Nothing Common About It!
Common Threads Thrift Now Open
God Brings Local Refugees Together Through Common Language for Spiritual Growth
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BIG Year – Literally – for CitySERVE 2016!
Cleveland Native Returns Home for Church Planting
Congratulations, BHITC Staff on Becoming American Citizens!
The Joy of Being Fruitful for the Lord
Rethinking thrift. That’s what Building Hope in the City (BHITC), its partners, volunteers and the Cleveland area are doing now, thanks to the opening of Common Threads in Fairview Park in late June.

The store – which has been a long-time dream of BHITC’s – opened its doors for business on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 with a two-day grand opening celebration, which included a ribbon cutting ceremony with Fairview Park Mayor, Eileen Ann Patton (as seen on the cover with BHITC’s Jeff Stredney), outfits designed by VMCAD (previously Virginia Marti College of Art and Design) using donated merchandise, special promotions, giveaways, food and new designer items arriving in the store throughout both days!

“The opening of Common Threads is a huge milestone for HopeWorks, LLC and for all the incredible staff, volunteers and donors of BHITC who have poured their very best into this effort,” says Jeff Stredney, Director of Social Enterprise. “In our first month of operation alone, we received more positive feedback than I could have dreamed, with many sharing that they’ve never seen a thrift store as beautiful, bright and organized as Common Threads.”

In fact, in the first month of operation, Common Threads hit its 3,000th customer at the registers, a clear sign that the word is out among the community – the majority of which have never heard of BHITC, and of those, 50 percent want to learn more!

However, Stredney reminds the BHITC faithful that the venture is far from over! “While many BHITC supporters have been praying around this for years, we’re just getting...
started in the eyes of the public. We still need lots of donations – an average of 160 items per hour – and we need shoppers! We’d love to be your first stop for clothing, décor and houseware purchases, where 100 percent of every dime you spend directly supports the mission of BHITC,” he says.

**What makes Common Threads unique?**

Common Threads is resale done right. It combines high quality resale items in an engaging retail space with inspiring sales associates, who are part of new BHITC workforce development efforts, all while keeping profits local, benefiting the organization’s ministries. The enterprise merges the marketplace with ministry in several important ways:

- **Employment for 18 people** who have joined the Common Threads team from all over our city and the world! The staff represent referrals from urban church partners, individuals from partner schools and several refugees!

- **11,000-square-foot space**, expected to sell **8,000 items per month**.

- **Expert retail store design** with departments, special collections and professionally designed window displays.

- **Cycle of Common Good** at checkout explains how the store will develop people, add value in the marketplace, do right by the environment and build our city through the work of BHITC.

- **Lydia’s Corner**, our spotlight section for local entrepreneurs and micro business efforts, will benefit from retail exposure at the store.

- **(Un)common Finds** spotlights ultra-high-end and one-of-a-kind items. Be sure to follow our latest discoveries in this section on Instagram!

**More on Lydia’s Corner**

This in-store showcase for emerging, local Cleveland makers, artisans and craftspeople, is named after Lydia, the successful New Testament businesswoman who traded in fabrics. She blended her entrepreneurial skills and faith to make a big impact in her day. Featured entrepreneurs at Lydia’s Corner will change regularly, so stop by often to sample some of the city’s brightest and best new businesses. A percentage of what you purchase at Lydia’s Corner goes to support BHITC.

Are you a local maker, artisan or craftsperson? Want space and a platform to showcase your product? Common Threads is looking for you! Contact Jeff Stredney by email at jstredney@buildinghopeinthecity.org.

From the grand opening through August, Lydia’s Corner featured Humble Grounds Roasting Company and its founder Bryon Skvor (right in the photo). Every Friday, shoppers were given the opportunity to meet Bryon and sample his amazing coffees at the store.

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Donations, donations, donations
BHITC seeks the following high-quality items to support the store: clothing and shoes (men, women and children), housewares, home décor, collectibles, bedding, linens, towels, small appliances, kitchen items, small furniture, purses, jewelry, toys, books, videos, DVDs, blu-ray, vinyl and more. BHITC cannot accept electronics, computers or large furniture.

Congregations and businesses willing to collect donations for Common Threads would be a great blessing! Contact BHITC for more information. A pick-up for this type of donation can be arranged.

Donations can be dropped off at the store, located at 22049 Lorain Road in Fairview Park from Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.

New East Side Drop-off Location:
Effective immediately, St. John Lutheran Church is accepting donations for the store on our behalf. The church is located at 4386 Mayfield Road in South Euclid. Donations will be accepted every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Donors should ask for Jackie Storts at the reception desk.
What do you do when you’re a new Christian in a new country where no one speaks your language, but you want to grow in your walk with God? Thankfully for Mohammed, God intervened and brought exactly the right person into his life.

For the last six months, Mohammed, an Afghani man, has been loosely connected to BHITC through a partner organization. Following his baptism, he wanted to meet others who spoke his native language for studying the Scriptures and growing in life as a disciple of Jesus. However, early attempts by BHITC and other refugee-serving organizations to assist Mohammed achieve this goal were met with no success.

That was until Sean Templeton, an Anglican priest and church planter of Lakewood Anglican Church, walked into The Hope Center this spring with a man he knew – Sunny – who was very interested in assisting refugees. Sunny not only speaks English fluently, but he also speaks Urdu, a Pakistani language, which overlaps significantly with Mohammed’s native language. Both men actually speak five different languages, and Urdu has the highest number of similarities – clearly God was at work! Sunny has been a Jesus follower for several years now and was very eager to begin meeting with Mohammed to partner with him in spiritual growth as a Christian.

This is one example of the connections God is making possible because of The Hope Center. Although some of the staff at The Hope Center are certain they have interacted with many of the same organizations Sunny is also connected to, their paths never crossed until The Hope Center.

“God just blew open a new window of opportunity at The Hope Center,” says Eileen Wilson, BHITC’s Director of Refugee Ministries. “God is using The Hope Center as part of His Body in a way we haven’t seen yet. Not only is He bringing people to know Him because of the space, He is also providing a way for discipleship to happen.”

The two began regular phone conversations in July and are working on plans to meet face-to-face soon – Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for Mohammed and refugees like him who enter the doors of The Hope Center each week. Want to get involved as a volunteer at The Hope Center? Take the first step and sign up for Building Hope 101! Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org for a list of upcoming classes and to register.
MissionSmith is a series of free, half-day gatherings designed to forge the thinking and practice of metropolitan church and ministry leaders for greater effectiveness and innovation in mission, church planting and Kingdom advancement. All events are free; RSVP required.

**Sept. 10**  Growing in your competency for cross-cultural ministry & Fundraising 101 for your ministry, church or nonprofit.

**Oct. 1**  Polly Wright – One woman’s story of redemption from the adult entertainment industry and a call to the Church to break the shame cycle of sexual sin.

**Nov. 5**  Adjusting the way you see those you serve: An introduction to asset-based community development with Wendy McCaig

**Dec. 3**  Redefining leadership structures in the church for mission & Getting alone with God…and how it will change your leadership

Register online at www.buildinghopeinthecity.org or call 216.281.4673.

**Building Hope in the City/Trinity Lutheran Church**
2031 West 30th Street, Cleveland  |  9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Learn more about urban church planting with BHITC and its partners at www.transform216.com.
On June 28, nearly 100 volunteers and partners gathered at Lakewood Park for the Annual Partner Appreciation and Awards Ceremony. BHITC looks forward to this event each year, where the organization recognizes and thanks its amazing team of volunteers and partners for the countless hours donated to its ministries and the city throughout the year. In fact, in 2015, volunteers donated 42,000+ hours to the ministries of BHITC!

Four special awards were given out during the evening. Bob Schanz was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for his work with Common Threads and Cuyahoga Valley Church was recognized as Ministry Partner of the year for their support of Open Table. Also recognized were Louise Isroff, a volunteer at The Hope Center and Erica Bryant, a volunteer at Common Threads, as “Rookies of the Year” – a new award for 2016 given to new BHITC volunteers.

BHITC is so thankful for all of the many ways they and many other volunteers and partners serve the city, its people and the organization so faithfully! To learn more about volunteer opportunities with BHITC, visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org. You never know where one leap of faith will lead you!
Summer Reading Benefits Urban Students

For most, if not all, school-age children, summer is a time of swimming, playing outside, staying up late and eating ice cream and popsicles. However, while some are enjoying the best of summer, it can actually set them back academically compared to their peers. Time after time, studies show if children are not also engaged in educational activities during the summer, many will fall behind in school as a result.

This is especially true for children from low-income households, who, without access to books during the summer, experience an estimated 10 percent reading loss. Those, however, with books in the home experience as high as a 24 percent gain in reading abilities over the summer months. This disparity compounds year after year, summer after summer, leaving the students in very different places academically.

This is why BHITC partners with urban churches to host summer reading programs, where students have the opportunity to sharpen their reading skills and participate in other educational enrichment activities. This summer, BHITC partnered with three urban churches – Gateway West Church/The Hope Center, St. John Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church – to offer a free week-long summer reading program for children already connected to its tutoring ministries.

Nearly 30 total students enjoyed a week-long program where they spent each morning reading and afternoons filled with special guests, activities and games. Afternoons included music, soccer, art and nature programs.

“Summer reading is one of my favorite activities for the students all year,” says Laurie Kubiak, BHITC’s Director of Urban Family Learning Centers. “The students always love it and are so engaged – it’s as if they miss learning and seeing their tutors! They look forward to coming back each day and are sad to see the week come to an end.”

A new element was added to this year’s summer reading program, which BHITC was especially excited about! Thanks to many generous book donations – including 10+ boxes from Half Price Books in North Olmsted – each student received a handful of books to take home at the end of the week. Please pray these students continue to read and are successful this school year!

Thank You!

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Thank You for Supporting Every Story Matters

*You made a difference this summer and let urban students know they matter to God*

This summer, BHITC launched ‘Every Story Matters,’ an effort which consolidates the many ways partners have generously supported tutoring ministries in the past. Some significant program enhancements were introduced for the coming years, as well as events in partnership with *Mitchell’s Ice Cream in Ohio City*. We thank everyone who supported the campaign – whether financially, through donating new children’s books or signing up to volunteer as a tutor this school year.

**Want to Do More This School Year?**

Is God tugging on your heart to impact a student in BHITC’s tutoring program next school year? BHITC seeks 20+ new tutors for the 2016-2017 school year. Volunteers are needed on the east and west sides of town, and for ministries that happen during the daytime and in the evening.

Contact *Laurie Kubiak* for more information at 216.281.4673 or laurie@buildinghopeinthecity.org.
When BHITC began planning this year’s **CitySERVE** day – the tenth consecutive year for the service event in partnership with Lutheran West High School – the organization encouraged everyone to “Think Big!” Service sites were encouraged to think of “bigger” projects for volunteers, churches were challenged to bring the “biggest” group, all to see an even “bigger” impact for ministries across the city.

Wow, did they deliver! Nearly 45 of the 350+ total volunteers served at one site alone, **UpCycle Farm** in Cleveland’s Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood, where a 72’ x 32’ high tunnel – we’d call that pretty big! – was constructed, trees were removed from its perimeter, new fencing was installed and a chicken coop was re-roofed, all in just six short hours! UpCycle, an urban farm located on a commercial lot surrounded by housing, restaurants and a variety of storefronts, seeks to not only bring fresh, quality produce to the community, but also a life-giving and grace-filled business.

“The impact of CitySERVE at UpCycle over the last two years has allowed me to be where I hoped to be in 4-5 years,” says **Mariah Hayden**, who runs the farm. “Additionally, from a community perspective, having such a large group show up to serve with smiles, provide enthusiasm and readily engage in the grunt work of farm labor, I think infuses the neighborhood with good vibes that exist far beyond the hours that they were there.”

CitySERVE has long been a favorite event for many, and BHITC’s staff would agree. “At this year’s CitySERVE, we had volunteers serving in Jesus’ name all across the city at 24 different locations,” says **Sharon Schuldt**, BHITC’s Team and Resources Coordinator, who organized the event. “I loved driving around and visiting as many sites as I possible could that day to see believers serving with all their hearts and glorifying God through the work of their hands.”

Within six hours’ time, the CitySERVE team had 75 percent of UpCycle’s new high tunnel set. The addition of the high tunnel extends the growing season for UpCycle by as many as six weeks in both the fall and spring.

**Mission**, which serves men, women and children in crisis, nearly 40 volunteers served and completed some big projects of their own! Projects included outside landscaping, sorting and labeling donations in the warehouse, delivering toiletries to guests and painting rooms where women and children stay.
“The work completed was invaluable to us,” says Jaime Buxton, Internship & Volunteer Services Supervisor at The City Mission. “At Laura’s Home, the CitySERVE volunteers were even able to get to the organizational type things that just never get done. It was amazing. We even found things we didn’t know we had and were able to share them with other organizations. The projects completed at The City Mission would’ve taken days for our staff or volunteers to finish. It was so nice, in just one day, to bless the men with beautiful landscaping in the place they live. “

Buxton adds, “We were even finding extra jobs as the day went on because it was so well organized and everyone worked really well together. It was motivating even for our staff to see other people come alongside us.”

Next year will be CitySERVE’s 11-year anniversary, so get ready for an even BIGGER event and celebration!

Thank you... to all CitySERVE 2016 event sponsors! The following individuals gave leadership gifts of $100 or more:

- Dr. David Beckman, DDS
- Brooks & Stafford
- Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank)
- Virginia Douglas
- Ehab Farag & Abeer Kirollos
- Peggy Forni
- Elizabeth Greco
- Norelle Gress & Bible Study Group
- Patrick & Kristen Hawley
- Dan & Cindy Hirch
- John & Mary Ann Katzenmeyer
- Tracy Leach
- Michael & Michelle Monkiewicz
- Craig & Simone Nielsen
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- Ruthanna Pieplow
- Carl & Ruth Prokop
- Jane Roth
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- Kurt & Bootsie Schuster
-Scranton Road Bible Church
- Alan Steffen
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- Truline Industries, Inc.
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- Bob & Rose Wendt
CitySERVE
Photo Gallery
In just an hour or less per week, you can help transform the life of a person struggling to exit poverty and take steps forward in life.

For you, that could mean simply spending less time playing video games, browsing social media or watching Netflix. Or, it could mean watching one less TV show each week, doing less shopping online or skipping that weekly manicure. Whatever it means for you, once you experience the power of investing that hour into a person’s life, you will be so glad you did!

Through Open Table, groups of 6 to 10 volunteers meet weekly and act as a team of life specialists, encouragers and advocates for people in poverty (referred to as “Brothers” or “Sisters” on the Table). Come learn more!

Open Table Exploration
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016
9:00 – 11:00 am
Gateway West Church/
The Hope Center
15135 Triskett Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44111

Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org for registration details or call 216.281.4673
Three years ago, BHITC and a collaboration of urban pastors and ministry leaders launched the Transform216 (T216) initiative to provide training and mentoring for future pastors and ministry catalysts. Dynamic, Jesus-loving leaders, such as Nate Friedrichsen, a church planter shown here with his family, are the men BHITC’s partners are supporting through this effort. He spent a few minutes sharing with us about how God is at work in his life and the vision he has for leading people closer to Jesus.

BHITC: Tell us about you. You were raised in Northeast Ohio, moved away and have now returned. What led you to come home again?

Friedrichsen: Back in 2014, LeBron James and I met at an undisclosed location and agreed we would return to Cleveland. He actually got the idea from me! While that did not happen, LeBron and I are both from Akron, left for a time and came home. My wife, Aimee, and I – our two young boys came along the way – spent seven years in Chicago before moving to Cleveland in the summer of 2015. Northeast Ohio was always home for me, but I gained a vision for the potential of local churches in and for dense and diverse urban neighborhoods through our time in Chicago.

BHITC: What about planting a new church excites you? Why do you think new churches are needed in the city?

Friedrichsen: In Cleveland, we need more churches putting down deep roots in a neighborhood, churches with long commitment in the same direction. We need more churches wherein every service and small group points Christians and non-Christians to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection every single week.

When we moved back to Cleveland, I took a position as Church Planting Resident at Heights Church in Cleveland Heights. This residency allows us to plant with the ongoing support of a church in Cleveland. By God’s grace, I am excited to plant a similar church, where God is using the ordinary means of grace to grow Christians and give new life to people with little-to-no church background.
BHITC: As you pray about the church plant you’ll lead on the near west side, what is the Lord showing you in terms of ministry opportunities?

Friedrichsen: The near west side is a fascinating cluster of neighborhoods in a city historically and currently divided along racial and socio-economic lines. In other areas of the city, these fault lines separate communities by blocks or even miles. Not so on the near west side. To say these neighborhoods are multicultural would be an understatement. The neighborhoods are also experiencing rapid transition and ongoing conversations about what the neighborhoods will become in the future. A richness to life emerges when people struggle to understand one another and work together in a way that is rather rare in our country today.

My wife and I recently bought a home in Ohio City, and we love raising a family in the middle of the opportunities and challenges that come with the neighborhood. Even if we weren’t planting a church here, there is nowhere else we would rather live.

BHITC: What will your process of engaging with the community look like? If others wanted to join your team, how could they get connected?

Friedrichsen: We plan to begin services in the fall of 2017. Over the next year, we will live in the neighborhood in order to listen and observe. There are other churches and organizations engaging the community, and we have much to learn. Along the way, we will host small groups for those considering planting with us. Our first small group began in August in Cleveland Heights on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. We hope to have enough people to start another group at our home in Ohio City as soon as possible.

Interested in hearing more or considering joining the team? Let’s talk. Let me buy you a sandwich at Nate’s Deli (no relation!), or a coffee at Passengers Cafe, or whatever else you like in the neighborhood. You can also find further information and sign up for updates at teamfriedrichsen.com.

BHITC: How has your experience so far in T216 benefitted you as a leader and helped you prepare for the church plant?

Friedrichsen: T216 has given me the opportunity to develop friendships and forge new ones with pastors and ministry-minded people working on the near west side. Because of the connections I have made through T216, I am hoping to learn from an older generation, collaborate with my generation and resource the next generation for years to come.
Proud to be Americans! This couldn’t be more true for the refugees and immigrants BHITC supports each year on their journeys to become American citizens. This year is a bit different, however, in that two BHITC staff members have now also completed their journeys to citizenship, and everyone involved is so proud!

**Francois Banyeretse**, a refugee from Rwanda, arrived in the United States in 2004 and has been on staff at BHITC since 2007. As part of his role, he serves as an African Refugee Community Worker to this population, connecting this community to our ministries, building relationships and interpreting, as needed.

Although prior to his arrival in the U.S., Banyeretse had already achieved a PhD in physics and the ability to speak seven languages, the process to become a citizen proved to be challenging for him. Juggling his new life in America with work, his wife and six children, it was one step forward and two steps back for many years in this journey, but he continued to work toward his goal.

On April 15, Banyeretse finally achieved his dream of becoming an official US citizen, and he did so with his son, Didier by his side. What a celebration it was!

**Kamila Burgess’** citizenship story began in 2001 when she left Slovakia to attend college in the United States. She met her husband her junior year of college and began working toward becoming an American citizen, but also faced great adversity along this path.

As a young couple, they lost their home to a fire and their youngest of two boys was born with health issues, delaying her repeatedly in the long paperwork process of becoming a citizen. This year, she began volunteering at The Hope Center at the same time she was working on her citizenship application, and Eileen Wilson, BHITC’s Director of Refugee Ministries, worked with her to complete the final steps she needed.

On July 15, Burgess fulfilled her dream of becoming an American and finally had the opportunity to recite the ‘Oath of Citizenship.’
Welcome, Kamila!

Kamila joined BHITC’s staff this spring as the Refugee Program Assistant, supporting the organization’s refugee ministries, primarily those at The Hope Center.

“I have such a heart for missions work, especially knowing the challenges moving to a new country brings. I began praying that God would show me how to use this passion, and He answered with pursuing refugee ministries through BHITC,” she says. “I am amazed at how God weaved so many pieces together to bring me on staff at exactly the right time, and I am so thankful.”

The Hope Center is located at 15135 Triskett Road in Cleveland. For more information about The Hope Center and volunteering at The Hope Center, visit http://buildinghopeinthecity.org/cleveland/the-hope-center/.

Save the Date for BHITC’s

Fall Gala

Sunday,
November 13, 2016

Stillwater Place at the
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland

This elegant new reception center features spectacular views year-round, especially that of its scenic Waterfowl Lake, upscale catering provided by the Zoo’s exclusive catering partner, Aramark and shuttle services to the center’s doorstep. The evening’s silent auction includes offerings for all types of buyers.

- Join us for a sit-down dinner, entertainment and auctions.
- Bid to win unique items, including exclusive packages, such as getaways, one-of-a-kind Cleveland experiences along with your favorite Cleveland neighborhood baskets from years’ past.

A City on a Hill

Transforming People and Places!

Ticket information available soon on our website!
The Lord continues to bless BHITC, giving it much in terms of resources and opportunities for mission. It’s our joy to be useful to Him! The following provides a snapshot of the impact we achieved in 2015.

Our full Annual Report for 2015, including financial statements, will soon be available online at our website, www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.

Building Hope: **BY THE NUMBERS**

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required..." - Luke 12

Church Planting and Leadership Development

- **12** men enrolled in Transform216, BHITC’s two-year coaching and training ministry for emerging urban church planters, ministry catalysts and pastors.

- **3 Church Plants; 500+ Outreach Connections.** Hundreds of people reached through MetroAlliance Church, Clark-Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland, Crossroads Lutheran Church, Brook Park, and 4 Doors Church in Lyndhurst.

Urban Family Learning Centers

- **140+** school-aged students served through five church partners, receiving free weekly one-on-one tutoring or summer reading programs.

- **35%** of tutoring students increased their reading level by one full grade level or more; **70%** students were reading at grade level by the end of school year.

- **100+ Christmas Dreams Made True for Moms and Dads!** BHITC provided the Christmas Store of Hope for 100+ urban parents, providing low-cost, new gift items.
Refugee and Immigrant Ministries

- At the Hope Center: 75 refugee adults served through English classes; 60 received affordable immigration assistance, leading many to reunification with family members; 28 refugees became U.S. Citizens.
- 65 refugees served by BHITC volunteer mentors.
- 23 refugees placed into employment by BHITC, including successful start-up of 1 new refugee small business!
- 35 adults participated in refugee-led groups focused on improving health and adjustment to life in Cleveland for newly-arriving families.
- 106 refugee and immigrant youth and adults reached through VBS, summer reading programs, sports and exercise programs.
- 50+ Arabic women served by Sisters of the Heart ministry

Urban Ministry Training and Deployment

- 221 new volunteers incorporated into city ministries in 2015.
- $863,000+ in labor value provided by BHITC’s volunteers in 2015.
- Open Table expands. Eight Tables supporting people and families in their plans to exit poverty. As a result, 3 new jobs secured; 4 new housing situations secured.
- 407 volunteers received training in urban and cross-cultural ministry.
- 368 volunteers participated in CitySERVE 2015, enhancing the efforts of 32 city ministries, churches and agencies.

Social Enterprise

NOW OPEN!

Common Threads is resale done right! What can you expect?
- Great thrift merchandise in a first-rate retail layout
- An employment pathway for 15-20 people
- A springboard for aspiring local entrepreneurs

Cleveland’s thrift scene has been taken by surprise by this first venture from HopeWorks, LCC, which is committed to giving an excellent witness to Jesus as Lord in the marketplace. Common Threads is located at 22049 Lorain Road, Fairview Park 44126. Learn more at www.commonthreadsthrift.com.
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Make a date with urban ministry!

Sept 10
MissionSmith Episode 4
Growing in your competency for cross-cultural ministry and Fundraising 101 for your ministry, church or nonprofit.
Building Hope in the City/
Trinity Lutheran Church
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sept 17
Refugee Mentor Training
Building Hope in the City
Learn how you can welcome a newly arriving refugee family!
8:30 – 11:30 am

Sept 20
Building Hope 101 Class
Building Hope in the City
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Sept 24
Open Table Exploration
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Building Hope 101 Class

Oct 20
Refugee Mentor Training
Building Hope in the City
5:30 – 8:00 pm

Oct 22
Understanding Poverty Seminar
Cuyahoga Valley Church
9:00 am – 2:30 pm (Registration 8:30 am)
$10 Registration Fee
(Lunch provided for a suggested offering of $5)
RSVPs Required

Nov 5
MissionSmith Episode 6
Adjusting the way you see those you serve: An introduction to asset-based community development

Nov 13
Fall Gala: City on a Hill
Stillwater Place at The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way in Cleveland
Ticket details coming soon!

Nov 15
Building Hope 101 Class

Nov 19
Refugee Mentor Training
Building Hope in the City

For more information or to register for any of the above, contact Lesa Hess at 216.281.4673 or lesa@buildinghopeinthecity.org or visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.