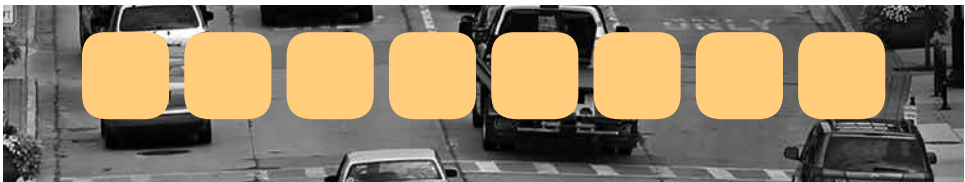




Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
East Aurora



The Mission of Community 4:12

Uniting people to restore communities
by mobilizing Christ-followers to be
agents of compassion, justice, and love.

We strive to fulfill our mission through long-term commitments to communities with a focus on meeting immediate needs, building relationships, developing people, and addressing systemic issues such as educational opportunities, home ownership and business/community development.

Our name comes from Ecclesiastes 4:12: "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken". By uniting with others across cultural, racial and economic divides, we learn and grow and better reflect the heart of Jesus.

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Financial Support for Community 4:12

Amazon Smile

Support Community 4:12 when you shop through Amazon. You can purchase all the same things at the same prices by going through www.smile.amazon.com (instead of just amazon.com). When you use the site for the first time, just select Community 4:12 as your preferred charity. Amazon Smile will then donate .5% of your purchase every time you shop through the site. Your Smile account will connect right to your current Amazon account. It's as simple as that.

Community 4:12

Support the mission of Community 4:12 to *Unite People to Restore Communities* by donating at community412.org

East Aurora

East Aurora is a just a short drive from Naperville, but a world away in terms of financial resources and opportunity. No one should have to choose between rent and food. All children should be able to receive a quality education. Neighborhoods should be safe. It's injustices like this that are unacceptable to God and therefore to us. Every person should know that they are loved and valued.

This is why Community 4:12 invests in the people of East Aurora. We invest in their children's education and self-esteem through programs that focus on academics and extra-curricular activities. We give families a "hand up" by tutoring and mentoring children and parents. We provide food for families in crisis, and help them bring joy to their own children at Christmas.

As we build relationships that bridge cultural and economic differences, our lives are enriched and we experience what it really means to restore God's Community.

Response Levels for Community Restoration

Level 1: Relief	Level 2: People Development	Level 3: Community Development
Response:		
Offer assistance through donations of time, money or supplies.	Train, equip and empower individuals to alleviate poverty or suffering in their own lives.	Advocate and work for long-term systemic change to restore entire neighborhoods or communities.
Commitment:		
Can be done from a distance with no long-term relational investment.	Requires building relationships and a long-term investment of time.	Requires a focus on the “big picture” and a long-term commitment of time and resources.
Impact:		
Provides immediate, short term results with no significant long-term impact	Results take longer to achieve but are longer lasting. Impact is focused on individuals, one person at a time.	Results are incremental and often slow in coming. Impact is focused on an entire community, not just individuals.
Examples:		
Donate Christmas gifts, school supplies, or food. Serve at soup kitchens or shelters. Provide disaster relief.	Tutor or mentor a student. Teach ESL or job skills. Be a foster parent. Be a friendship partner to a refugee, senior citizen, or someone overcoming personal or medical challenges.	Move to an under-resourced community or open a business there. Serve on a non-profit board. Advocate for marginalized, oppressed, or forgotten people.

East Aurora Giftmart

December 17



Giftmart partners with businesses, clubs and faith-based organizations harnessing our community's generosity to do more than put presents under the tree at Christmas time. Since 2003, we've collected over 93,000 new toys to be sold at our Giftmart sites where parents are allowed to choose gifts for their children at a discounted price of \$2 per toy. Over the past decade Giftmart has helped low-income families reinvest more than \$160,000 into their local schools resulting in the purchase of much needed library books, computers, musical instruments and other supplies. We are grateful for your partnership as we seek to use toys to restore dignity, increase educational funding, encourage parental involvement in local schools and highlight the needs of the communities in our own back yard. Help us make toys do MORE!



How to Get Involved:

Join one of the planning or lead teams.

Serve at the event on December 17 and/or during set up the day before. Sign ups will begin in November.

Host a toy drive: Businesses, clubs, schools and other toy drive partners are essential. Involve your friends, neighbors or co-workers to help us fill two trailers of toys.

Donate toys with a value of \$10-\$20 at Community Christian Church locations the first two weekends in December or at the Yellow Box December 4-15.

Make a financial donation to the East Aurora Giftmart at www.communitygiftmart.org and let us do the toy shopping for you.

Contact Info:

Website: www.communitygiftmart.org

Email: info@communitygiftmart.org

Phone: (331) 444-2268

Facebook: Community Giftmart

Opportunity

Location

Community 412 Saturday Stars

Assist 3rd – 5th grade students who are working below grade level or who need some extra positive adult attention.

Brady and Beaupre Elementary focus on academic development.

Bardwell Elementary focuses on mentoring/ social skill development

Community 412 Kids Hope Mentoring

Work 1-1 with a student at Brady Elementary to be a positive adult mentor, or partner with a mentor to pray for the child and mentor.

Brady Elementary School

Community 412 Buddies

Help in an Elementary school classroom for one hour (or more) per week.

Brady and Bardwell Elementary Schools

Date & Time

Contact

All 3 programs meet
on Saturdays from
10 AM - 12 PM

October through April
following the school
calender.

Volunteer@community412.org

1 hour/week during
the school day. Pray
anytime/anywhere!

Volunteer@community412.org

During daytime school
hours. You choose the
day, time and grade
level.

Volunteer@community412.org

Opportunity

Location

Community 412 **Dominoes Club**

Help elementary students learn to play the game of dominoes that enhances academic development.

Brady and Bardwell
Elementary Schools

Community 412 **Chess Club**

Help elementary students learn to play the game of chess that enhances academic development.

East Aurora
High School

Community 412 **Project Share Food Collection**

Donate non-perishable food, toiletries and baby care items to help stock the shelves of the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.

Community Christian
Church Naperville Yellow
Box Location

Date & Time

Contact

Bardwell: Tuesdays
3:15 - 4:30 pm

Brady: Wednesdays
3:15 - 4:30 pm

Volunteer@community412.org

Saturdays
9:30 - 11 AM
September - December

Volunteer@community412.org

1st Sunday of the Month

Volunteer@community412.org

Opportunity

Location

Hesed House

Prepare and serve meals to the approximately 200 guests in Hesed House's shelter program. Donations are also needed to help cover the costs of the meals.

Hesed House
659 S River Road
Aurora, IL 60506

World Relief ESL Program

Assist English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers as they teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Volunteer 1 – 4 days per week for 2 hours.

Or, help teach the basics of English to an adult refugee in their home as a weekly In-Home Tutor. World Relief training is required.

Wesley United
Methodist Church
Aurora

Habitat for Humanity

Help renovate homes in East Aurora.

Various Sites

Date & Time

Contact

October 17 - 18
5 - 9 PM; 9 - 11 PM;
overnight and 4 -7 AM
shifts available.

Quarterly dates TBD
in 2017

Rebeccastine@
communitychristian.org

ESL classes meet
Monday – Thursday
9 – 11 am

Rebeccastine@
communitychristian.org

Saturday, October 5
9 AM - 4 PM
Additional dates TBD

Rebeccastine@
communitychristian.org

Opportunity

Location

World Relief Early Childhood Program

Help provide early childhood education for immigrant and refugee children in partnership with World Relief. Volunteers needed to work in infant, toddler or preschool classes 1 – 4 mornings per week

Wesley United
Methodist Church
Aurora

Mission Possible

Volunteer opportunities are available for mission-minded medical practitioners, translators, and receptionists. Mission Possible also hosts Christian artists and musicians monthly during Aurora's First Friday events.

63 S Broadway
Aurora, IL 60505

Lifespring

Volunteer to lead a Bible study, provide childcare, or teach practical living and job skills in this transitional living center for homeless women and children.

517 College Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Date & Time

Contact

Monday – Thursday

9 – 11 am

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Community 412

JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Join us throughout the year as we explore a variety of modern-day justice issues through film and panel discussion.

Select Wednesdays / 7 - 9:30 PM

Community Christian Church
Naperville Yellow Box

Find out more at
communitychristian.org/justicefilms

OCTOBER 12, 2016

The Hand That Feeds

Poor working conditions faced by undocumented immigrants.

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Ethnic Notions

Chronicles the history of how stereotypes about people of color developed.

JANUARY 25, 2017

Tough Love

Documents the brokenness of the U.S. foster care system.

MARCH 15, 2017

A Killer Bargain

Shows exploitation of foreign workers for our bargain price products.

APRIL 12, 2017

8 Days

Documents the story of a 16 year old forced into sex trafficking in the U.S.

JUNE 14, 2017

Salam Neighbor

Explores life of a Syrian Refugee.

Opportunity

Location

Community 412 Justice Book Study

Join us for a discussion of the book “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” by James Cone. We will discuss historical and present day racism and explore ways we can help restore God’s dream for radical unity.

Community Christian
Church Naperville Yellow
Box Location

Community 412 Justice Team

This team focuses on tackling educational injustices that prevent children in all school districts from having similar educational opportunities.

Community Christian
Church Naperville
Yellow Box and Aurora
Campuses

Date & Time

Contact

Thursday Mornings
9:15 - 11:15 AM
September 22 -
November 17

Thursday Evenings
7 - 9 PM
October 13 -
December 15

Register at
[communitychristian.org/
connections](http://communitychristian.org/connections)

Contact [Rebeccastine@
communitychristian.org](mailto:Rebeccastine@communitychristian.org)

Various

[Kirstenstrand@
communitychristian.org](mailto:Kirstenstrand@communitychristian.org)

The Jesus Mission

Community 4:12 is a ministry of Community Christian Church whose mission is helping people find their way back to God.

We do this through the Jesus Mission of **Reaching** people who are far from God, **Restoring** God's dream for the world, and **Reproducing** the mission in others.

Community 4:12 embraces the Jesus Mission by Uniting People to Restore Communities.

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