



Creating
Connected
Communities

OUR MISSION

Creating Connected Communities' (CCC) provides life-enhancing programs to children experiencing hardship by empowering teens to become engaged community leaders and volunteers. CCC is committed to being an inclusive organization that represents our diverse community. Our interactive programs engage all participants in actively learning and contributing to our community through appreciation, acceptance, empathy & respect.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CCC's Leadership Development Program (LDP) engages Jewish teens in grades 8-12 in meaningful and interactive community service, supporting thousands of children and families each year. We teach critical leadership skills and provide hands-on volunteer opportunities at CCC's community-outreach programs.

With four locations around Atlanta, the 2024 cohort includes 296 teens.

“CCC & LDP have broadened my understanding of my community and the impact of my individual contribution on the families we serve. Philanthropy has grown and developed into a large part of my identity through CCC's programming.

— LDP Teen

Here is a sampling of the topics our curriculum tackles:

- Diversity, inclusion, and social justice education
- Empathetic volunteering
- Fundraising strategies
- Identifying community needs
- Philanthropy through a Jewish lens
- Public speaking
- Program planning

2023 By the Numbers



7,273

Experiences for
children & families



268

Jewish teens in our
Leadership Development
Program



36

Community
outreach programs



1,221

Teen volunteer
opportunities



40

Community
partnerships



27

Community and
mitzvah projects



781

Donations
made



131

Sacks Society
members



4,374

Smile Bags





COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROGRAMS

Each CCC program is made possible through the efforts of our teen volunteers working together to create an impactful experience for the children and families we work with. Our goal is to create opportunities for our teens to make meaningful connections with our participants so that in addition to the gifts, meals, books and personal care items they receive, they also feel supported and part of a compassionate, connected community.

AMY'S HOLIDAY PARTY

CCC's signature event, Amy's Holiday Party (AHP), provides hundreds of children with a chance to celebrate and be celebrated during the holiday season. In 2022, more than 900 guests attended AHP and took home more than 2,500 gifts. Guests were able to select gifts and books to take home, create arts & crafts, participate in carnival games, take a photo with Santa, and more.

GOAL PROGRAMS

CCC's GOAL programs utilize games, craft & sports activities, and learning support to provide more intimate, 1:1 experiences for our teen volunteers and the students at our partner organizations. GOAL programs exist to provide a deeper connection and opportunity for true conversation as children enjoy the activities.

FESTIVALS

In partnership with Title-1 schools and other nonprofit organizations serving children and families experiencing hardship, CCC's festivals create opportunities for parents and kids to enjoy activities together that they would not normally be able to experience.

SMILE BAGS

After attending a program, we want participants to leave with more than a smile—so we make sure everyone leaves with a Smile Bag. CCC consults with our partner agencies to determine how to best meet their specific needs. Smile Bags are packed by volunteers throughout our community. While the contents of our Smile Bags change, each bag is filled with items such as engaging activities, books, school supplies, and personal care products.

SERVICE PROJECTS

We are proud to offer young teens and other youth organizations the opportunity to work with CCC. We also provide opportunities for organizations like scout troops, synagogues, and school clubs to partner with CCC for service projects.



“Working with CCC, they do so much for our families. I have over 120 families and each year they help us help them. To partner with an organization that loves on every single person the same way...it brings hope, it brings a new sense of love. So with that I just want to say how thankful I am to have CCC here to bless everyone, not just our families, but the hundreds and thousands of kids and families that you bless on an everyday basis.”

— Agency Partner

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