

Community Needs Assessment

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

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What is Poverty?

What if poverty isn't just about the lack of food, clothing or money?





“Poverty isn’t just a lack of material things – it’s rooted in broken relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation. We were created to glorify God, reflect His image, love one another, and steward the rest of creation. But the fall and sin marred what God originally created. As a result, none of us are experiencing the fullness of what God intended for us.”

-When Helping Hurts

Recap of “When Helping Hurts” by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

- **What Is the Task of the Church?** Embody Jesus Christ, using both words and deeds as Jesus did among the blind, the lame, the sick and the outcast, and the poor.
- **Who are the Poor?** Every human being is suffering from a poverty of spiritual intimacy, a poverty of being, a poverty of community, and a poverty of stewardship.
- One of the major premises of this book is that until we embrace our mutual brokenness, our work with low-income people is likely to do far more harm than good.

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- One of the biggest problems in our effort: the way that we act toward the economically poor often communicates – albeit unintentionally – that we are superior and they are inferior. In the process we hurt the poor and ourselves.
- Not All Poverty Is Created Equal: Relief, Rehabilitation, Development
- Avoid Paternalism. Do not do things for people that they can do for themselves.
- The most Important Step It is the step of repentance...our repentance. Without such repentance, our efforts to help the poor will continue to be characterized by providing material resources to the poor, rather than walking alongside them .

What are the needs of our Community?

How do we define the needs our community?

Our team looked at the needs within Fairhope, Eastern Shore, and Baldwin County communities.

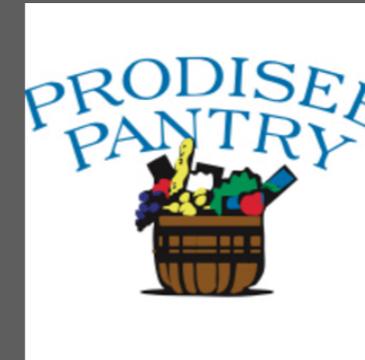
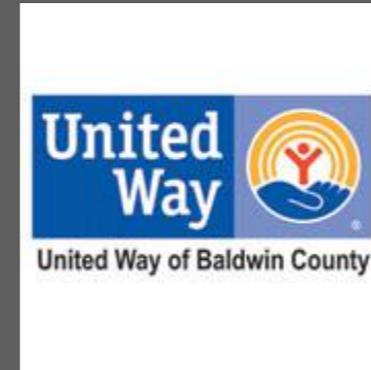


How did we accomplish our task?

1. What do you think are the top 3-5 needs of our community (Fairhope and/or Baldwin County)?

2. In your opinion, how can we as a community serve those who are in need or considered At-Risk?

3. How can Fairhope UMC or other churches be involved in serving the needs of the community?



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Counties in Alabama



What did we learn? What are the needs of our community?

1. Homelessness and the lack of shelters in Baldwin County. Chronic Homeless vs. Situational Homelessness. Temporary Housing.
2. Low Income/Affordable Housing & Affordable Childcare
3. Teen Substance and Drug Abuse- The lack of Christian Based Recovery Programs
4. Mental Health

Homelessness Lack of Shelters

- According to Family Promise & United Way 356+ kids were homeless Baldwin County. This was determined through the Baldwin County School system in what is called a “stacking” or “doubling up” count.
- The “face” of homelessness is very different than what we normally think about.
- Chronic Homeless Mobile/Baldwin County
2016 Point-in-Time Count Numbers:
 - Total Number: 623
 - Total Number For the City of Mobile: 495
 - Total Number for Mobile County: 96
 - Total Number for Baldwin County: 32

*Fairhope Police Department Reported 7 known Homeless people.



Low Income/Affordable Housing

There are about 276 low income units available in Fairhope:

Shellbrooke Pointe apts.	- 96
Meadowview (elderly)	- 40
Ahepa 310 III	- 90
Spring Run	- 50

(Some of the units in Ahepa and Spring Run are senior units.)

Of the total units:

140 qualify for Section 8

186 qualify for LIHTC (low income housing tax credit)

50 qualify for RD515 (USDA rental Assistance)

50 qualify for Section 202 (HUD)

Low Income/Affordable Housing

The Area Median Income (AMI) for Fairhope is \$61,100. The basis for qualification for any of these housing units is based on that figure. A family of 4 must earn less than 50% of the AMI, \$30,550, to qualify for Section 8. Some recipients must pay at least \$25 to \$50 a month as co-pay. If you consider a 40 hour work week and 52 weeks a year, the hourly wage for \$30,550 is less than \$14.70 per hour.

The minimum wage in Alabama is \$7.25 an hour, same as the federal minimum wage.

The fair market rent in Fairhope is \$873 for a 2 bedroom apartment and \$1,272 for a 3 bedroom.

The Alabama Housing Finance Authority finances the construction and preservation of affordable rental housing.

Teen Drug & Substance Abuse

CHEMICAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM
(C.A.P.P)

OUR C.A.P.P. PROGRAM HELPS FAMILIES TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THEY CREATE THAT EITHER HINDERS OR SUPPORTS THEIR CHILD'S ABILITY TO SAY "NO" TO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. IN ORDER TO REDUCE SCHOOL SUSPENSION TIME AND/OR AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION, YOUTH IN MOBILE AND BALDWIN COUNTIES ARE REFERRED BY THEIR SCHOOL OR JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM - WITH THEIR PARENTS - TO AN EIGHT-HOUR INTENSIVE COURSE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ITS EFFECTS.



Teen Drug & Substance Abuse

C.A.P.P. was founded in 2011.

Since 2011 C.A.P.P has served 1400 Families.

January-August 2016 151 Families have participated in the program.

Fairhope Police Department Reported:

2015- 121 Juvenile Arrests.

48 Drugs 34 Alcohol

2016 (through August)- 56 Arrests.

20 Drugs 15 Alcohol





Where do we go from here?