

Norcross Cooperative Ministry

NCM



The Greg Ellis Center

CARING FOR THE
COMMUNITY



Helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ.

2006 Annual Report



God is challenging us to expand our territories ...and the community is responding.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:35-40

NCM's Stewardship Policy

Our responsibility is to be good stewards of the resources donated to NCM. To achieve that goal, we have policies and procedures in place to allow for smooth operation, fair distribution of limited resources, and the prevention of client fraud and abuse.

Check out our website at www.norcrossco-op.org for more information on NCM!

Building a Legacy by Serving

Letter From The President

Greetings! As this is my first article as President of NCM, let me share with you that it is an honor to serve in this capacity and to seek out God's will for this ministry. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and to challenge you to be a part of our renewed mission for such a time as this!

“What we have done for ourselves
alone dies with us; what we have
done for others and the world
remains and is immortal.” Albert Pike

First, I want to thank all of you who have been instrumental in getting the Norcross Co-Op to where it is today. Your volunteering hearts and giving spirits have raised the bar for all of us. Equally, today the hearts of those who day in and day out serve and bring glory to God through their service here at NCM have carved a new course for the future of this ministry.

Our new vision for transformational programs was launched in the 4th quarter 2006! This expanded direction started in the hearts of the workers, volunteers and board members of the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. At its center the long-established purpose of NCM – *to serve those in need in the community*. **The renewed vision expands our desire to aid others to overcome their crisis** by leveraging existing organizations in the community and collaborating together to provide the means to overcome their situations. The expanded vision embraces the opportunity to inspire a new life and purpose with the love of Christ. This vision will focus more on transforming lives—an investment in lives and the possibilities when God and crisis meet, when opportunity and love cross in the form of ministry, servanthood and compassion for others.

As we continue to develop and introduce NCM's new VISION and related transformational programs and ministries, I am enthusiastic and eager to see God's plan unfold through us. Already we are experiencing miracles and received testimonies of supernatural events, evidence of God's desire to reach the lives of those who are participating in our transformational programs. Here are each of the new areas in which we will be forming and are developing opportunities to correspond to NCM's new transformation vision:

- ◆ **Spiritual / Small Groups**
- ◆ **Community**
- ◆ **Children**
- ◆ **Education**
- ◆ **Job**
- ◆ **Health**
- ◆ **Transitional to Permanent Housing**
- ◆ **Seniors & Disabled Adults**

I personally invite you to be a part of this life-changing and transforming journey at the Norcross Co-Op. By participating, donating and giving, as we do, so are our lives benefited and transformed as well.

Humbly,
Alfredo Garcia

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- ◆ CareerFest 2007 & Job Fair
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- ◆ AT&T Classic Birdies for Charity

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What Is The Norcross Cooperative Ministry?

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry, more commonly known as NCM or the Norcross Co-Op, is a faith-based, 501c3 non-profit organization. Its purpose is to serve men, women, and children in southwestern Gwinnett County; a metropolitan area northeast of Atlanta GA. Established in 1988 NCM's current mission states, "Helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ." Director, Shirley Cabe, explains, "NCM is a community organization serving the basic needs of families and individuals in crisis. Once the immediate needs are met, we address the underlying problems through our transformational programs." NCM currently receives financial aid, food, a variety of office & home goods and volunteer support from twenty-one local congregations, businesses, civic and social organizations, foundations, and individuals.

Serving The Community...

It doesn't matter whether you're an individual, a member of a traditional family, a single parent, an elderly person, or a disabled person. It doesn't matter if you're employed or unemployed. It doesn't matter if you're homeless, or about to face eviction. It doesn't matter whether you're a Christian, non-Christian, or even a believer. What does matter is that you're facing a personal crisis and you've come to Norcross Cooperative Ministry for help. NCM serves eight zip code areas (30071, 30073, 30091, 30092, 30093, and Gwinnett County portions of 30084, 30340, and 30360) that cover 25% of Gwinnett County and fourteen school attendance zones. You don't even need to call for an appointment.

Following proof of residency at the reception window, a Volunteer Intake Counselor interviews a client determining their most urgent needs. Initially, NCM stands ready to offer one week of groceries, clothing, many standard household items, and some financial assistance intended for overdue bills (i.e. utility, rent, temporary lodging), or medical prescriptions. Career counseling that includes resume reviews, postings of current openings, and identification of employment resources is readily available, too.

A client who is open to opportunity has a resource for personal change. NCM offers each week ESOL classes, Bible studies, Financial Management classes, Job Ministry one-on-one appointment sessions, a yearly CareerFest & Job Fair, and a host of referral information to community resources. For example, a representative of the Gwinnett County School System is available to clients when needed. Representatives from Partnership for Community Action take applications for financial assistance with heating and cooling bills for low-income residents as funds permit. Referral information is accessible for low-income housing, health care, legal aid, child support, etc.

While working with an NCM volunteer, clients gain an appreciation for the respect and compassion they are shown throughout their visit. Volunteers and staff are committed to help their fellow man in need. Policies and procedures are designed to ensure fairness and discourage fraud or abuse and ensure good stewardship of limited resources. At NCM, we are dedicated to listening, lending a hand, and offering prayer, when requested, to every individual. All goods and services are free, too.

In the future NCM plans to continue and expand services so that every client is provided with a wealth of tangible goods and information. Yearly 'Needs Assessments' will determine which programs best meet clients' necessities. So, after the client has 'weathered the current storm', he or she will truly understand that the community cares and wants to help them transform their lives.

How Does NCM Measure Success?

We measure our effectiveness one family at a time by working to prevent homelessness and provide food and clothing for the hungry and working poor in the SW Gwinnett community. We firmly believe that before we can minister to hearts we have to help them through the storm. The storm might be an immediate housing or financial crisis. Once the mind is at ease and the hunger has subsided, then we can help the client address their heart's needs for prayer, small group Bible Study, safer housing, language classes, job leads, and renewed hope that the community cares and will help them through their emergency.

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2006 Highlights & Ministry Reports

During 2006 NCM volunteers, staff and board members worked together with the community to:

- ◆ Offer free weekly ESOL classes.
- ◆ Expand the number of small group Bible studies.
- ◆ Start Bible-based Financial Management classes in English while planning and preparing for a Spanish class in 2007.
- ◆ Expand NCM's Job Ministry program to include free weekly sessions of intensive one-on-one job search counseling.
- ◆ Add free sessions with Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS).
- ◆ Plan and implement Phase I of a three-year vision of "Transformational Ministry".
- ◆ Continue cooperative efforts with Partnership for Community Action to provide financial assistance with heating and cooling bills.
- ◆ Respond to a crisis created when a local hotel evicted NCM clients.
- ◆ Continue the annual school supply program to provide school supplies for 300+ children in 14 Norcross-area schools.
- ◆ Continue collaborative efforts with Barnes & Noble Booksellers at the Forum raising over \$600 to support NCM's ESOL and School Supply Programs for 2006-2007.
- ◆ Receive proceeds from CheckFree's Putt-Putt Fund Raiser.
- ◆ Co-host CareerFest 2006 & Job Fair (see article below).
- ◆ Celebrate the Burning of the Mortgage on the new facility.
- ◆ Continue to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Christmas Assistance Report

Christmas can be especially stressful for some of our families as they struggle to pay rent and utilities. Perhaps knowing and sharing the joy and love of the season itself is why so many of us enjoy supporting the annual Christmas Assistance Program. During Christmas 2006 NCM staff, donors and volunteers shopped, organized, packed and distributed toys and gifts to over 1,000 families, which included 3,358 children and teens. Dozens of local companies donated toys, financial resources and volunteer time. Volunteers gave more than 500 hours in support of Christmas projects! All of this was made possible by many gracious and tireless volunteers and donors. Thank you! We also want to recognize and say a special Thank You! to the companies of Technology Park who donated thousands of toys and to the Toys for Tots for their support.

Job Ministry News

Wow! Our best year ever! We are thrilled to report that in 2006 we celebrated as many more of our clients acquired new jobs! Lots of new job leads, regular job ministry meetings, hard work from our clients and a great team of volunteers had everything to do with that achievement. Our 6th annual job fair, CareerFest 2006, was well attended with at least six people getting hired that day! Held at Victory World Church, NCM partnered with GA Department of Labor, Hope for the Future & Gwinnett Coalition to provide a great day of success.

Small Group Ministry Report

Our small group ministry grew last year to include several Crown Financial Management classes and Bible Study series including a study from the Book of James and a Spiritual Road Map. Over 40 lives were touched and blessed through these Small Group meetings. In 2007, we will continue with quarterly Crown classes, adding a Crown class in Spanish. We will also offer several Rev. Andy Stanley series classes and other Bible studies.

Volunteer News

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry extends heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers for every contribution made in 2006. Whether it is two hours once a month or four hours each week, every minute makes a difference to the families we support. Together we logged over 16,000 volunteer hours, served 4,300 families, and helped over 3,300 children with Christmas this year. Way to go, NCM volunteers! Want to know how you can get involved this year? Visit our website or call the office for more details.

It is not just another agency on a list of service providers...

At NCM they care for the community one family at a time.

Testimonies From Our Ministry

“On Saturday, February 3, 2007, I went to the Norcross Co-Op to get assistance with food and clothing. As I was called in to be interviewed, there were some CDs on the table and the young lady told me that I could take one....At that point in time in my life, I was feeling depressed and hopeless. My employment benefits had finished in December 2006 and money was extremely tight. I received my assistance from NCM and left. I had no idea of the tremendous blessing that I had received. When I played the CD...God truly ministered to me and renewed my spirit and faith....I also thank God for the outreach of Norcross Co-Op Ministry....Praise be to God for reaching out His hand to me when I was down and out and feeling as if no one cared.”

His in victory, Evangelist Ramona
Client

“As one of the leading providers of emergency assistance to homeless families, I heartily support Norcross Cooperative Ministry’s request for funding. Shirley Cabe, NCM’s Executive Director, and her tireless volunteer staff work very hard to provide emergency shelter, homeless prevention and essential services such as food and clothing. We value the organization as a close community partner and look forward to continue working with them in the future.”

Alice B. Ramsey, The IMPACT! Resource Center

“As a school social worker who works exclusively with the homeless population, I can attest to the fact that there is a great need in Gwinnett County for shelter and housing for our homeless population. In Gwinnett, there is no homeless shelter at all. In my experience, the Norcross Cooperative Ministry plays a very important and significant role in helping those in our county who are homeless or about to become homeless. Any funds or other resources that could be given to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry would allow the organization to help the homeless and those who are about to become homeless.”

Michael Frech, Gwinnett County Public Schools

“I have been involved in several Bible classes and have continued on to accept Christ and be baptized. I have volunteered and enjoyed being able to help people. I was having a hard time finding a job and NCM provided gift cards that helped me to have gas and food...and paid a phone bill so that I could make and get phone calls about jobs. I found the staff to be excellent in the treatment of people, always a smile and a kind word.”

Paula B.
Small Group Participant

“Norcross Co-Op is a wonderful organization. Everyone there is very helpful and kind. It’s good to know we have somewhere to go [when we are] in need of help.”

Lena M.
Small Group Participant

“Our agency has been partnering with Norcross Cooperative Ministry in the past ten years and I would highly recommend them....They will undoubtedly ensure proper and fair distribution of ... funds....Norcross Cooperative Ministry relentlessly provides ... services through full participation, cooperation and involvement in community affairs....granting...funds will enable them to expand their housing services and prevent homelessness.”

Rose L. Prevot
Partnership for Community Action

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NCM Announces a New Three-Year Vision

New Vision, New Mission Statement and Related Transformational Programs

NCM has an enviable reputation...helping over 4,300 families with food, clothing, financial assistance, a job ministry, ESOL classes, small group Bible studies, or community service referrals during 2006. However, NCM's President, Alfredo Garcia, under the direction of the Board of Directors, asserts that implementation of a new vision is necessary.

In an informative meeting with NCM volunteers held on February 26, 2007, Mr. Garcia posed a question for the group. "How many of you, when speaking with a client, have thought, 'I wish I could have done more. I don't know how this person is making it'?"

Mr. Garcia explained that NCM's new vision should pave the way for "helping clients build bridges to the next step in their life. We all know that we can't change anyone's mind, but we can provide opportunities for him or her to grow and change. We can provide bridges **'to transform people'**."

In prior years NCM has focused on crisis intervention offered with the love of Christ. In 2007 its focus will extend to include more intensive internal program development and collaboration with community programs and services that will **'transform lives through the love of Christ'**. During 2006 fewer than 300 clients participated in transformational programs. By 2009 NCM expects to be serving at least 2,400 clients in various transformational programs inspired by the love of Christ. This transformation process is key to any individual's personal success and will consequently result in his or her family unit becoming stronger.

NCM's new vision states, **"Helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ."** How will NCM accomplish this challenging goal? First, NCM is a faith-based community resource and will therefore draw upon the power of Christ to accomplish this new vision. Prayer for wisdom and guidance to lead the way to transformational assistance will lie at the base of this successful action plan.

Second, NCM's Board of Directors has identified eight programs of potential client services within the transformational assistance vision. Each of these areas will operate under a 'team leader' with 'supporting members'.



Third, a Marketing Team has been formed and is currently 'spreading the word' so that new partnerships can be formed to boost financial support & volunteers for each of the programs. The Vision Team will reassess these eight programs each year to modify and enhance accordingly.

Then finally, as we continue to serve the immediate crisis, NCM clients will be presented with new program options that will empower them for more permanent life changes.

Mr. Garcia closed the informative meeting with NCM volunteers with a personal request. "Please ask yourself, where can I see myself helping accomplish this vision statement? We have no shortage of ideas, only a shortage of volunteers to implement it. Think of it as an 'investment in eternity' where the 'ripple effect' may transcend generations within a family."

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NCM Transformational Assistance

Category & Leader	Vision	Programs
Spiritual / Small Groups Team Leader: Alfredo Garcia 	To represent Christ and demonstrate His love to all NCM clients through our words and actions.	Small Group Studies, Prayer, Bible distribution, connect clients with churches.
Community Team Leader: John Byerley 	Collaborate with community & faith based groups to promote a positive & healthy "quality of life opportunity" for those living in the Norcross area.	Curriculum for classes in coordination with churches, law enforcement, & governmental groups. Participation in Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Mitchell Road Clean-Up. Adopt-A-Road Program.
Children Team Leader: Vacancy 	Be a positive influence on children & parents by promoting a healthy, Godly lifestyle at home.	Age-based programs and continued partnership with school counselors, teachers and social workers (i.e., sports, tutoring, homework assistance, mentoring, clubs, camps, and readiness programs).
 Education Team Leader: Vacancy	Connect client families with life skills educational programs designed to encourage, equip, and empower.	Life skills programs (i.e., financial skills, CCCS classes, parenting, ESOL, career training, higher education opportunities).
Jobs Team Leader: Leslie Buchanan 	Provide clients with fundamental tools needed to find, develop, and retain a career in today's workforce.	Resume writing, NCM's CareerFest & Job Fair, other area job fairs, interview skills, job referrals, weekly job ministry meetings, career enrichment.
Health Team Leader: Vacancy 	Promote & encourage healthy living for families by providing awareness of available physical & mental health care programs.	Prescription assistance, health agency referrals & partnerships, monthly health screenings performed by Amerigroup, and partnership with Good Samaritan Health Center "Back to School" Project providing school supplies and immunizations. Stocking food pantry for specific nutritional concerns.
Transitional to Permanent Housing Team Leader: Shirley Cabe 	Provide client families with immediate & long-term housing alternatives available throughout Metro Atlanta.	Temporary hotel assistance; homeless shelter referrals; community resource referrals; participate in and collaborate with community-wide shelter efforts & home ownership organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. Partnering with Impact Group to provide targeted case management program to our homeless families living in hotels. Partnering with Campus Church of Christ "Kids Eat" Program. Partnering with Gwinnett County Public Schools to support families living in extended stay facilities.
 Seniors & Disabled Adults Team Leader: Cyndi Sluder-Oxedine	Identify needs for this demographic and research outreach / referral programs that can provide services to this target group.	Under development.

**It is not just another day at just another job...
At NCM we are caring for the community one family at a time.**

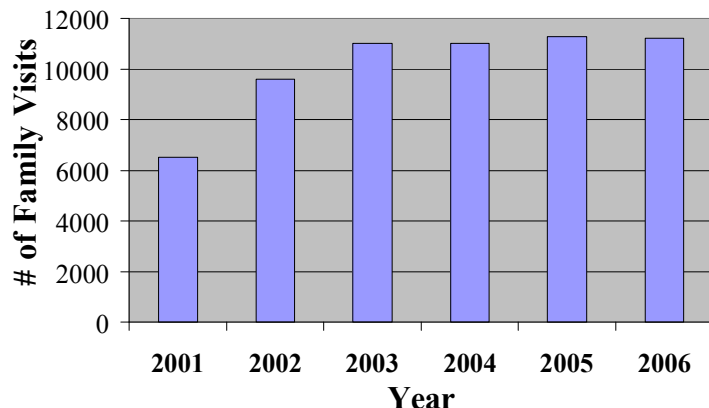
Volunteer Reflections...

“Serving as a volunteer Intake Counselor at Norcross Cooperative Ministry is a richly rewarding experience. I’ve seen a client’s gratitude reflected in his/her eyes when food or clothing is supplied for their children. I’ve witnessed thankfulness when a client receives necessary medication that will maintain or improve his/her health. I’ve heard the sigh of relief when a client is now able to pay a utility bill or provide rent for another month. I’ve observed the sparkle of joy in a client’s demeanor when a job opportunity is made readily available. I’ve watched tears swell in the eyes of a homeless person when he/she knows that tonight there will be a hot shower and a safe, warm place to sleep. I’ve sensed the cautious curiosity and hopefulness when a client seeks knowledge and solace in God’s Word. Making the decision to work at NCM has been as much of a blessing for me, as for NCM’s clients.” Sherry

“In July 2005, I retired from the corporate world after thirty-four years in the financial services industry. Retiring as a senior officer from a multi-billion dollar company gave me a great deal of satisfaction, but that satisfaction was nothing compared to that which I have experienced since coming to work as a volunteer at NCM. The sense of fulfillment which comes with using my business experience to help others who have been less fortunate than I, instead of using that experience for financial gain, cannot be measured. The first time I was able to help someone keep a roof over their head, even though it was only for one week at a time, far overshadowed any corporate experiences. I have been truly humbled by the dedication of the full-time staff and the other volunteers I have met since coming on board. They have all given me something to aspire to.” Tom F

“Volunteering at NCM is one of the most spiritually nourishing things I do. Giving an encouraging word to a stressed client, helping a child choose a toy, and bringing a cart of food bags to a hungry family are all wonderful experiences. And the hugs and grateful thanks are priceless.” Rebecca

Family Visits Year Over Year



4,300 Families’ Lives Touched

- 18,494 Adults Served
- 18,495 Children Served
- 480 Seniors Served
- 11,209 Family Visits

Tangible Immediate Assistance Provided

- 32,419 Bags of Food Distributed
- 84,016 Items of Clothing Distributed

Financial Assistance Provided

Rental Aid	\$100,895
Utility Aid	117,243
Food Purchases	32,781
Christmas Assistance	30,415
Medical Aid	7,232
Temporary Lodging	97,695
Miscellaneous Aid	2,220
Other Transportation Aid	<u>8,881</u>
Total Client Financial Aid =	<u><u>\$397,362</u></u>

Praise be to God that His abundance makes this level of giving in the community possible!

2006 Donations Received & Assistance Provided Reports

Income

Churches	\$172,749
Grants & Foundations	171,956
Individuals	101,213
Businesses & Corporations	92,763
Building Fund	85,975
Civic & Social Groups	5,644
Interest	3,879
Other	265
TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME	\$634,444

Total Income (Including Value of Donated Food) **\$925,763**

Overhead

Salaries (Full-time & Part-time)	\$88,884
Facility Utilities / Telephone	17,064
Repairs & Maintenance	15,343
Fund Raising / Publicity / Advertising	10,189
Insurance	5,409
Legal / Accounting	2,500
Postage	1,546
Office Supplies / Expenses	1,358
Bank Charges	612
Other	148
TOTAL OVERHEAD	\$143,053

Direct Aid Provided to Clients

Rent	\$100,895
Utilities	117,243
Temporary Lodging	97,695
Food Purchases	32,781
Christmas Assistance	30,415
Transportation / Gas Vouchers	8,881
Medical Aid / Prescriptions	7,232
Special Projects	1,677
Other	543
TOTAL DIRECT CLIENT AID	\$397,362

Total Financial & Food Assistance **\$688,681**

Total Financial, Food and Clothing Aid **\$772,697**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$540,415**

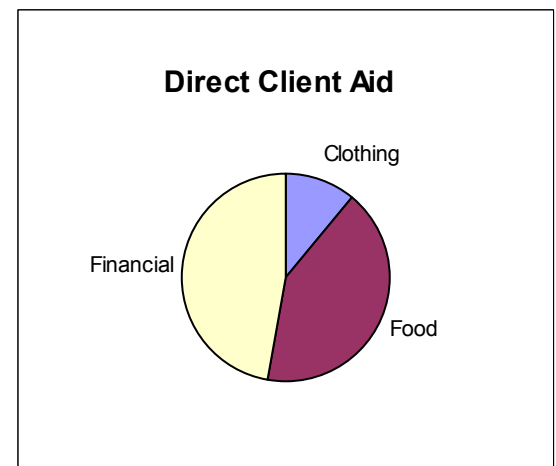
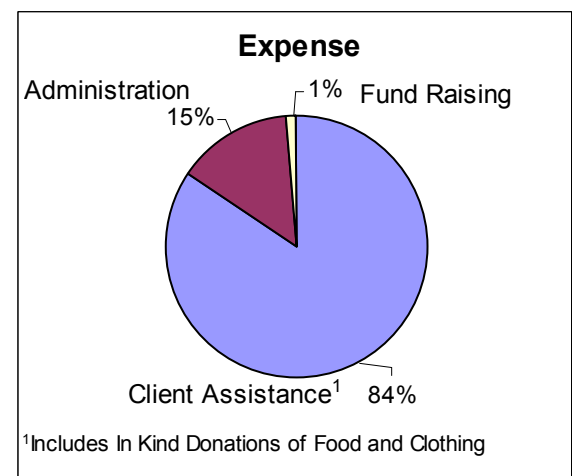
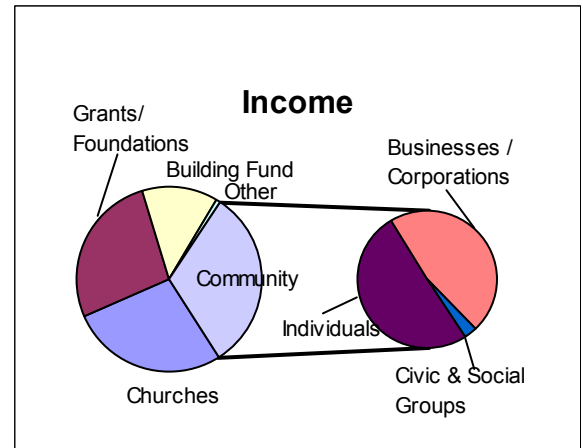
Estimated Value of In-Kind Donations

<i>Estimated Value of Donated Food</i>	\$291,319
<i>Estimated Value of Donated Clothing</i>	\$84,016
<i>Estimated Value of Volunteer Hours</i>	\$162,540

Overhead Statistics

Overhead (As a Percentage of Cash Outlay) 26.5%

Estimated Overhead (As a Percentage of Cash Outlay Plus Donated Food & Clothing) 15.6%



2006 Donors, Volunteers and Contributors

Businesses & Corporations

Advocate Networks
AGCO Corporation
Allen Insurance Group, Inc.
Atlanta Journal Constitution
Bank of America United Way Campaign
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
BellSouth Corporation
BeneScript Services, Inc.
C. K. South
CA, Inc.
CBI
CheckFree
City Capital
Compuware
Consultants & Builders, Inc.
Controlled Blasting
Corporate Psychology Resources, Inc.
Curves
Dixie Industrial Finishing Co., Inc.
Dozier Communities, LLC
Ernest Communications, Inc.
EMC Corporation
Ernst & Young, LLP
Excel Federal Credit Union
GA Assoc Prof Private Investigators
Good Will Industries of N GA
Honeywell
Hooper Dental, Inc.
Image Advertising
ING Employee Giving
IST Management Services, Inc.
Jim Ellis Atlanta, Inc.
John Wieland Homes
Johnson Industries
Kroger
Lavista Associates, Inc.
Matrix
McMaster-Carr
MD & I, Inc.
Medical Doctor Associates
Metro Stat Appraisal
NJP ProCraft
ODL
Omicron Master
Paladin Associates, Inc.
Peachtree Bank
Peachtree Corners, Inc.
Plymart
Point Clear LLC
Publix Supermarkets
Quest Diagnostics
Remax—Suburban Atlanta

Sage Software SB, Inc.
Search Technology
Sound Video Corporation
Southstar Energy Services LLC
Sun Microsystems
SunTrust Bank—Corporate Tax
Suzanna's Kitchen
SWC Office Equipment
Symantec
The Businesses at Technology Park Atlanta
The Goddard School of Norcross
The Fields Swim & Tennis Club
Transwestern Commercial Services
Trinity Press
UPS
Via Consulting Group, LLC
W. H. Bass, Inc.
Wal-Mart—# 2154
Waterford Homes, Inc.
Wells Real Estate
Yost Communities
Zoo Atlanta

Civic & Social Groups

Berkeley Lake Elementary
BSA Troop 525
Dunwoody Manor Subdivision
Georgia Delta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa
Greater Atlanta Christian Schools
Gwinnett County Public Schools
Laureate Delta Kappa
Lionheart Theatre Company
Local Boy & Girl Scout Troops
Norcross Elementary
Norcross Lions Club
Norcross Woman's Club
Providence School
Norcross Rotary Clubs
Simpson Elementary
Summerour Middle School
Wesleyan School

Grants & Foundations

Amerigroup Charitable Foundation
Bank of America Foundation
CBRB Cares Foundation
Community Foundation—CareFree Grant
Cecil B. Day Foundation
CitiGroup Foundation
Community Foundation for NE GA
Count On Me Family Foundation
EFSP United Way
Episcopal Charities Foundation

Foster Children's Foundation
Gwinnett County GCPS Grant
Jackson EMC Operation Roundup
Jim Ellis Foundation
McMurry Family
National Christian Foundation
Nordson Corporation Foundation
North Georgia Homeless Council
Vanguard Charitable Foundation
Wal-Mart Foundation
Weyerhaeuser Foundation
Women's Legacy

Donations In Memory of...

Bernadette Valego
by Mr. & Mrs. T J Bennett, Jr.
Ms. Rita Carlucio
by Ms. Barbara Kasbo

Donations In Honor of...

Bob & Betty Lou Watson's
50th Wedding Anniversary by
many friends and family

NCM Advisory Board

NCM's Advisory Board has made invaluable contributions during its two years of service. 2006 Members of NCM's Advisory Board included:

Elliott Brack, Editor & Publisher
Gwinnett Forum
Bill Burton, Principal
Greater Atlanta Christian School
Jim Coughlin, Senior VP
Transwestern Commercial Services
Jim Ellis, President
Jim Ellis Companies
Steve Franzen, Judge
Gwinnett County
Michael Frech, Social Worker
Gwinnett County Public Schools
Debra Herring, Parish Nurse
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
Monty Watson, President
Peachtree Bank
Dan Kinney, Financial Advisor
The Kinney Group
Lillian Webb, Mayor
City of Norcross
Barbara Kasbo, Volunteer
Norcross Cooperative Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

2006 Participating Member Churches

NCM is supported by over one hundred volunteers, a full-time Executive Director and four part-time employees. The voting polity of the board is comprised of one voting and one alternate delegate from each member church. The board holds open business meetings the first Monday night of the month at 7:00PM at 2275 Mitchell Road. In 2006, the member churches were:

Atlanta Vineyard Church
Campus Church of Christ
Central Gwinnett Ministry of the Atlanta Church of Christ
Christ Church Episcopal
Christ the King Lutheran
Grace Church
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
John Wesley United Methodist Church
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
Norcross First Baptist Church
Norcross First United Methodist Church
Norcross Presbyterian Church
One Heart Church
Peachtree Corners Baptist Church
Peachtree Corners Church of Christ
Peachtree Corners Christian Church
Peachtree Corners Presbyterian Church
Perimeter Church
Simpsonwood United Methodist Church
St. James Lutheran Church
Victory World Church

2006 NCM Executive Board

Alfredo Garcia, President
Member Victory World Church
John Byerley, Vice-President
Member Campus Church
Ellen Queen, Secretary
Member John Wesley United Methodist Church
Joe Brand, Treasurer
Member Norcross First Baptist Church

Volunteers and community-wide donations of time and talent in leadership areas, service as committee members in the new transformational programs, donations of food, clothing and financial support are vital to NCM's ability to serve the growing needs of the community. We encourage you to support the Norcross Co-Op in whatever manner the Spirit leads you. Volunteer opportunities abound; no experience necessary.

Client Assistance Volunteers:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00AM to 2PM
Tuesday from 6:00PM to 8PM
Saturday from 10:00AM to Noon

Warehouse / Office & Special Projects Volunteers:

Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 4PM

Marketing Team:

This is a newly formed team and we are looking for volunteers with marketing / public relations experience to help us formulate and carry out our marketing strategy.

Prayer Partners:

We need volunteers who will pray for the Norcross Co-Op as well as pray for the concerns of our clients. We have a prayer request box, and we could e-mail you the prayer concerns on a weekly basis.

Small Group Helpers:

Small Group volunteers are needed to assist with child-care during adult ESOL classes on Tuesdays from 11:30AM-1PM and during small group classes on Thursday evenings from 6:00PM to 8:30PM.

Job Ministry:

The Job Ministry team can use your help calling clients, researching job leads, and keeping the job information board up-to-date. Hours are flexible.

Food, School Supply and Toy Drive Sponsors:

NCM particularly needs businesses, organizations, and individuals who are willing to organize food, school supply and toy drives throughout the year.

For more information on the many volunteer opportunities available at the Norcross Co-Op, call Shirley or Leslie at 770-236-0013.

Our web site is frequently updated. Visit the site today for the latest NCM news and volunteer opportunities.

Check out our website at www.norcrossco-op.org for more information on NCM!

2007 Events & NCM Contact Information

US Postal Service 2007 National “Stamp Out Hunger” Food Drive—May 12, 2007

Watch your mailbox in May for details. Food donated in the Norcross & Peachtree Corners neighborhoods will directly benefit NCM. All you have to do is leave your donated non-perishable food items at your mailbox on Saturday, May 12th, to be collected by your local mail carriers. Volunteers to help pick-up and unpack donated food are needed at NCM that day. If you can help, call NCM at (770) 263-0013.

Charity Book Fair May 6—May 14, 2007

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry invites you, your friends and family to our 5th Semi-Annual Charity Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at the Forum on Peachtree Parkway in Norcross. This year’s first book fair will run from Sunday, May 6, 2007, through Monday, May 14, 2007. The second book fair will run from Sunday, November 18, 2007, through Monday, November 26, 2007. The Norcross Co-Op will receive a percentage of qualifying sales during both week long events. The book fairs support NCM’s educational programs. Purchases only benefit NCM if you present an NCM/Barnes & Noble book fair voucher. To obtain a voucher, visit our website at: www.norcrossco-op.org.

CareerFest 2007 & Job Fair Tuesday—May 15, 2007

CareerFest 2007 & Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. If your company would like to participate or you are looking for a job or a better job, mark your calendar and plan to join us. Contact Leslie Buchanan at NCM for more details.

New Donation Cards!

Did you notice our enclosed, new donation cards? Our Marketing Team has been hard at work this year to design & produce the new cards for us. Now you can make a donation on-line through our website, by check, or by credit card! Make your donation using your favorite method today. If you did not receive a card with this newsletter, be sure and let us know, and we will be happy to send one to you!

AT&T Classic Birdies for Charity May 14—20, 2007

Charity begins on the golf course at the AT&T Classic. You can make the Co-Op a big winner by participating in the Birdies for Charity program. Simply pledge \$0.01 or more per birdie or make a one time donation to charity or return the completed form to NCM *and* have a chance to win a 42” Plasma HDTV television by guessing the exact number of birdies made by the PGA Tour pros Wednesday through Sunday of tournament week. For more details on how to participate visit NCM’s web site at: www.norcrossco-op.org.

Client Services

Client Services Phone Number	(770) 263-8268
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	10AM to 2PM
Tuesday Evenings	6PM to 8PM
Saturdays	10AM to Noon

Administrative Office Hours

Monday through Friday Open 9AM to 4PM

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We need individual, corporate and civic support as well as the help of area churches to help us care for the community. We are truly blessed at this ministry by all who contribute their time, effort and money.
Won’t you join us?

“...Whatever you did for one of the least of these you did for me.” Matthew 25:35-40