

## Background on CHATT Foundation

Visit <https://chattfoundation.org/chatt-foundation-history> for an extensive, detailed history.

- Founded in 1982 by seven local churches as the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.
- CCK opened the Homeless Healthcare Center (one of the first in the nation) in 1988.
- In 1989, the meal service expanded to three times a day, 7 days a week, 365 days/year.
- The first Fast Day annual capital campaign fund-raiser was held in 1989.
- A recycling program was instituted in 1989, recycling more than 300,000 lbs. of material each year.
- The 711 East 11th St. building was acquired in 1994
- The first apartment for the Family Housing and Learning Center, a transitional family apartment complex, was filled in 1999.
- Consider the Lilies Thrift Store opened in 2000.
- A full-service Day Center was established in 2009, providing basic services to the homeless.
- The Maclellan Shelter for Families opened in 2014.
- In 2022 on its 40th, the Chattanooga Community Kitchen became the CHATT Foundation (Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow)
- The CHATT Foundation's mission is to meet the most basic needs of hungry, homeless, and vulnerable people in our community while offering a clear path to self-sufficiency.
- The CHATT Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization, governed by a Board Churches and Member Organizations in the Chattanooga area, Board Members at Large, and led by an experienced team of caring professionals.
- The CHATT Foundation employs approximately 50 full-time and is served by thousands of volunteers from the community, annually.
- The CHATT Foundation's service area is the City of Chattanooga but extends across the Chattanooga Metro area.
- There are approximately 1,500 homeless without shelter each night in Chattanooga.