



Memorial Foundation

Summer 2026 Newsletter

In the second quarter of 2026, we partnered with 51 nonprofit organizations across Davidson, Sumner, and Robertson counties, including:



PENCIL Foundation

links community resources to Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) to help young people achieve academic success and prepare for life. PENCIL operates a free teacher supply store that distributes nearly \$3M in school supplies annually and engages over 700 area businesses and civic organizations that share their time and expertise with MNPS students.

Tennessee Justice Center

is a public interest law and advocacy firm that provides free assistance navigating public benefits programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC. Services help individuals access preventative and life-saving care while addressing systemic barriers to public health and nutrition benefits. Since 1996, TJC has served over 23,000 Tennesseans and secured over \$8 billion in healthcare and nutrition benefits assistance.



St. Luke's Community House

provides comprehensive services that meet clients' basic needs while supporting their longterm stability and efforts to break cycles of poverty. Approximately 300 Nashville neighbors are served daily through core programs that include a food pantry, meal delivery for seniors and adults with disabilities, case management support for families, and an affordable, high-quality childcare program.

In the News

The Nashville Food Project

brings people together to grow, cook, and share nourishing food, with the goal of cultivating community and alleviating hunger. Every Saturday from May to November, The Nashville Food Project hosts the Growing Together Farmers Market in South Nashville that supports immigrants and refugees from agricultural backgrounds. Read more about the market [here](#).



Thistle Farms

helps women survivors recover and heal from trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. In April, Thistle Farms' CEO, Tasha Kennard, sat down with *The Contributor* to talk about leadership, nonprofit collaboration, and the work of Thistle Farms. Read the full interview [here](#).



Foundation Updates

In April, our Board and Staff had site visits to Room in the Inn, The Nashville Food Project, and Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry. Thank you to our nonprofit partners for hosting!



In June, we commissioned A.M. Hassan from Daybreak Arts to create an original art piece of our building. Daybreak Arts supports artists overcoming homelessness as they move from surviving to thriving. View work from more Daybreak artists [here](#).