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**Giving Back to the Local Community:  
CAHEC Staff Complete Over 1300 Volunteer Hours in 2023**

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As part of our commitment to community development, CAHEC actively engages in outreach and volunteerism within local communities. Annually, each CAHEC staff member volunteers at local organizations for at least 22 hours, embodying our mission to create positive and lasting change in our communities. These volunteer opportunities, called *Team Outreach*, have been a critical and impactful part of our mission for nearly ten years. In 2023, CAHEC collectively performed 1,387 volunteer hours.

Each organization we collaborate with exemplifies the crucial mission of assisting those in need. We regularly help at [The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina](#) – a nonprofit serving communities with food for daily nourishment, supplies during disasters, and educational programming that serves families. Another organization that CAHEC staff regularly assists, [North Raleigh Ministries](#), focuses on providing financial literacy and food assistance to community members in crisis. Other organizations staff volunteer with include [Dress for Success of the Triangle](#), whose mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support and resources, and [Made4Me](#), which works with children with special needs to create personalized adaptations (furniture and more) out of industrial cardboard at no cost to the families. [The Special Olympics](#), [NC Senior Games](#), and [The Flower Shuttle](#) – which recycles flowers for people living with sickness, terminal illness, poverty, and disability who don't typically receive them – are among the other nonprofits that CAHEC staff enjoy serving with.

Perhaps the most fruitful aspect of our *Team Outreach* is hearing partners voice the significance of our time volunteering with them. “We want to thank CAHEC for all the tremendous and outstanding help that they provide by volunteering with us here at the Food Bank,” said Zach Perry, Volunteer Assistant at the Food Bank. “For the past couple of years, CAHEC has been taking their time to volunteer and has come to help with numerous projects, whether that be sorting through produce or helping pack boxes for our Senior Program. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the amazing employees of CAHEC coming out to spend their time with us.”

## **About CAHEC**

CAHEC is a community development organization that strengthens communities by providing affordable housing and supportive service initiatives to residents in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. CAHEC engages in diverse product areas, including low-income housing tax credits, historic tax credits, new markets tax credits, and renewable energy credits. Additionally, CAHEC offers loan programs, wellness and education initiatives for residents, affordable housing development, and property management services. To learn more about their contributions to affordable housing and surrounding communities, visit CAHEC's [website](#).