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TO OUR MEMBERS

Strategic Highlights

Yokefellow hired a new Executive Director and State Developer on October 11, 2017.



Vita Alligood
Executive Director

Vita Alligood has a law degree from Duke University and recently earned her Master of Arts in Christian Ministry with a focus on Discipleship and Church Ministry. Vita came to Yokefellow after a career in Corporate America, where she worked as a technical writer, instructional designer, and online college instructor. She has a long history of volunteerism with nonprofits, including Helpline of Durham, North Carolina's Guardian ad Litem program, and Erwin Montessori Elementary School, where she was awarded Guilford County School's Volunteer of the Month. Vita served on the Board of Directors for two nonprofits providing online support for adult survivors of child abuse: Isurvive and Lori's Song.

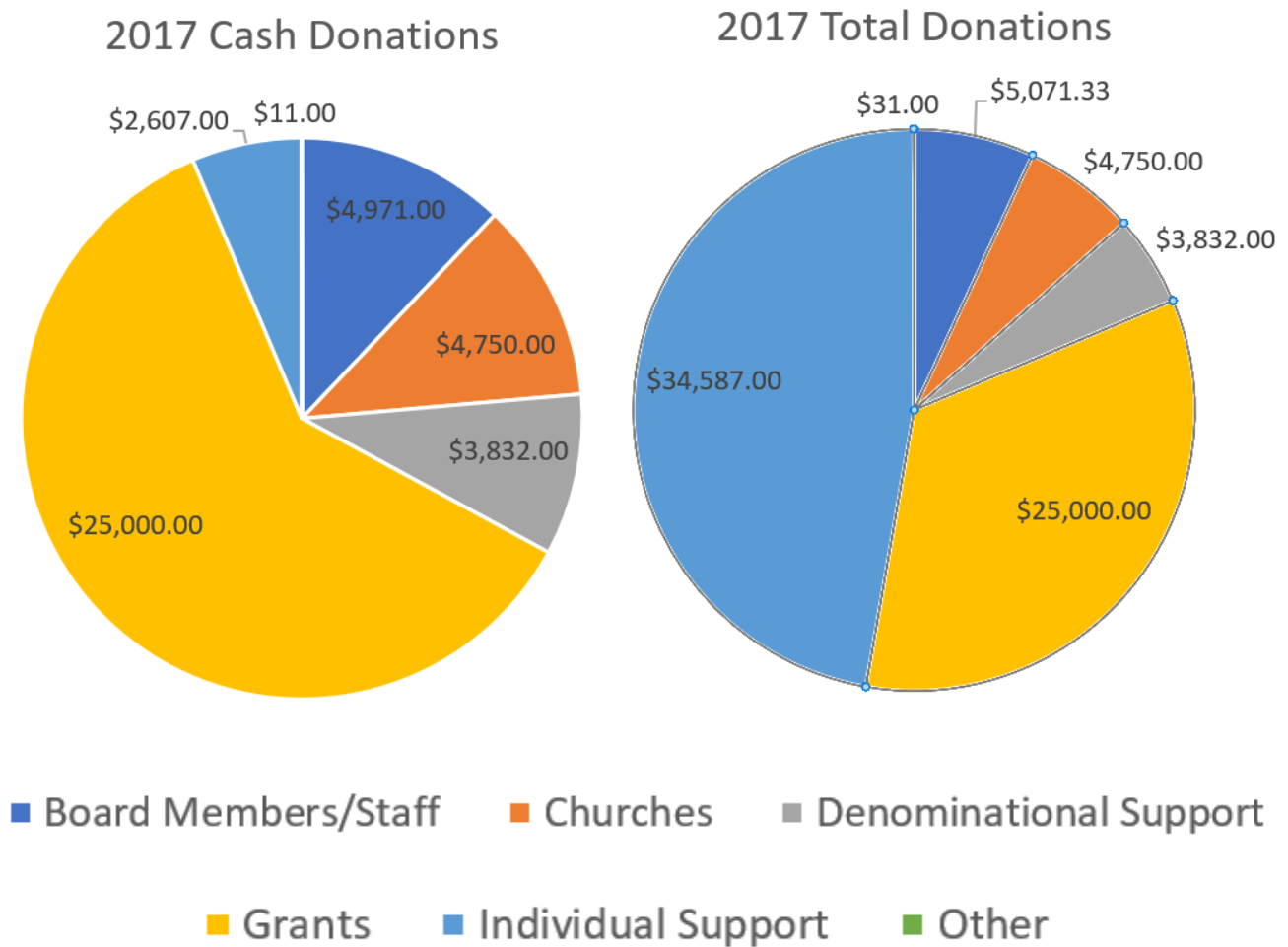


Carlton Gooding
State Developer

Carlton was raised in a Christian, Bible-centered home in Kinston, North Carolina. He was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Kinston, North Carolina, where his faith was nurtured, and he later sensed a calling to ordained ministry as his life's vocation. His desire is to continue in ministry beyond his 25 years of experience as a Chaplain, Retired, (LTC) in the Army Reserve Component; 20+ years of experience as a Federal Prison Chaplain in 5 different institutions throughout the United States; and pastoring in NC, WVA, and MD. His desire is to continue serving God in ministry, using his spiritual gifts and diverse ministry experiences to nurture others in God's care.

Financial Highlights

In 2017, Yokefellow received \$41,171 in cash donations from Board members & staff, church, denominations, grants, individuals, and other sources. Thanks to a very generous in-kind donation from an individual, with in-kind donations included, Yokefellow received \$73,271.33 in total donations in 2017.



Operating Highlights

In 2017, 438 volunteers served an average of 1,112 inmates weekly across the state of North Carolina, ministering to 57,824 inmates in 37 of the state's 57 prisons across 52 weeks.

1,112

of inmates served weekly

438

of active
Yokefellow volunteers

65%

% of NC prisons with active
Yokefellow ministries

37

of NC prisons
with active
Yokefellow ministries

The statistics only tell part of the story. Each inmate served is one person who has been introduced to the Living God, the One who is able to transform a broken person's life into one that is fruitful.

"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. The yoke I will give you is easy (fits), and the load I will put on you is light."

~ Matt. 11:28-30



Thank you to all of our 2017 Local Coordinators for their tireless service. You are the backbone of this ministry!

Avery-Mitchell: David & Alice Houser

Bertie: Howard Hoggard

Butner: Ruth Poole

Carteret: Buff Chalk

Columbus: Jeanette Rogers

Craggy: Robert Towe & Robert Vaughan

Craven: Ricky Durham

Davidson: David Bush

Eastern: Esther Perara

Forsyth: Doris Chunn

Gaston: Wilfort Powell

Greene: Charles Pierce

Harnett: Collett Davis

Hoke: Louise Shipman

Hyde: Bill VanStaalduinen

Lumberton: Bishop Ford

Marion: James O'Neal

Maury: Clara Murray

Morrison: Roberta Wilkes

Mountain View: David Bickel

Nash: Ken Ripley

NCCIW: Ebony Michelle Smith

Neuse: Arnold Thornton

New Hanover: James Dykes

Orange: Janet Flowers

Pamlico: Grosvenor Barber

Pasquotank: Al & Carol Humbert

Piedmont: Eric Beaver

Polk: Bill Boyle

Sampson: Thira Peterson

Sanford: Charles Green

Scotland: Christopher Mitchell

Southern: Richard & Stephanie Lundy

Tabor: Daisy Brooks

Tyrrell PWF: Roland Bell

Wake: Josephine Drayton

Wilkes: Frank Shealy



Thank you to all of our 2017 Donors. Yokefellow could not grow without your support!

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| Vita Alligood | Melzer (Pat) Morgan |
| Amazon Smile Program | Leon & Yvette Morrow |
| Theresa Blount | David & Linda Morton |
| Bob Barker Company Foundation | Donald Murray, Sr. |
| Keith Boulware | NC Conference of the United Methodist Church |
| Martha C. Bowen | North Raleigh United Methodist Church |
| David & Jeanne Canady | Office Depot |
| Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church | Bruce & Jean Pate |
| Priscilla Durkin | Brenda Payne |
| C.B. & Vicki Evans | Thomas R. Payne |
| Kyle & Elizabeth Fishbaugh | Charles & Alanna Pierce |
| Friedberg Moravian Church | Gerald Richards |
| Gloria Galloway | Ken & Vickie Ripley |
| Gibson Memorial United Methodist Men | Melvin Solomon |
| Stanley & Frances Gladden | Mary Speight |
| Home Moravian Church | Triad Ministries Church of God in Christ |
| Hyde Prison Ministry | Trinity United Methodist Church |
| Thomas Jones | Justin & Mariah VanStaalduinen |
| Kingdom Impact Global Ministries | Western NC Conference of the United |
| Anne-Marie Knighton | Methodist Church |
| Long's Chapel United Methodist Church | Darlyn White |
| John E. McCloud | |

Looking Ahead

The theme of 2018 is **UNITY**. Executive Director Vita Alligood and State Developer Carlton Gooding are meeting with Local Coordinators throughout the state in 2018 to thank them for their service and collaborate on ideas for growing Yokefellow into a stronger statewide ministry. Yokefellow is also providing regional trainings so volunteers across the state can encourage one another with their passion for prison ministry.



Yokefellow is relaunching Yokefellow Sunday on **September 23** so churches across the state can learn more about Yokefellow Prison Ministry and participate in serving North Carolina inmates through prayer, volunteering, and financial support. As the funds are raised to support expansion, Yokefellow plans to do the following:

- Plant local ministries in every North Carolina prison without a Yokefellow ministry.
- Raise awareness of what Yokefellow is doing in prisons across North Carolina.
- Hire regional developers to assist in planting and growing local ministries.
- Increase the staff positions to full-time hours.

As Yokefellow is moving forward, your help is needed to expand this important ministry and bring Christ to inmates across the state.

Vita Alligood
Executive Director
July 18, 2018

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As the former Executive Director worked only 10 hours a week to cover the basics for the ministry from January through October while the Board of Directors conducted interviews for a replacement, the financial summary for 2017 is atypical as compared to prior years. Full financials are available upon request.

2017 Donations & Disbursements

- Total 2017 cash donations = \$41,171.00
- Total 2017 cash + in-kind donations = \$73,271.33
- Total 2017 disbursements = \$18,703.32

Assets & Liabilities as of December 31, 2017

- Total cash assets = \$83,217
- Total non-cash assets = \$36,855
- Total assets = \$120,072
- Total liabilities = \$1,686
- Net assets = \$118,386



LOOKING FORWARD

Focus on Unity

The Executive Director and State Developer will meet with every Local Coordinator across the State to collaborate on how to strengthen each local ministry.



Plant More Local Prison Ministries

While Yokefellow Prison Ministry is proud to serve 2/3 of North Carolina's prisons, 20 of North Carolina's 57 prisons do not yet have local Yokefellow ministries. Yokefellow will work with prison staff to add local ministries and recruit & train volunteers to serve in those ministries.



Raise Awareness

Yokefellow will resurrect Yokefellow Sunday on September 23, inviting churches across the State to participate by showing a two-minute promotional visit during each worship service and including a Yokefellow bulletin insert in the church bulletin.



How You Can Help

- **Pray.** Ask God to guide Yokefellow in ministering to those in prison, their families, victims of crime, and prison chaplains and staff.
- **Volunteer.** Invite your friends to join you. Visit yokefellowprisonministry.org/who-we-serve to find the closest prison to you.
- **Donate.** Yokefellow relies entirely upon the grace of God and the generosity of churches, church people, and foundation grants for its financial support.

Thank you for all you do to support Yokefellow as we carry out God's mission of changing the attitudes, hearts, and lives of inmates across North Carolina.



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