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Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.

Growing Goodness

To work for a better, more life-affirming future, let's all lift up the people and projects in our community that model positive words and deeds.



CCC is pleased to recognize the great work being done by one of our own leaders, Phil Ott, who is working to build relationships with like-minded, service-oriented leaders. This group is looking to lift up some of our community's most vulnerable residents, those experiencing homelessness.

Phil Ott provided the following background on how winter shelters have been housing those in need. "Since the second week in March of 2020 when Covid hit, and everything shut down, the people that run the Prince George's shelter (Warm Nights) have rented out the Comfort Inn down in Beltsville. The funding for that is slated to end at the end of June. We are pressing Prince George's County to find out what their plan is for the people there. At one time there was 240 men, women, and children there. That number is about half that now."

Below is more about the group Phil is working with. The article below is quoted from their group's letter of introduction.

Prince George's Leadership Action Network (P.L.A.N.)

"PLAN is a non-partisan coalition of more than 30 religious congregations, unions, and non-profits here in Prince George's County working to address issues of collective concern. We were launched in 2021 at a hybrid event with hundreds present and are an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation, the nation's oldest and largest multi-faith organizing network. A top concern of our organization is affordable housing, and almost all of our member institutions have been engaged for decades in direct outreach, service, and relationship building with people who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

In recent months, we have also been working with allies – including non-profit service providers and other religious congregations – to develop plans to ensure Prince George's County becomes a model in providing services and housing for those who are currently without homes."

Growing Goodness



What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing. Email us at: CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Our Leadership Team

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Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.

Planting Seeds of Kindness: Lift up those that are doing the work of making communities stronger.

There are a lot of negative forces at work in today's world. Many people are struggling and the fact is, solutions are not quick or easy, and that fact can leave leaders feeling hopeless. Without our community's positive leaders, individual community members are more at risk as their sense of isolation grows. Community members who feel isolated are a danger to the community. So, lifting up and recognizing the positive forces in our community, can only help. Below is something all of us can do to help.

Project "Send An Encouraging Message"

Let's see what happens when we try to spread encouragement. Let someone know that the work they are doing to make their community a better place is worthwhile.

Growing Goodness



To CCC and Movers and Shakers

The work you do is so important!! Your personal commitment to helping others is an inspiration.

Thank you for being a role model. The time, effort, and care you have for your community makes a difference.

Keep up the great work. You are appreciated.

Sharing Best Practices

an editorial by C. Jenkins

One guiding principal of CCC is to share what works. We also look for solutions that provide benefits to opposing points of view. With so many current examples of what is wrong with our society, so many examples of what is tearing us apart, is there an example of a group of people who are doing a better job?

After spending a good deal of time in Victoria, British Columbia over the last several years, it is clear that most Canadians could teach us a few things about a culture of respect. As a whole, Canadians pride themselves on being kind and respectful. We've seen this in how they treat each other, how they act in stressful situations, and how they parent their children. Schools are not fenced fortresses, but rather centers for community activities. In crowded play areas, parents aren't yelling at children. Instead, children are spoken to in soft voices and unacceptable behavior is corrected calmly.

Our society won't change quickly, but we can strive to make our corner of the world better. Let's value showing respect for all members of our community. One thing's for sure: it may not help, but it absolutely won't hurt.

if we all do
one random act of
kindness daily
we just might set
the world in the
right direction

martin kornfeld