who we are

Urban Alliance is a non-profit organization located in East Hartford, Connecticut. Motivated by the love of Christ, as people of faith and hope, we have a deep desire to respond to needs in our Greater Hartford community by serving others together in unity, even as all of us are in need of help, hope and love.

what we do

We equip a network of Christian churches and organizations to serve the community in deeper ways so that people who face challenges to meeting their needs will experience help and hope for a positive future.

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our mission

Our mission is to create opportunities for people to achieve lasting change in their lives through the collaborative work of churches and organizations in our local community.

how we do it

We have five initiatives—Beyond the Basics, Revitalize, Charis, Next Generation and Thrive—to partner with churches and organizations around identified needs in the community.

We support churches and organizations in our network through these initiatives, with convening, training, toolkits, consultation, grants, supplies and volunteers to build stronger programs in the community.

our vision

Our vision is to see people become spiritually, physically, economically and socially healthy and whole as God intended.

working together to make a greater impact.
## UA Initiatives

**Beyond the Basics** is an Urban Alliance initiative to help churches and organizations reach and serve people who are lacking food, clothing or housing so they meet their basic needs and gain greater stability in their lives.

**Revitalize** is an Urban Alliance initiative to help churches and organizations reach and serve people who are struggling to care for their physical health needs so they are able to experience and maintain a lifestyle of wellness.

**Charis** is an Urban Alliance initiative to help churches and organizations reach and serve people who are facing mental, emotional or relational struggles so they are able to cope with life’s challenges and heal from painful experiences.

**Next Generation** is an Urban Alliance initiative to help churches and organizations reach and serve youth so they develop the character, relationships and skills needed to succeed in their schools and communities.

**Thrive** is an Urban Alliance initiative to help churches and organizations reach and serve young children and their caregivers throughout critical developmental stages so children develop strong foundations for learning and growth.

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