

# LOCAL OUTREACH



**Vision Gap**  
\$1,506,300

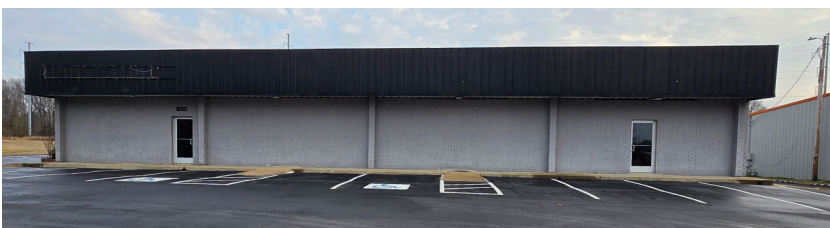
**Vision:** \$2,806,300  
**Spent:** \$1,425,800  
**Received:** \$1,300,000

## Lane Overview

The Local Outreach of Compel Church allows us to meet needs of those in our community. We do this through the DeSoto County Dream Center, God Behind Bars prison ministry, and supportive partnerships with our local schools and involvement in city and county events. Impact is measured by the number of people who have served, lives touched, and needs met.

## Lane Highlights

A couple months ago, one of our Vision Partners was prompted by seeing a project in the Lane Reports - our vision for a Dream Center East. They called Compel to discuss and offered to fund it, though we didn't have any property for it at the time. That very same day our Finance office received a letter in the mail from a commercial realtor about an Olive Branch property we might be interested in - a church building. It happened to be a church Pastor Patrick knew, one that actually started in the storefront space that Life Fellowship built out many years ago! Upon seeing the property, we were able to make a cash offer, winning the sale which was already just hours away from being secured by another buyer. After going under contract we were made aware there was no fire suppression system, which to remedy could have cost us an additional \$400K. The city was updating their code at the time. During our due diligence period, we found out we were still covered under the existing code, which allowed us to execute the contract as is! Only God could have orchestrated every one of these details to fall into place in perfect timing as it did! We are so thankful and excited to move forward!



# New Vision Projects

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## God Behind Bars Campus

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With a long track record of partnership and relational success at the Women's State Penitentiary in Henning, TN, Compel is thrilled to be launching a God Behind Bars campus right next door at the Men's State Penitentiary in Henning, TN. We anticipate beginning to host Sunday services there in March or April!

Initial GBB Setup fee (AV equipment): **\$100,000**      Spent: **\$50,000**  
Volunteer Training & Transportation: **\$25,000**

## DeSoto County Dream Center - East

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Thanks to the God's hand and perfect timing, our beautiful building was recently purchased and will soon begin renovation to outfit **6** classrooms for the Education program, gathering area, and space for a food pantry. Dream Center Leadership is working on plans to staff this new location as we plan to launch the Education program for **40** students this August! DCE will work with area Title 1 schools to identify students & families in need. Dream Closets continue to be added in schools on the east side of DeSoto county and plans are underway to host a backpack giveaway too. We are so blessed in how the gift of this second Dream Center will magnify our reach!

Purchase Cost: **\$1,350,000**      Construction: **\$250,000**  
Annual Operating Cost: **\$123,000**      Setup Costs: **\$125,000 (signage, furniture, etc)**  
Total Estimated Cost: **\$2,000,000**      Received: **\$1,300,000**

# Ongoing Projects

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## DeSoto County Dream Center - Horn Lake

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- Staffing, Operations, Facility Maintenance - Annual Support Cost: **\$500,000**
- Trinity Health Center - monthly support - **\$10,000/month**
- As Trinity Health Center continues to serve patients each month, the team relies heavily on technology to keep things running smoothly: from checking patients in at the front desk to running lab results and charting in an electronic medical records system. Many of the computers and printers are now outdated and slowing down daily operations. To provide the best possible care, hardware upgrades are needed for providers, lab, and front desk.

Total estimated cost for this technology refresh is around **\$6,500**, which includes new computers, a high-speed printer, and setup support.

- Education Wing: Classroom Sponsor - **\$10,000**/classroom
- Dream Backpacks - delivering **46,720** weekend meals packed in backpacks to **146** students across DeSoto county during the school year. With more applications pouring in, we need to fill the pantry that loads these bags! **\$40,000** Annual Sponsorship

## Adopt-A-Block

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Over the course of this Adopt-A-Block season, **21** block parties were hosted, served by nearly **100** volunteers, consistently showing up with smiles and servant hearts engage nearly **5,900** neighbors across under-resourced communities in Southaven, Olive Branch & Hernando. We're exploring a new Adopt-A-Block site in Horn Lake to launch in spring 2026. We invite donors to get involved by sponsoring food, trailers, and equipment that make each outreach possible.



Initial StartUp Cost for new site  
(equipment, coolers, fans, trailer, etc) **\$9,000**  
Monthly Cost (Mar - Oct) **\$1,750**

## God Behind Bars - Women's State Penitentiary, Henning TN

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Compel sends a Pastor and team of volunteers to GBB every Sunday to host a Compel worship service inside the facility, averaging **150** in attendance weekly.

Support Cost: **\$2,400**/monthly

## The Care Center

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This compassion resource center in Southaven provides confidential free pregnancy services: tests, ultrasound, counseling, educational classes, and more to women.

Committed Support: **\$250/monthly (\$3000/year)**

## Destiny Center

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Based in Olive Branch, Destiny Center is a local volunteer-powered nonprofit bringing meals, transportation, and compassionate care directly to seniors and neighbors in need right here in our community. Every packed meal, every delivered lunch, every shared mile, every donation . . . it all adds up to dignity, connection, and hope for the seniors right here in our community.

Committed Support: **\$250/monthly (\$3000/year)**

Dreamsgiving Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway: Helped **316** families host a Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings in their home, strengthening families and creating memories. Fed **1,354** individuals in our community for the holiday with the help of **313** amazing volunteers who made it all possible. Alexandra shared *“Receiving a Thanksgiving meal from the Dream Center truly means the world to me and my six children. As a single parent, the holidays can be stressful. I want to give my kids a special meal and happy memories, but sometimes it’s hard to make that happen. The Dream Center’s kindness lifts such a huge burden off my shoulders. It allows us to sit together, enjoy a warm meal, and be reminded of what Thanksgiving is really about gratitude, love, and community. To the supporters and volunteers, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your generosity doesn’t just feed families like mine, it fills our hearts with hope and reminds my children that there are good people in the world who care. Because of you, we can celebrate together with smiles and full plates.”*



Winter Wonderland: Welcomed **109** families to a festive event celebrating the season. Each family enjoyed breakfast, heard the story of Jesus’ birth, and the children enjoyed making crafts while parents were able to secretly shop for presents and wrap gifts for a total of **499** children. Winter Wonderland promoted dignity and helped families experience hope and feel cared for with the help of over **176** volunteers and those who gave generously through Compel’s Angel Tree tag gifts!

Through the Dream Center’s Food and Clothing pillars, the Emergency Needs Closet serves individuals and families facing urgent hardship by providing nourishment and essential items during times of crisis.

- **162%** increase in individuals served during the final quarter of the year
- **1,394** individuals fed, supporting **396** families in crisis

We saw a significant increase in families needing support in 2025, but our Dream Center community showed an overwhelming response! The growth in our services reflects the generosity of donors, volunteers hosting food drives, and community partners who stepped up to meet rising needs with compassion.

The DREAM Backpack program is helping to bridge the gap of weekend food insecurity with dignity, providing nourishment, stability and assurance that each child is seen and cared for. A local mother shared, *“We got introduced to the [DREAM Backpack] program when my husband lost his job last year. My son’s teacher told us about the program and we started using it. My son was able to bring food home each weekend in a book bag. It was done to not embarrass him or be known to others that we did not have much at that time. We were able to feed the kids ( I have 2 ) without feeling ashamed. We were so grateful to receive the help when we really needed it.”*

## Connection Opportunities

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Experience the joy of generosity in person by signing up to serve! Join us for Dream Center education nights, Adopt-A-Blocks, Emergency Needs Closet preparation, and more! Visit [desotodreamcenter.org](https://desotodreamcenter.org) to learn more or email [volunteer@desotodreamcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@desotodreamcenter.org).

Volunteer to sponsor & help deliver Caffeine Carts to encourage teachers at local schools in the middle of their work day. Ask your campus coordinator or youth pastor for details.

## Prayer

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Thank God for the generosity of Compel Church and Vision Partners. Pray for the construction crew as they build classrooms in the new Dream Center East and for the Dream Center Directors as they hire staff for the new location. Ask God to send us the students and families who need what this amazing ministry provides. Pray that God would continue to prompt the hearts of our people to volunteer their time with our Dream Centers!

Pray for continued favor as we open the doors for Compel to start our God Behind Bars campus in the men's penitentiary at Henning. Volunteers training is underway and AV equipment is being ordered and installed. Our current GBB campus of female inmates is such a blessing and we are eager to share the hope of Jesus with the men next door.