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*“Serving  
Shelby County  
with the Love of  
Jesus”*



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## WHAT IS SCCO?

SCCO is...“A local charity helping those in need...”

Recently we posed the question **“What is SCCO?”** in a survey sent out via email to our clients, customers and donors. The results were very reassuring. From the 80+ responses we received, we learned that SCCO is most often associated with terms such as: **“assistance,” “help,” “service,” and “outreach.”** It is good to know that public opinion recognizes the fact that Shelby County Community Outreach is here primarily to serve others. Whether it’s a home repair for elderly/disabled clients, or Hero’s Attic furniture

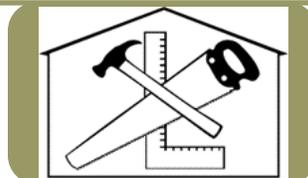
and appliances at discounted prices to help low-income families, or a service project that brings groups together to complete a larger or outdoor task, SCCO is here to help, to assist, to serve, and to reach out to those in need.

We do these things as a natural outflow of our faith in Jesus Christ, not because we have to, but because **“In our union with Christ Jesus He has created us for a life of good deeds, which He has already prepared for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10b TEV).**

SCCO is...“Putting Love to Work.”

## WHAT IS SCCO/Home Repair When you can’t fix it, we can!

Our founding service, the Home Repair Ministry of SCCO, was established **to provide for the needs of the elderly, disabled, and low income residents of Shelby County.** Described as the **“honey-do list”** of activities, we specialize in repairs which are usually just too small for most other contractors to deal with. The majority of the jobs which are done fall within a 2 hour time frame, which limits the type of work to only the project at hand. Material costs are the homeowners’ responsibility, while labor is provided on a free will donation basis.



There are generally two reasons why a person may seek out our services; not finding someone who is available to do the work or lacking the resources to hire the work to be done (or a combination of both). We recognize that every person who calls has individual needs and **we strive to evaluate and meet those needs to the best of our ability,** while also attempting to stay within the established boundaries of the service.

SCCO is...“A valuable resource to people who need a helping hand.”

## WHAT IS SCCO/Service Projects? Restoring “Neighboring” to our Home Towns

When projects are beyond the scope of what we do, we will try to work with the homeowner and direct them to other organizations which may be able to help or attempt to connect them with a local contractor to see about more in depth repair. In some instances we may switch gears and identify the work as a **Community Service Project, thereby working with a volunteer base to accomplish the job.** Area churches may provide volunteers and/or youth groups to lend a helping hand. Civic organizations may be called upon to pitch in too.

**WHAT IS SCCO/Hero's Attic?**  
Affordable Pre-Owned Furniture  
and Appliances



Hero's Attic has been established to be the vehicle through which SCCO reveals our services to the community. Our building, previous home to the American Legion, now holds our corporate offices and various donated **furniture and appliance items which are made available for sale to the general public.** All items are tagged with "garage sale" types of prices, with **deeper discounts available to those who qualify.** Revenue from these sales are used to offset operating costs of the building, along with helping to fund our other services.

The ministry of Hero's Attic reaches into the lives of many people in our area in a variety of

SCCO is... "More than just a thrift store."

ways. **It gives those who have household items in good shape a place to see them continue to be used by someone else and it allows those who are in need of quality furnishings a place to shop at very affordable prices.** We deal specifically in those items which are "microwave size or larger"... living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture, along with kitchen appliances are all accepted donations, providing that they are **in good working condition and able to be used by someone else without required repairs.**

Volunteers are utilized in many aspects of Hero's Attic activities and opportunities abound for those who would like to participate with us in helping to impact the lives of Shelby County residents.

**SCCO: FAITH BASED**  
James 2:14

You will notice we refer to our services as "Ministries" and that's for good reason. **SCCO is a non-profit, Faith Based organization and we view all of our activities as an opportunity to minister to those around us from the overflow of God's love which He has demonstrated to us.** We believe that all people are in need of a loving Heavenly Father, who spared no expense in sending His only Son to this earth, in order to purchase us out of our sinful state and to be reconciled to Him. By repenting of our sins and reaching out to Him in faith, God is able to adopt us into His spiritual family and create in us a clean heart that seeks to please Him and to desire others to know Him, as well. **We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19**

SCCO is... "People loving people."



SCCO is... "Grassroots givers of Christian Care."

**WHAT IS SCCO/Bridging the Gap**  
Connecting Those in Need with Services and Solutions

In the course of each week, SCCO personnel may be involved in other activities which do not fall under the umbrella of any particular service which we advertise. This should not be interpreted as *unimportant* or *unnecessary* work, because it is a natural byproduct of working with people. Human beings have problems!

All of our staff have **compassionate hearts** and are always **willing to lend a listening ear** to our clients and their needs. At times this results in our "unadvertised" service of **"BRIDGING."** We take time to visit with them, and then attempt to **connect our clientele with other organizations or services which will meet their immediate need.** At times, just having someone to "unload" on is enough and we always offer to pray with people if they are interested.

Another aspect of BRIDGING is working with **Salvation Army to be their Special Projects Partner** in Shelby County. This takes the form of writing grants and acting as the conduit for activities such as the annual **Backpack Ministry** for returning school age children to receive supplies needed for the upcoming year. Also, the **Winter Clothing**

**Drive,** which provides warm coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc... for qualifying children who are lacking these things. These grants provide **Holiday Meals** and items such as **Diapers, Lice Kits, and Fans** for families in need.

In addition, we will be working closely in the future with others in the area who see the need for Temporary Housing. This is an activity which SCCO provided and spearheaded for almost 10 years, but were unable to sustain on our own. Our hope is that by Partnering with other entities, we will once again be able to point people to solutions for their immediate need of housing during a crisis in their lives. This is a much needed service in our area, but one which takes a tremendous amount of time, energy and MONEY to develop.

This BRIDGING activity is at the very heart of who we are as an organization. **We exist to care for the people of our county and to help in whatever capacity we can in order to make a difference in people's lives.** Which leads us back to our Purpose Statement: *"Serving Shelby County with the Love of Jesus"*

SCCO is... "A vital part of our community."