivia): \$5,000

**Total: \$95,436 annually given to support to local organizations and individuals**



## TIME

### Serve Day

One Sunday every July, Lake Forest Davidson forgoes our morning worship services in exchange for a “Serve Day” in our community. Members of our congregation lead teams at specific project sites in the community, providing human effort and resources to individuals and organizations. Here’s a sampling of projects from Serve Day 2019 and 2020. Organizations listed in *Italics* Indicates an LFCD Regular serves in a staff or board position.

- *Access to Success: Packing and Organizing Supplies*
- *Ada Jenkins: Classroom Painting, Playground Cleanup*
- Angels and Sparrows: Food Pantry Collection
- Angels in Need (care for kids with special needs): Childcare for Two Families
- Bags of Hope (weekend food for kids): Food Collection, Interior Repairs
- *Community School of Davidson: Landscaping*
- Davidson Community Players: Landscaping Armour Street Theatre
- Davidson Friends Meeting: Yardwork
- Davidson Green School: Landscaping
- *Davidson Housing Coalition: Landscaping, Construction*
- Davidson K-8: Flagpole Spruce Up, Retaining Wall Maintenance, Staff Care Packages
- *Davidson Village Network: Cards of Cheer, Yardwork for Residents*
- Gethsemane Baptist: Back2School Breakout Collection
- Greyhound Station: Care Packages for Immigrants
- Habitat for Humanity: Repairs at Restore
- *Hope House (housing for women and children): Deck Staining, Yardwork*
- Hope to Home: Interior and Exterior Repairs
- *La Escuelita: Cleaning and Woodwork*
- Levine Children’s Hospital: Cards for Kids
- Love INC (serving older and disabled adults): Yardwork and Repairs
- YMCA: Beach Beautification

On average, Serve Day sees 300-400 people giving anywhere between 2 to 5 hours each to serve our community. In 2020, making adjustments for COVID-19, around 200 members of our congregation participated in Serve Day.

### Ada Jenkins Food Pantry

On the second Saturday of every month, folks from LFCD staff the Ada Jenkins Food Pantry.

### Charlotte Rescue Mission

On the second Sunday of every month, folks from LFCD serve and share a meal with the female residents at CRM’s Dove Nest location. On the fourth Saturday of every month we also serve and enjoy a meal with the male residents at CRM’s Rebound location.

### Adopt a Cat

Davidson Students have the opportunity to be “adopted” by a Lake Forest Davidson family during their time at the college. This often looks like being invited over for dinner, having a place to do laundry, coffee dates, mentorship, and a home away from home. We currently have 35 active “Adopt a Cat” family partnerships.



### **Residency and Summer Staff Programs**

Lake Forest Davidson offers a year-long residency program for recent college grads (often Davidson grads) interested in exploring a vocational call to ministry or the pastorate. These residents work with one of our staff members in a specific field of ministry, receiving valuable experience and instruction that will serve them beyond their year with us. In return, these young adults bless our church and the Davidson community with their enthusiasm, eagerness to serve, and desire to make our little corner of the world a better place. We also employ college-aged Summer Staff (often Davidson students) every year who receive the same benefits for a 10-week period. This June, we welcomed three Residents and six Summer Staffers into these programs, representing an annual investment of around \$50,000 in these individuals and their broader impact, in addition to providing them housing for the duration of their time with us.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

### **Andrew Lovedale, President of Access to Success, Davidson Class of 2009**

*“For four years, A2S has partnered with LFC-Davidson to extend the love of the Davidson Community beyond our borders and into Nigeria. If I had to describe LFC-Davidson, I would say “not pretentious.” LFC-Davidson leaders and ministry partners are dependable, honest, and make up some of the most compassionate people I have ever met. I could never have asked for a better church partner. LFC-Davidson shares a commonality with Davidson - it is that they are both passionate about people and this partnership could be truly powerful. It is my hope and prayer that through the opportunity that a church building presents, the Davidson Community and beyond will fully come to enjoy the gift that LFC-Davidson has been to so many people within the community, and hopefully extend that reach to others.”*

### **Georgia Krueger, Former Executive Director of Ada Jenkins Center**

*“Over the past nine years, Lake Forest Church-Davidson has been a wonderful partner with Ada Jenkins Center. The church has supported the Center financially, through group and individual volunteers, and operating the Saturday morning pantries for the Center. The Center is very thankful for all of their efforts and support of our community through their service with Ada Jenkins Center.”*

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE**

We fully intend and desire to expand our capacity to serve the town of Davidson via the use of a physical space on South Main Street. For example, the house on the property could serve as housing for Ministry Residents or a pastoral family, allowing such integral community members to live in Davidson without imposing on any of our town’s limited affordable housing stock. Additionally, when our founding church in Huntersville moved into its own facility, they were able to serve the community in new ways, all of which we can see ourselves replicating. These ways include: hosting Room in the Inn neighbors throughout the winter months, hosting weeklong Salvation Army Overflow Shelters during the summer months, offering a SNAP site (or similar) to help with job placement, and opening a Christmas Village Toy Store (providing vulnerable people the chance to buy presents around the holidays for 15-30% of market price, with all proceeds given away to feed the hungry).