

# Broome County Council of Churches

## Who are we?

The Broome County Council of Churches has provided service opportunities for Broome County Churches since 1941. Today, we are a consortium of churches from various faith traditions. Our mission is **“Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity”**

## Why do we do this?

In response to the call to love our neighbor and with the conviction that people embody love in practical acts of service and care, the Council of Churches endeavors to make God’s love for our neighbors known.

## What do we do?

We are an organization that collaborates with many facets of our community. In addition to providing services to the sick, disabled, and injured, the elderly and youth in our community, the prisoner, the hungry, the homeless and the poor of Broome County, we act as an advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic and religious lines.

## How can you help?

We are asking that you partner with us to serve the sick, disabled, and injured, the elderly and youths in our community, and the prisoner, hungry, homeless and poor of Broome County. **Your active volunteer participation in the Council’s activities will help Broome County Council of Churches motivate others to serve as well.** Your generous financial support is an additional way the Broome County Council of Churches can continue to help make Broome County a better community.

# CHOW

Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse is a network of food pantries located in various congregations in Broome County. Our goal is to make emergency food available to people requiring short-term assistance. The result is that approximately 3,000 people, about half of whom are children, are provided with 68,000 meals per month. Over 1,000 volunteers help CHOW accomplish this work.



## Broome Bounty

Broome County’s only food recovery program recovers over one million pounds of food each year that would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to soup kitchens and community meal programs for those who might otherwise go hungry. Together, CHOW and Broome Bounty distribute nearly 2 million pounds of food each year.



## CHOW Farm

To grow, harvest and distribute healthy, nutritious, organic produce to help relieve hunger and increase food security is the goal of the CHOW Farm. The success of this project depends on the generosity and commitment of donors and volunteers. More importantly and directly, the CHOW Farm relies upon a specific type of support—a hybrid of donor and volunteer.



## Hospital Chaplaincy

Bringing comfort and hope to the ailing and anxious spirits of patients, families and staff confronting the crisis of illness is the mission of this program.



Chaplains and volunteers serving Wilson and Binghamton General Hospitals offer visits, referrals and advocacy. The result is that families feel the prayerful support of faith communities in Broome County.

## Faith in Action Volunteers

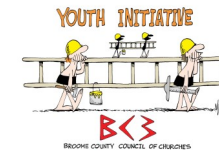
Faith in Action empowers people 60 and over to be active, engaged and involved in their community. We mobilize a network of volunteers from all age groups and backgrounds to provide free inclusive social programs and care partnerships. Some of our programs include Friendly Visits, transportation to medical appointments, Grocery Day, light house chores.



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IN ACTION  
A program of Broome County  
Council of Churches

## Ramp It Up Project

From the floods of 2006 and the group WorkCamps of 2008, we realized the need for wheelchair ramps for many members of our communities and the desire of our youth to help out. *Faith in Action* Volunteers coordinate area youth groups, local suppliers, congregations and community organizations creating an opportunity for youth and adults to work together to benefit folks in Broome County and beyond.



## Jail Ministry

To be a believable and effective witness pointing to God’s unconditional love as a source of emotional and spiritual renewal for all people affected by the criminal justice system. Inmates are offered counseling, support, and spiritual care by an interfaith team of chaplains, a social worker, and trained volunteers. The needs of the family members are also addressed.



## Jail Ministry Reentry

Providing information and referrals along with assistance in navigating the available resources allows our volunteers to assist ex-offenders more effectively reinstate themselves in society. Post-release services are available to all ex-offenders in Broome County, regardless of place of incarceration.



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**CHOW**  
**Jail Ministry**  
**Hospital Ministry**  
*Faith in Action*

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**Service to the community  
is offered through  
these Council programs:**

- Broome Bount**
- CHOW**
- CHOW Farm**
- Faith In Action* Volunteers**
- Hospital Ministry**
- Jail Ministry**
- Ramp It Up**

If you have further questions  
please contact us at  
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## Volunteer



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Contact me to Volunteer

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all programs that are of interest to you:

- Faith In Action Volunteers      Wheelchair Ramp Program
- CHOW      Broome Bount      CHOW Farm
- Hospital Ministry      Jail Ministry      Jail Ministry Reentry

Complete this form and send it to **BC3, 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903**

For a volunteer application: download from online [www.broomecouncil.net/Volunteer/forms.html](http://www.broomecouncil.net/Volunteer/forms.html)  
Or call and request a form to be mailed to you Return completed forms to the above address.