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## WHO WE ARE

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Community With A Purpose (Comunidad Con Proposito) is a ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ The Heavenly Way (IJECC) in Flushing, NY. The agency seeks to provide humanitarian relief and social services for the underserved populations in and around Flushing.

## ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

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In 2018, The Church of Jesus Christ The Heavenly Way (IJECC) in Flushing, NY developed a vision to reach the material needs of the underserved in the local community.

Flushing, a multicultural magnet, is home to a diverse population. Over half the residents are foreign-born. The church launched Community With A Purpose as a way to meet basic needs among the population, solely based on need, regardless of nationality, creed, or resident status. CWAP was incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization in 2018.

Initial programming focused on helping local children. In 2018, CWAP provided 40 free backpacks with school supplies for children in need. That number doubled over the next two years and in 2021, the agency provided backpacks for 116 children, nearly tripling its initial efforts. Once CWAP was incorporated and began providing for children's school needs, other material needs came to light, particularly among the Hispanic population. The agency launched drives to provide families with nonperishable food items and warm clothing. CWAP currently provides basic supports for 200 families a year.

CWAP's next step is to open a community center for the core service population to provide educational workshops, ESL classes, connections to health care, and job counseling.

### **Our name**

A community is composed of many families and individuals who share commonalities, whether it is culture, interests, or goals. We believe that everything has to run with a purpose or an outcome in mind. Our agency goal is to create a community whose purpose is life transformation for those in need.

## MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES

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### **Our mission**

We help meet basic needs of the homeless and underserved in the local Flushing, NY area so they can move out of poverty and into productive lives.

### **Our vision**

Our vision is to change local residents' lives through social services and education.

### **Our core values**

- **Neighborly love**  
We are to help those around us and alleviate their burdens.
- **Children and families**  
Children have the right to life's basic needs. Single parents and marginalized families deserve our support as they work to support their families.
- **Immigrants**  
Immigrants have the right to succeed.
- **Education**  
All people have the right to pursue an education, regardless of their age, race, gender, income status, or residential status.

## WHO WE SERVE

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Community With Purpose is located in Flushing, NY, a multicultural neighborhood in the north-central portion of the New York City borough of Queens. More than half of the service population is foreign-born.<sup>1</sup> About 56% identify as Asian and 16% identify as Hispanic.<sup>2</sup> Nearly 1 in 7 of residents (14.8%) live below the poverty line, which 10% higher than the NY rate and 20% higher than the national rate.<sup>3</sup>

Other local community services provide support for the poor residents of greater Flushing, but a large number are directed to the Asian population. CWAP provides services for those who lack basic needs, regardless of their race, religion, economic status, gender, or religion. A significant number of those we serve are undocumented or have recently moved to the United States. As of 2022, CWAP serves an average of 300 people a year who otherwise fall through the social services safety net.

### How people find us

- Flyers. CWAP volunteers distribute flyers announcing our services to people on the street.
- Church. Members of IJECC hear about CWAP's upcoming drives and share about the events with family, friends, and neighbors.
- Word of mouth. Those who have been served refer their friends to us.

### Case studies

Carlos, 9, has had a challenging childhood. He has no dad and has been physically abused. Carlos and his two sisters (ages 14 and 5) live with aunts and uncles. They came to CWAP's winter clothes drive and were mesmerized by the hats, scarfs, gloves that they could choose from. A simple hat and a pair of gloves lightened the lives of these three children, particularly in light of their home environment experiences, with the added benefit of keeping them warm in the winter.

Maria is a single mother, with four children (ages 10, 8, 3, and 1). She saw a flyer announcing CWAP's backpack drive and stopped by with her school-aged children to receive backpacks at the start of the school year. "I didn't have money extra money to spend for school supplies," she explained. "This made a big difference."

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<sup>1</sup> "NYC-Queens Community District 7—Flushing, Murray Hill & Whitestone PUMA, NY." Census Reporter. <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/79500US3604103-nyc-queens-community-district-7-flushing-murray-hill-whitestone-puma-ny/>

<sup>2</sup> "Flushing-Whitestone QN07." NYU Furman Center. <https://furmancenter.org/neighborhoods/view/flushing-whitestone>

<sup>3</sup> "NYC-Queens Community District 7—Flushing, Murray Hill & Whitestone PUMA, NY." Census Reporter. <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/79500US3604103-nyc-queens-community-district-7-flushing-murray-hill-whitestone-puma-ny/>

## WHAT WE DO

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### **Our Services**

CWP provides for basic life needs and other social services for those in our immediate area who are poor, homeless, elderly, or are in need.

#### **Basic life needs**

We provide for basic needs including:

- Food
- Clothing
- Winter clothing
- School supplies
- Christmas gifts

#### **Other direct services**

We connect those in need to other services including:

- Medical care
- ESL classes
- Job readiness skills
- Job opportunities
- Parenting classes
- Single parent support

### **Our Partners**

These collaborators have partnered with CWAP to provide in-kind gifts, financial resources, and volunteers to carry out our mission.

- City Harvest
- Whole Foods
- One Warm Coat
- Operation Warm
- The Church of Jesus Christ The Heavenly Way (IJECC)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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**Q: How does CWAP differ from other social service agencies?**

A: CWAP targets the most vulnerable residents in the greater Flushing, NY area who lack visible means of financial support, who have slipped through the local safety net, or who are in desperate need of life's basic necessities (food, clothing, housing, school supplies, medical care, and employment.) CWAP serves anyone in need. Because the bulk of services in the immediate area provide support for the marginalized Asian population, a large number of those we serve are Hispanic. Most do not speak English at home.

**Q: What types of services do you provide?**

A: We provide basic life needs and direct services.

**Q: What is your tax status?**

A: CWAP is a registered 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. All financial and in-kind gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

**Q: Where are you located?**

A: CWAP operates its distribution events at IJECC facilities, initially at a College Point second-floor office warehouse space and now in the basement and first floor of a Flushing commercial building. Our immediate goal is to expand the 2,800-square-foot Flushing location into a community center for our service population.

**Q: What are your office hours?**

A: Currently by appointment.

**Q: How are you staffed?**

A: CWAP operates solely with volunteers.

## CWAP POLICIES & TERMS

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By using and accessing services, users agree to CWAP Terms and Conditions. If not in agreement, users should not access services. CWAP is not responsible for any damages or injuries caused by the use of or access to services. We do not guarantee any merchandise, information, service, or other material provided on or through our services.

### Privacy

CWAP maintains the highest standards of decency, fairness and integrity in all our operations. We dedicated to protecting our users' privacy. CWAP guarantees 100% confidentiality.

### Terms

CWAP is dedicated to providing quality, affordable services at no cost to clients.

## OUR BOARD OF ADVISORS

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