

REAL LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES

REAL Life Community Services is a faith based non-profit social service agency committed to “connecting the community to hope”. REAL Life works hard to make sure that people feel valued and respected. REAL Life grew from a youth ministry which was founded by Rod and Sunny Redcay in 2010. While working with youth, Rod quickly realized that there was a direct correlation between at-risk youth and families in need. In 2016, they became REAL Life Community Services. They hired a social worker and developed programs to expand social services to all residents of the Cocalico school district.

Since 2016, REAL Life has helped over 1,800 of our neighbors in the community in numerous ways.

In 2019, the Declaration House was opened and currently provides space for REAL Life and their staff, Union Community Care that provides affordable dental care, Willow Creek Discount Grocery and Deli, and ten affordable apartments for families in need!

If a single parent and their children are facing housing instability, they may be eligible for the “Glory House” transitional home. Parents are given care and mentorship to aid them in transitioning to permanent housing.

In 2021, they acquired the “Royer House” building next door and renovated it to provide five more affordable housing units.

Their Lighthouse Community Center is home to several programs as well. It serves as a meeting place for community groups, clubs, trainings, and events. It is home to the Momentum Club (youth development) and Thinking Thursdays, as well as financial literacy classes.

Partnering with Community Action Partnership (CAP) and the Cocalico School District, REAL Life started a Parent-As-Teacher program. Their goal is to equip parents with the skills they need to prepare their children for Kindergarten ready to learn.

In 2020 REAL Life purchased and renovated an old warehouse to become “Warehouse916” Food Distribution Center to aid people experiencing food insecurity. They offer two main food programs; Power Packs Project, a weekly program for families with children. And Cocalico Food Pantry, a monthly client choice option to provide food for Cocalico residents in need.

REAL Life Community Services also has senior programs for those 60 & up. They also founded “Cocalico Cares” a Communities That Care model to help their community grow and thrive. They are located in the Declaration House, 240 Main Street, Suite B, Denver. Their hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon.



L-R: (front) Emelia Reifsnnyder (Social Worker), Sunny Redcay (Administrator), Robyn Redcay (Executive Director); (back) Deeann Sherman (Early Learning Mentor), Beny Iordanescu (Program Coordinator), Rod Redcay (Executive Director), Clarence Rutt (Facilities Manager) and Mary-Beth LeVan (Director of Food Distribution).

