How Did We Get Here?

• Over the past 40 years, U.S. children living in a grandparent's household has climbed steadily, more than doubling from 3 percent in 1970 to 7 percent in 2010

• Contributors to the spike were crack cocaine epidemic in the late 1980s and the recent "Great Recession" between 2007 and 2009

Population Reference Bureau 2012
How Did We Get Here?

• In 2010, more than half of children (54 percent) who were living with grandparents were being raised mainly by a grandparent who reported having primary responsibility for most of the child's basic needs.

• The numbers of children with grandparents as their main care providers grew from 2.5 million in 2005 to 2.9 million in 2010, a 16 percent increase over the decade.

Population Reference Bureau 2012
Our Family Home Life birthed a ministry concept that is now 36 years in the making ...
100 Are Coming for Dinner at Their Home on Dec. 22

By MARY ANN HOUE
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As Christmas dinners go, Monroe and Joe Ann Ballard are planning one of the biggest in town.

For seven years the sixth-grade teacher and her husband have made it a personal project to help the needy, especially children. Their work is year-round and "rain or shine."

"This is the first year we've ever tried to do this," Mrs. Ballard said of the Dec. 22 dinner. Tables will be set for 100.

Tuna salad may be the main course, however, instead of the hoped for ham, turkey or h.e.n and trimmings. The couple depends on their own resources and the generosity of others.

"Whether we have to have it in the yard or in the house, we plan to have it here," the teacher said at his home, 923 Barbara Drive.

They have 17 regular supporters, firms and their branches. Mrs. Ballard, a teacher's aide at Douglas High School, calls various businesses to urge them to help.

"Most of the things we receive from businesses are new, just damaged some," she said. That includes household items like dishes as well as shoes and clothing.

"Now we're completely cut," said Mrs. Ballard. "We need to start all over again." They are preparing Christmas gifts for the 60 children.

"We have more people demanding things," he said "and just don't have enough to go around."

Pickups are made in his red '66 truck. "We appreciate everything we get," he said, "and we pick up anything at all, even if it's just one pair of shoes." His brother, the Rev. Sylvester Ballard, assists. Sometimes members of Mr. Ballard's sixth grade class do repair work on toys and other items.

Outings they have arranged have provided a chance for some children to get out of Memphis for the first time. Some of the children have undesirable home conditions. One teen-ager told the couple she felt more at home at their house than at her own home.

Most every weekend there are at least 10 children for Sunday dinner and one Sun-

A CHRISTMAS DINNER is the big holiday event planned this year by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ballard for the 60 children who are their special year-round project. Wrapping gifts in preparation for the party are from left, Mr. Ballard, Willetstein Luster, Mrs. Ballard, Ora Shannon and Vera Ann Dooley.
The Ballard family has become a model for others in helping the less fortunate. Mr. Ballard, in particular, has taken a personal approach to helping young people. They are working to get more people in the Black community interested in helping young people on an individual, constitutional basis by opening their homes and their families to children in need.

The Ballard family tells how Neighborhood Ministries work. They are "available to give lectures or to talk with individuals about their experiences and to share their personal approach to helping young people. They are working to get more people in the Black community interested in helping young people on an individual, constitutional basis by opening their homes and their families to children in need."

The Ballard family, along with other families, are receiving the Memphis Newspaper Guild Citizen of the Year award for 1977. The Ballards also received the Congressional Community Service award for 1977 from Congressman Harold Ford of the Eighth Congressional District of Tennessee.

The Ballard family is one of the families that have been recognized for their work in helping children. They are an example of how one person can make a difference in the lives of others.

The Ballard family is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ballard, their son, and their daughter. They have been working together for many years to help children in need. Their work has been recognized with several awards, including the Memphis Newspaper Guild Citizen of the Year award for 1977.

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Foster Care

• The annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services tallied 402,378 children in the foster care system as of September 30, 2013

• In 2012 - 397,000 children were in foster care but still down dramatically from a decade earlier.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25: 35 -36
Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc. is to build stronger families and neighborhoods by providing compassionate, Christ-centered ministries to those in need.
Our Vision

To Provide Relationship Based Services that support the stabilizing of the Neighborhoods we serve by establishing site based locations that uniquely meets the needs of that neighborhood.
Engage the Heart to Understand
We meet people where they are, and as we establish relationships, we offer hope for their future.

Beliefs and Attitudes:
- People’s needs may not always be apparent at first glance.
- We can help people identify their needs by engaging their heart.
- Engaging the heart may require us to meet an immediate need first.
- People are more than their behaviors
Stabilize for Growth
We meet immediate needs of people to build a foundation for deeper growth.

Beliefs and Attitudes:
– Growth can occur when people are stable
– We have the resources to provide stability
– We should go above and beyond to help people reach their potential
Empower

Empower People to See Their Path
We expose people to multiple paths to help them attain their goals.

Beliefs and Attitudes:

– Everyone can choose a positive path
– People are not defined by their obstacles, situations can always be improved
– It is our role to offer hope to people as they journey along their path
Grow

Challenge People to Grow
We challenge people to grow because we love them.

Beliefs and Attitudes:
– After doing all that we can, each person is solely responsible for their own growth
– Growth is not always pretty; adversity and struggle can be a platform for growth
– Growth is a continuous process
A Child, A Mom, Forever A Neighbor

- Met as a child
- Multiple Marriages
- Major Disruption
- Still here If we are Needed
Relationship Based Services

Benefits

- Committed to being there for the long-haul
- Develop Trust
- Save a percentage of a generation from repeating the cycle
- Success over time
Relationship Based Services

Challenges

- Slow Results
- Neighbor Coach may be in similar situation
- Enabling vs Empowering
- Can’t Help in Every Area
END
Neighborhood Christian Centers serves neighbors in need throughout the city of Memphis via 6 locations:

- North Memphis, Headquarters
- Binghampton
- Chickasaw Place, Binghampton.
- Greenbriar, Frayser
- Robinhood Park, Getwell Area
- Orange Mound
...Through these Neighborhood Based Touch Points we serve over 65,000 Individuals each year.

How do we meet needs?
NCC Youth Ministries (YM)

“Providing positive avenues to develop young hearts & minds”
C.A.P.S.  College Assistance and Program Services
• C.A.P.S. is for young adults thru age 24 who are graduating from high school and making that important transition to college. Every C.A.P.S. participant will be assigned a mentor and receive a YM college care box filled with school supplies, hygiene products, and lots of YuMmy snacks. But that’s not all! They become eligible for donated items big and small, including refurbished computers, cars, and financial assistance.
NCC Youth Ministries (YM)
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Club RECreation

• Basketball, dance, board games, and team building activities all make Club REC the place to be any day of the week. Designed to create opportunities for healthy recreation and fun, Club Rec is also a ministry to both, youth and adults. Organized activities after school and homework rule the day! And a little b-ball on Monday nights is available to males 18+ for a small fee. New to Club REC is BURN - a women’s aerobics class held on Monday evenings to help ladies “burn” off extra pounds or maintain good fitness levels.
NCC Youth Ministries (YM)
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Education
• Our eight (8) Learning Center locations show our commitment to providing homework assistance to children, as well as age appropriate books and worksheets. You will find the Centers open at varying times Monday – Friday.

Tutoring
• Currently, we have a waiting list of children, ages 5 to 17, in need of a match for one-to-one tutoring. So NCC needs YOU! Each child is paired with a community volunteer to assist them in areas where help is needed. Four one-to-one tutoring sites are available.
T.R.U.T.H. Seekers
(Teens Receiving Understanding Through Him)

- Interactive and high-energy bible studies full of fun facts challenge youth ages five to seventeen. Junior T.R.U.T.H Seekers are ages 5-11, while older youth, ages 12-17, are known as Senior T.R.U.T.H. Seekers. Scholarships are available to eligible T.R.U.T.H. Seekers who remain active in grades 10-12.
The Camps of NCC
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- **Day Camp** convenes Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30-3:30 during the summer months. The camp provides a high intensity day of fun, with arts & crafts, multiple recreational activities, field trips, and opportunities to learn the practical application of scripture. Day Camp is designed for youth ages 5 to 17. Applications will be available during the first week in May. And what’s the best part? Day Camp is FREE to all who apply, thanks to the generosity of our donors. This year’s theme is Go Fish! - Matthew 4:19.

- **“Buddy” Camp** offers an overnight camp experience for children ages 6-11. The children are paired with our NCC Arts missionaries who become their “buddies” for the entire camp. The youth also participate in planned activities throughout the day.
The Camps of NCC
“Developing inner-city youth through outdoor adventures”

- **NCC Arts** is a summer urban missionary training program for creative teens and young adults. Youth present the gospel through song, dance, drama, and games as they perform across the city in parks, day camps, and at neighborhood events. By the end of the summer these young missionaries will share the love of Jesus to more than 1000 people of all ages. A city-wide production, as well as an on-the-road tour culminates their summer experiences.
Compassionate Ministries
“Offering Hope and Meeting Needs”
Site Based Services

• Neighborhood Christian Centers has identified four apartment complexes and our Orange Mound facility as model sites to operate successful NCC programs: Orange Mound, Greenbriar, Chickasaw Place, Robinhood Park and Pershing Park apartment complexes play an essential part in carrying out the NCC mission to provide compassionate, Christ-centered ministry to those in need.
Compassionate Ministries Distribution
Reach
Compassionate Ministries
“Offering Hope and Meeting Needs”

• **Affiliate Services** Through our Frank Fourmy, Jr. Distribution Center on Scott Street, NCC strives to equip missionaries with training and resources to strategically target selected neighborhoods within our community. Individuals, new churches and other community groups are continually added as NCC affiliates in order to effectively serve the practical and spiritual needs of their neighbors. These affiliates may house NCC programs themselves or refer clients to NCC programs and churches in the Neighborhood Church Network. to receive more information on our affiliate services.

• **Food Pantry and Clothes Closet** Donated food and clothing are distributed throughout the city each day to individuals and families through our affiliates and partner-churches.
Compassionate Ministries
“Offering Hope and Meeting Needs”

• **Christmas Outreach** What a glorious time to share the love of Jesus with more than ten thousand families in our community! Each year, Neighborhood Christian Centers provides baskets of food and children’s toys to more than 10,000 families in need throughout Memphis and Shelby County. There is also the opportunity for families to “pair and share” their blessings with those in need. We would love to welcome you as a volunteer!

• **Emergency Assistance** When trouble comes suddenly, NCC stands ready to offer a helping hand to our neighbors in need. We offer utility assistance, burn-out assistance and referrals to partnering agencies at the time when help is needed most.
Women Empowered to Succeed Programs

• **Women of Empowerment (WOE)**
  Single mothers are encouraged and supported through opportunities for focused Bible studies and life skills training. These weekly sessions are led by volunteers from local churches.

• **Women of Empowerment II (WOE)**
  Women living in the apartment complexes served by our satellite sites are offered opportunities to improve their life and job readiness skills in four weekly sessions. The program was initially held at our North Center site, included the four weeks of classes, followed by two weeks of a paid job internship with a local business. As of September 2009, the classes were de-centralized and offered at the respective sites where the women reside. This “closer to home” approach has resulted in a large number of women making application for the program. Three six-week sessions are offered from September through April, with a culminating event in May.
Family & Church Enrichment
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“Strengthening and Restoring Families”

• **Chapel Ministries**  NCC hosts weddings, funerals, and other special events in its beautiful chapel accented by high-ceilings and plenty of natural light. The chapel is also serves as a meeting facility for new neighborhood churches until they become established.

• **LoveBuilders** Married couples are encouraged to attend monthly sessions throughout the year that offer wisdom and insight on marriage and family issues. They also have opportunity to participate in the annual retreat celebrating marriage and family with fun and fellowship. Lay counseling is available for engaged and married couples, when requested.

• **LoveBuilders Kids** No need to call a babysitter! Couples may bring their children with them to monthly sessions as fun activities and guest speakers are available for them in a separate area. Infants to age 17 are all welcome!
Operation Smart Child

Mission Emphasis

The mission emphasis of the Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc. is to directly impact the social health and brain development of children ages 0-3 by providing family outreach and education programs designed to improve the mental, social, economic and spiritual lives of children through early brain development intervention strategies. These programs are collectively presented as the Operation Smart Child Initiative (OSC).
• Touch Talk Read Play
• Now I Am
Neighborhood Site Based Services

• THE HOUSE...

is an offshoot of NCC where a house is obtained in a local Memphis neighborhood. The House is then staffed by NCC. The NCC staff then engages the neighborhood to understand the most pressing needs it faces.
The House Provides Flexible Service Opportunities

- NCC, through The House, would then develop programs to meet the specific neighborhoods needs.
  - One neighborhood may need women’s empowerment groups
  - Others may need the basic needs of food and clothing to be supplied.
  - The unique thing about The House is that each site is uniquely tailored to the needs of the community it serves, allowing the menu of services to be maintained off site and feed the need of a specific site.
Meet one of OUR NEIGHBORS
Monday 12:57 p.m.

Hello efffe!!!! How are you I thank you so much for this job, I'm still in training but I feel soooo... corporate lol!! We have too sit and chat ,I have allot to learn here at MMA I'm just praying for this position and that I catch on quick enough. love you