## AN INVITATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Would you consider joining hands and hearts with us to make a difference in the lives of these children and families?

#### **VOLUNTEER**

Volunteer to serve these children through any of our programs. Contact Kelly Strum at **Kelly.strum@yahoo.com**.

#### DONATE

Make a financial donation. Checks may be made payable to "Koinonia of Columbia, Inc" and mailed to **P.O. Box 30518 Columbia, SC 29230**. Visa/Mastercard accepted on our website. We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.



Because of the faithful stewardship of ECBC and the offering of their space free of charge, Koinonia of Columbia is able to dedicate 90% of each donation directly to the children of the community.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

\*We confirmed in our 501c(3) application that no Board of Director or Officer would receive any compensation for services or time devoted to Koinonia of Columbia, Inc.

#### MS. SHELIA WASHINGTON

Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator at Logan Elementary; 19 years serving Richland One; Member of Central Baptist Church

#### MR. WALTER GAUSE

Deacon at ECBC; resident of Eau Claire community since 1976; former employee of the City of Columbia and environmental specialist with FN

#### **DR. RICHARD MOORE**

Retired Principal of Logan Elementary and 38 years serving Richland One; Deacon Chair at ECBC and lifelong ECBC member

#### **REV. KELLY STRUM**

Servant Leader of Koinonia and former Co-Pastor of ECBC; MDiv graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; Masters in Education in Elementary School Counseling from USC; School Counselor for 7 years in Lexington District 1

#### **STAFF**

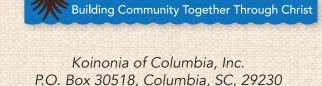
#### **MS. JENNIFER ADAMS**

Summer Enrichment Program Director; member of ECBC; BA from Columbia College; Recruited and served over 900 at risk youth and their families during her tenure with Communities in Schools, providing them with a variety of services to include case management, advocacy, mentoring and tutoring, and helping to fill gaps of services in the community; Created and coordinated a 10-week summer program that operated for 8 years



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### **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

Koinonia envisions a networking of compassionate people connected through our foundational beliefs that all people are created in the image of God and that we are called to live and work toward the common good for all. Through prayer and partnerships, our collaborative spirit works toward the following for North Columbia:

WELL-BEING FOR THE CHILDREN THROUGH SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**EQUAL ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR ALL** 

**ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR ALL** 



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Koinonia is a movement of people who seek to be a racially reconciling, healing Presence in the Eau Claire community. Anchored in our steadfast dependence on God and one another and through the faithful stewardship of Eau Claire Baptist Church, we aspire to:

- be community-driven (with a goal for the majority of our Board and staff living in the areas that we serve) and asset-based (identifying and building on the community's strengths).
- **foster** safe environments for children to learn, grow and reach their potential.
- encourage all individuals to know and celebrate their God-given skills and talents, operating according to the asset-based model.
- **promote** local economic activity based on community needs.
- develop quality, affordable housing with paths toward home ownership.
- facilitate experiences of community ("koinonia") at a level in which it is indistinguishable as to who is giving and who is receiving.

# OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH EAU CLAIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1921, Eau Claire Baptist Church (ECBC) was called by God to gather. ECBC continues to worship and serve the neighborhood compassionately. In October 2016, the church blessed the establishment of a Mothers' Support Group that meets weekly at the church and is open to mothers in the Eau Claire community. Out of this effort and ECBC's lifelong intentional effort to love her neighbors grew the church's partnership with Koinonia of Columbia, Inc.

## **OUR SERVICES OF KOINONIA**

Koinonia's first offering to the community is our **2017 Summer Enrichment Program** for children 5K-5th grade led by Ms. Jennifer Adams. This 8-week program will be free of charge in order to serve those children and families of Eau Claire who would otherwise not be able to afford such a service. The core of the program will be academic enrichment and Christian faith development.

We are beginning to make plans to continue this enrichment program in Fall 2017 through after school services. Please follow us on our website www.koinoniaofcolumbia.org.