



Central Presbyterian Church

Neighbors Program

Supporting our unhoused neighbors since 2012.

2025: Year in Review

This year, we started a new program and watched our impact grow. We're sharing highlights from the year to demonstrate **the difference our amazing volunteers and donors have made possible.**

Since August of this year, we've seen a dramatic rise in the number of neighbors who walk in our door and need food and services. Many in our city are facing food insecurity, and our unhoused neighbors are among those suffering. Our volunteers and many others are stepping up to meet the need.

Prep for Success

As a response to the shortage of workforce resources in downtown Austin, we started **Prep for Success** in October 2025.

Each week we bring in partner organizations like Goodwill, Entryway and Block by Block. We help people fill out applications, search for jobs, and assist with resumes. Ninety-one neighbors visited the program in the final three months of 2025.

Central Mission

In November we served **over 100 people each Thursday.** We now supply snack-packs for latecomers when the food runs out. Our Thursday support group is thriving with deep conversations, laughter, outings, and friendship. One neighbor shared this: ***"It's a great program, an excellent group. It inspires me to get along and achieve more."*** – Fred, Support Group Member

We could not operate Central Mission without our volunteers.

Spike faithfully serves our neighbors with the hygiene cart each week. She said, ***"I am always so excited to head over to CPC. I've made friends with my fellow volunteers and with the population we serve. It's nice to feel connected to the community."*** -Spike, Volunteer

2025 NEIGHBORS PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 4,391 neighbor visits for meals or services
- Clothes distributed over 2,100 times
- 268 people connected with Central Health's Medical Access Program at CPC
- More than 1,300 volunteer hours given
- Over 200 ice cream sundaes served this Summer

Homeless Advocacy Project Impact:

- Passage of Resolution adding family shelter beds
- Secured funding for showers and laundry services for unhoused neighbors
- Implementation of a single referral number for shelter intake
- Successfully advocated for more compassionate policies in encampment management.



In addition to our committed volunteers, we've been able to help so many more neighbors because of our amazing partner organizations. **Central Health** comes to CPC twice a month and offers the **Medical Access Program**, which gives health coverage to low-income Travis County residents. They helped **268 neighbors** at CPC in 2025.

Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP)

The CPC Neighbors Program leads this group along with St. David's Episcopal Church. We bring service providers together for meetings and speak up for better policies,

increased resources and access to services in the community by advocating with city leaders. This year, we convened a core group of advocates and met and expanded our advocacy by meeting with every City Council member's office. We also increased our presence at the County Commissioners Court and made key connections with staff. Our group has raised its profile, which resulted in a greater impact for neighbors (See list on page 1).

HomeAid Austin is one of our partners at the Homeless Advocacy Project. The group helps people experiencing homelessness build new lives through construction, community engagement and education. Their Executive Director shared this: ***"Working with Andi Brauer on the Homeless Advocacy Project was nothing short of inspiring. Her heart for service and her ability to bring people together truly elevated the work and helped us reach more individuals in need. The advocacy work, steady leadership, and genuine care for people experiencing homelessness makes CPC an invaluable partner in this advocacy work."***

-Lynne Williams, HomeAid Austin

Thanks to donors and volunteers, the Neighbors Program is strong and has had a big impact in downtown Austin and beyond. We will continue to ensure our unhoused neighbors get the kindness, dignity and respect they will always receive at Central Presbyterian Church.



Goodwill helps a neighbor at *Prep for Success*, the Neighbors Program's newest workforce development initiative.