

The following are organizations and programs which the Magnolia Road Church membership wishes to continue at that location.

1. **FANN (Friends and Neighbors Network).** Community Services Center, a nonprofit organization, sponsors the FANN at Magnolia Road Church. FANN was created in 2012 with the purpose of assisting with food security for families in the Magnolia Road neighborhood. The families were based upon need and after a period of orientation began meeting biweekly to receive a package of food for each family. The food is secured through local food banks and other contributors to the CSC. The members of FANN pay a three-dollar membership which is kept in a separate account for them, and they vote on how it will be distributed at the end of the year. The members have group meetings and assist in the food distribution.

2. **Diaper distribution.** In 2022, Magnolia Road began distributing diapers through a diaper bank located at the church. The church wishes that the program to continue. The remaining inventory of the diaper bank was provided to Brionna Palmer with The Diaper Storehouse, a nonprofit organization. We would like that program to utilize space at Magnolia Road for that much needed service to continue.

3. **The North Jonesboro Community Development Corporation (NJCDC).** More information about this organization is listed on page 2.

THE NORTH JONESBOBO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NJCDC)

Building Community

At NJCDC we believe a strong community is a healthy community and a healthy community is a strong community. We believe building a safe, stable, and proud community is the primary key to achieving our goal. That is why we are so passionate about providing forums and opportunities for the community to be heard.

Social determinants of health (SDOH) have a major impact on people's health, well-being, and quality of life. Examples of SDOH include:

- Safe housing, transportation, and neighborhoods
- Racism, discrimination, and violence
- Education, job opportunities, and income
- Access to nutritious foods and physical activity opportunities
- Polluted air and water
- Language and literacy skills

Creating A Healthy and Well Community by Addressing Disparities in Health

Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.^{[1](#)}

Populations can be defined by factors such as race or ethnicity, gender, education or income, disability, geographic location (e.g., rural or urban), or sexual orientation.

Health disparities are inequitable and are directly related to the historical and current unequal distribution of social, political, economic, and environmental resources. (www.CDC.gov)

Our partnerships with New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), St. Bernards Regional Medical Center, and University of Arkansas Medical Science (UAMS) and the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, were formed with our community in mind. Having strong Medical Health Literacy is second only to accessible quality health care.

We are preparing to open a food pantry at our location. The far north end of North Jonesboro is one of the worse food deserts in the city. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of a community garden in this area.