



At Ripple Community Inc. (RCI), our mission is to nurture community and connection in Allentown by fostering a sense of community among our neighbors who have traditionally been marginalized and by cultivating connections across social boundaries. For our most vulnerable neighbors, RCI is a source of friendship, support, and community. Through our core programs-- the RCI Village and the Community Building Center-- we provide housing, supportive services, and community and social connections for struggling residents of Allentown.

The RCI Community Building Center

The Community Building Center (CBC) provides a safe, welcoming daytime space for anyone who needs it. It is a place where our unsheltered or socially isolated neighbors can come to sit quietly and rest, enjoy a meal, engage in conversation, or participate in the activities we offer each week. This year, those activities have included job fairs, chair yoga, art therapy, addiction recovery meetings, and more. Belonging and attention continue to be key words in the work that we do. Even when our community members are away for months at a time, when they walk through our door, someone is greeting them by name. By focusing on relationships and building trust, we can pay close attention to the needs of our members, notice when their lives are turbulent, and be available when we need to refer them to programs that transform their lives.

The RCI Village Housing Program

In the housing department, there is exciting growth. We are moving forward in faith with 2 large housing development projects. This will allow us to provide good, safe housing to more in our community. We are still seeking Neighboring Volunteers who would provide relational support to our residents. We recognize that many individuals and families need a network of support as they move into permanent housing. Too many people who exit homelessness and move into housing lose that network of support or need new friendships that keep them in a positive space. Our hope is that everyone in our housing program experiences community, support, and personal growth.

Thank you!

We are grateful to Mosaic Mennonite Conference for your generous support of RCI over the past year. Your contributions have allowed us to provide much care and support for our residents through our Neighboring Volunteer program and kept our Community Center pantry well stocked. We continue to be co-laborers in the kingdom of God!



“What brings me here is meeting other people. And finding strength from other people to carry on with my day.”

Patty, RCI Community Member

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