

Norcross Cooperative Ministry

NCM



*The Greg Ellis Center*

CARING FOR THE  
COMMUNITY



*Together we can make a difference in our community  
one family at a time.*

## 2007 Annual Report



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

### 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.

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## NCM Executive Board

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# *“Dear Community, Thank You”*

## **Letter From The President**

As we start 2008, I first and foremost want to say “Thank You” on behalf of the Norcross Co-Op staff, volunteers and clients. Thanks to you all for working with the Co-Op. I am pleased to share with you that by working together in 2007 we completed another successful year representing a chapter unto itself in NCM’s history of service to the community.

Some years, fires or floods ravage families lives. Other years the economy wrecks havoc with job security. And in other years drought, the poor economy or a mortgage crisis strikes the community.

While 2007 presented its own challenges for us as individuals and for our clients, we are grateful for the extraordinary support we received in these troubled times. Because of your faithful giving and together with your help the Co-Op assisted nearly 11,000 families and touched the lives of over 18,000 children.

Indeed our call to serve in the community was fulfilled in many ways. I want to thank everyone who helped us this year; we could not have reached so many lives and addressed so many needs for so many families without your financial support, donations of precious time and talent, and devoted and kind giving. You all have my most sincere thanks as we continue to bring the love of Christ to those in need in the Norcross community and the surrounding areas.

You may recall that in 2007 we introduced and began implementing our new vision plan with the introduction of eight transformational ministries. We were challenged to expand our ministerial territories by not only assisting clients in crisis during the crisis, but also with a desire to empower them to break out of the cycle of need and move into active, productive, skilled membership in the community.

Our vision was large, our hopes and dreams big and, in some respects, that vision has proven to be more challenging than we could ever have imagined. Nonetheless, the Norcross Co-Op family has emerged out of our first year of launching the transformation programs with renewed determination and a commitment to bring the vision of the transformation programs to a reality. There is inherent worth and value in the results these programs can produce and have begun to achieve in clients’ lives.

During 2008, I ask you to partner with us in prayer and by making contributions of time and talent to make the transformation ministry programs a reality. There’s always something everyone can do to help at the Co-Op. No donation of time, talent or finances is too small. Every gift counts. I encourage you to read on through this annual report and to contact our office to inquire further about areas in which you can participate and have, as many of us who have served at the Co-Op have had, your own life changing experiences.

Humbly, Alfredo Garcia

## **2007 Highlights**

- ◆ Partnered with Amerigroup Community Care for health screenings & education
- ◆ Partnered with Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful for a Mitchell Road clean-up project
- ◆ Received food from the Post Office ‘Stamp Out Hunger’ annual food drive
- ◆ Partnered with UNITE and Compassion in Action weekend
- ◆ Received 750 Book Bags filled with School Supplies from Infiniti Gwinnett
- ◆ First time recipient of Gwinnett County Emergency Shelter Grant for both Prevention & Shelter funds
- ◆ Participated in the annual ‘Taste of the Forum’ event
- ◆ Hosted 1st Annual Pastors’ Breakfast
- ◆ Hosted Several Small Group Bible studies
- ◆ Increased our ESL class offerings to twice each week
- ◆ Partnered with Barnes & Noble at the Forum to support our Education Programs
- ◆ Host site for Partnership for Community Action Heat/Cool assistance programs
- ◆ Co-hosted CareerFest 2007 with Georgia Department of Labor—Gwinnett
- ◆ Hosted Fall Festival open to the local community

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## Job Ministry News

In 2007 we celebrated as many more of our clients secured 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 those achievements. This was our 7th annual CareerFest & Job Fair 2007 and NCM would like to recognize and thank our partner, the GA Department of Labor- Gwinnett. The day's events were held at Norcross First United Methodist Church which was well attended with 392 attendees, 67 vendors (best ever!) which included representatives from 13 non-profits and 54 companies! Our many thanks to all the companies, volunteers and helpers for this successful event.

Plans are underway for CareerFest 2008 & Job Fair. If your company would like to participate, you are looking for a job or a better job, mark your calendar and plan to join us. Contact [jobministry@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:jobministry@norcrossco-op.org) for more details.

## 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 2007 NCM staff, donors and volunteers shopped, organized, packed and distributed toys and gifts to over 1,162 families, which included 3,178 children and teens. Dozens of local companies donated toys, financial resources and volunteer time. 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.

## Volunteer News

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry extends heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers for every contribution made in 2007. 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 nearly 11,000 families, and helped over 3,178 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.

## What our Volunteers are saying ...

"...As a ...volunteer I find ample opportunities to embrace and take action....each time I serve...my love for God and His people is enhanced, reciprocated, and challenged....God replenishes my heart with His love so my ability to better understand His people increases....I was reluctant at first...I forced myself to step through the front doors...one hot and sticky July evening in 2006....I fell in love with the overall concept of the Ministry as I toured the facility....Everything my eyes experienced on that day showed evidences of dedication, commitment, faithfulness, and professionalism....Witnessing the tiny ratio from the thousands served during a month's time-frame willing to attend the Bible studies challenges my love....we need more laborers and resources to meet the needs of our community. Our love is one way to provide a glance of Heaven to a hurting generation." Yours in Christ, Evangelist Margaret P.

"I enjoy working at the Norcross Co-Op. It gives me a sense of accomplishment, by reaching out to the needy, disheartened, depressed and able to have the tools at my disposal for whatever need arises. Jesus said that whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me. So, I want to be the one helping the least of my brothers and sisters. Always thinking about new ways to help our neighbors. Community outreach programs, single mothers outreach. Most of all it gives me a sense of satisfaction when we can meet our clients needs. Especially mothers with children...." In His Service, Greg Mulloon

"What a wonderful gift serving at NCM has been for me. Working with the staff, fellow volunteers and our clients is a blessing. Praise to God for the health and energy to continue to serve." Murlene Dubay

"People Making Progress (PMP) would like to extend our heart-felt THANKS to NCM for giving us the chance to give back to our community. NCM has accepted us with open arms and allowed PMP to help out where we can. We have seen first hand how this ministry has made a difference in our community and would like to wish NCM many more years of caring success." PMP

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# NCM Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Mark Your Party Calendar for May 4<sup>th</sup>

Can you believe it's been twenty years since Norcross Cooperative Ministry first opened its doors at the little house next to Norcross First Baptist Church? A simple idea that a few pastors had: to pool their resources to serve the needy of the area. Oh, how that need and NCM's response has grown! And God works in the lives of those who serve Him and the clients we serve.

We have grown from just a handful of people serving a handful of people to hundreds of volunteers, twenty-one churches, numerous businesses and civic organizations, and individual contributors transforming the lives of thousands of clients each year at our beautiful facility, the Greg Ellis Center.

Won't you come and be a part of this wonderful celebration? Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm** at the Co-op. And, if you'd like to bring a gift, may we suggest you use **20** as your guide? For instance, you could bring **20 cans of food** or **20 items of clothing** or cash in increments of **\$20** (remember we can use cash to either buy food or for clients' financial assistance or other needs at the Co-op). Whether you bring a gift or not, please come celebrate this important milestone with us!

If you have old pictures or stories you'd like to share, please contact Shirley or Leslie at 770-263-0013. We'd love to make copies of your pictures to share with everyone.

We'll be conducting tours for those new to NCM and show you ways you can be a part of this ministry of "helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ".

## Additional Upcoming Events



### USPS 2008 National "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** and help NCM by participating in the nation's largest one-day food drive. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive is in its 16th year and for many years now NCM has been a direct beneficiary of the letter carriers efforts to 'Stamp Out Hunger'.

Watch for your postcard, pass the word to your neighbors and leave your non-perishable food items at your mail-box on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for pickup by your local mail carrier. All food collected by the Peachtree and Norcross Letter carriers is collected/accumulated at the USPS branches for pickup by NCM volunteers.

NCM will need volunteers to help pickup and unpack/sort food on Saturday afternoon. If you can help, call NCM at (770) 263-0013.



### AT&T Classic 'Birdies for Charity' May 12-18, 2008

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, make a one time donation 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](http://www.norcrossco-op.org).

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# Thank you 2007 Donors

# 2007 Member Churches

*NCM gratefully acknowledges the following for their financial donations:*

## Businesses & Corporations

Allen Insurance Group, Inc.  
Bank of America -  
United Way Campaign  
Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
Berkeley Woodworking, Inc.  
C. L. Smith Company  
ConocoPhillips Company  
Custom Glass & Doors of GA,  
Inc.  
DDIC Social Committee  
Dixie Industrial Finishing Co.,  
Inc.  
Dozier Communities, LLC  
e-Cycle  
Encore Boutique  
Ernest Communications, Inc.  
Equifax, Inc.  
Flo Healthcare Solutions LLC  
Floorworks  
Forum Shopping Center  
Hitachi  
Hormel Foods Corporation  
ING Employee Giving  
Intel  
Jim Ellis Atlanta, Inc.  
Lockett Architects, LLC  
McMaster-Carr  
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Multi-Tech Safety Products,  
Inc.  
NJP ProCraft  
Omicron Master  
O'Reilly Auto Parts  
Rock-Tenn Company  
Simcan Enterprises  
Solarcom, Inc.  
Sound Video Corporation  
SunTrust Bank  
Suzanna's Kitchen  
Technology Park—Atlanta, GA  
United Consulting  
Waterford Homes, Inc.  
Wells Real Estate

## Civic & Social Groups

Brandon Hall School  
BSA Troop 525  
Fowler YMCA  
GA Delta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa  
Georgia Omicron Master, Decatur  
Girl Scout Council of NW GA 1941  
Greater Atlanta Christian Schools  
Gwinnett County Public Schools  
Jones Bridge Swim & Racquet Club  
Norcross Elementary  
Norcross Lions Club  
Norcross Woman's Club  
Norcross Women on Mission  
Peachtree Corners Rotary Club  
Peachtree Station Swim & Tennis Club  
Susan Stripling Elementary School

## All Individual Donors

## Grants & Foundations

Amerigroup Charitable Foundation  
Atlanta Classic Foundation Charities, Inc.  
Bank of America Foundation  
CBRB Cares Foundation  
Cecil B. Day Foundation  
CitiGroup Foundation  
Community Foundation for Greater Atl  
EFSP United Way  
Episcopal Charities Foundation  
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)  
Jim Ellis Foundation, Inc.  
North GA Housing & Homeless Council  
North GA United Methodist Foundation  
Sam's Club Foundation  
The Atlanta Christian Foundation  
United Way  
Vanguard Charitable Endowment  
Program  
Weyerhaeuser Foundation  
Woods Family Foundation

*NCM also gratefully acknowledges the following for their in-kind donations*

Our supporting schools, businesses & corporations, social & civic groups and individuals for their contribution of volunteer time, community service hours, food, clothing, household items, personal care items and more. Our hats off to you for your continued commitment to the needs of our local community. Together we provided assistance to nearly 11,000 family visits this year with almost \$300,000 in financial aid, over 84,000 bags of clothing & household items and over 31,000 bags of food. This is only possible with your help. From all of us, **THANK YOU!**

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, unless otherwise announced, beginning at 7:00PM on-site at 2275 Mitchell Road.

*In 2007, our member churches included:*

Atlanta Vineyard Church  
Campus Church of Christ  
Atlanta Church of Christ—Gwinnett  
Church of Christ  
Christ Church Episcopal  
Christ the King Lutheran  
Grace Church  
John Wesley United Methodist Church  
John's Creek 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 -  
Disciples of Christ  
Peachtree Corners Presbyterian Church  
Perimeter Church  
Simpsonwood United Methodist Church  
St. James Lutheran Church  
Victory World Church

*We would also like to recognize the following churches for their involvement in the Norcross Cooperative Ministry:*

Christ Church of Metro Atlanta  
Dunwoody United Methodist Church  
Kingswood United Methodist  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Our Father's House  
Sugarloaf United Methodist Church

*Our web site is frequently updated.*

*Visit the site today for the latest NCM news and volunteer opportunities.*

# 2007 Donations Received & Assistance Provided Reports

## Income

Individuals	\$130,365
Churches	128,952
Grants & Foundations	124,986
Government Programs	117,398
Businesses & Corporations	68,842
Civic & Social Groups	7,296
Interest	6,883
Other	2,116
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$586,838</b>

*Total Income (Including Value of Donated Food)*

**\$875,848**

## Overhead

Salaries (Full-time & Part-time)	\$117,371
Facility Utilities / Telephone	19,976
Repairs & Maintenance	13,433
Fund Raising / Publicity / Advertising	7,216
Insurance	5,491
Office Supplies / Expenses	4,053
Postage	2,556
Legal / Accounting	2,500
Bank Charges / Other	466
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD</b>	<b>\$173,062</b>

## Direct Aid Provided to Clients

Utilities	\$82,991
Rent	75,810
Temporary Lodging	70,753
Christmas Assistance	30,669
Food Purchases	27,430
Medical Aid / Prescriptions	4,727
Transportation / Gas Vouchers	1,193
Transformation	5,365
Special Projects/Other	282
<b>TOTAL DIRECT CLIENT AID</b>	<b>\$299,220</b>

*Total Financial & Food Assistance*

**\$588,230**

*Total Financial, Food and Clothing Aid*

**\$672,550**

## **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

**\$472,282**

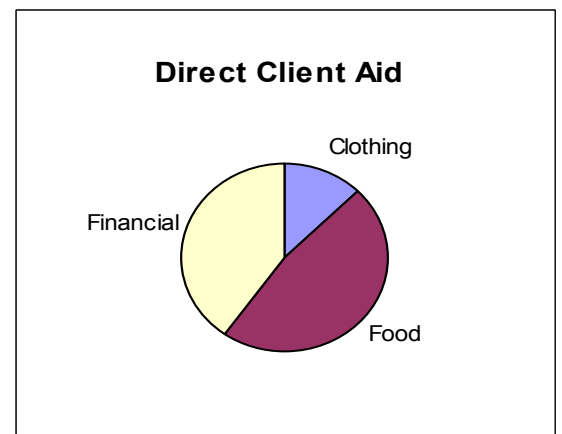
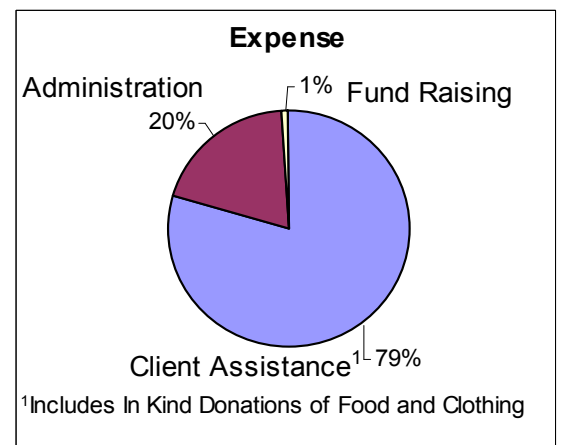
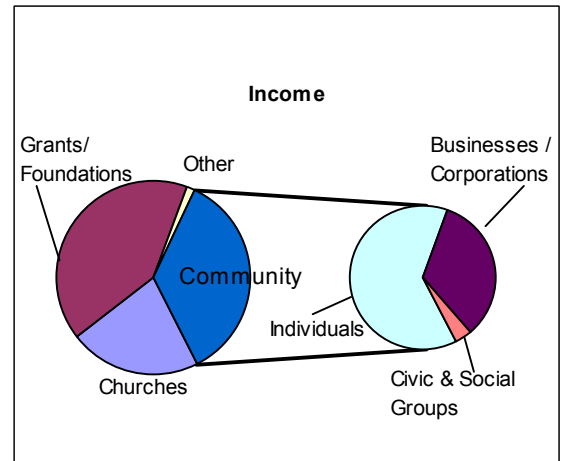
## Estimated Value of In-Kind Donations

<i>Estimated Value of Donated Food</i>	\$289,010
<i>Estimated Value of Donated Clothing</i>	\$84,320
<i>Estimated Value of Volunteer Hours</i>	\$161,300

## Overhead Statistics

*Overhead (As a Percentage of Cash Outlay)* 36.6%

*Estimated Overhead (As a Percentage of Cash Outlay Plus Donated Food & Clothing)* 20.5%



# Donation Information & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers and community-wide donations 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.

There is something here for everyone!

Donations are greatly appreciated. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM and on Saturdays from 10AM until Noon at our Mitchell Road location.

Donation receipts are available upon request.

NCM gratefully accepts the following types of donations:

**Common Stocks:** Donations can be made via our Financial Advisor, Mr. Dan Kinney of The Kinney Group at 770-449-9079.

**Matching Funds:** Check with your company Human Resources Department for details.

**Financial:** Credit Card (via our web site) or check



**Food:** Non-perishable food items



**Clothing:** New and gently worn clothing for men, women, children and newborns



**Other:** New and gently used toys, linens, small kitchen items, baby items, new unwrapped Christmas gifts, school supplies, recycled shopping bags. Toiletries. NCM is unable to accept: furniture, mattresses, computer equipment, TVs, stereos, etc.

NCM Volunteer Opportunities include:

**Client Assistance Volunteers & Translators**

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

**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.

**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 childcare during adult ESOL classes on Tuesdays from 11:30AM-1PM and during small group classes on Thursday evenings from 6:00PM to 8:30PM.

NCM gratefully acknowledges the donation of printing supplies and services by Trinity Press.