

Norcross Cooperative Ministry

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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.

2007 Newsletter—Summer Edition

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who participated. Your purchases helped NCM raise \$95 that will go to support this year's ESOL classes and school supply drive.

Pastor Breakfast

In February, NCM held its first annual Pastor Breakfast for our member churches. This event was very well attended and included a presentation of the new NCM Vision introduced in 4th quarter 2006, the 8 key ministry areas and a spirited Q & A session. NCM would like to say a special thanks to each of our member churches for all their prayers and continued support.

CareerFest 2007 & Job Fair

This year was amazing! Along with 67 vendors, we offered jobs, education & information on other community programs to 392 career seekers. Thanks to the GA Dept. of Labor—Gwinnett Career Center for partnering with us, Norcross First UMC for hosting, our volunteers for food and support throughout the day, and our vendors for their participation in this event.

“Kids Eat” - Summer Feeding Program

Children in 7hotels and a mobile home park are receiving 2 meals each weekday during June and July, thanks to Campus Church of Christ, Greater Atlanta Christian School (GACS) and volunteers from the local community. Each summer more than 150 homeless children in the Norcross area need food. During the school year these children receive free or reduced cost breakfast and lunch. During the summer the full burden of feeding these children falls on their parents who struggle to make ends meet. **There are still opportunities in July to pack and/or deliver meals to the seven hotels in Norcross.** Call NCM (770) 263-0013 for more information.

Birdies for Charity

Thanks to everyone who participated in and helped gather pledges for the Atlanta Classic Charities Foundation Birdies for Charity event! The Norcross Cooperative Ministry received approximately **\$2,400 in pledges.**

USPS ‘Stamp Out Hunger’ Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who participated in this nationwide community event. The Norcross Co-Op received **350 bags of non-perishable food** items from the Norcross and Peachtree Corners post offices!

Mitchell Road Clean-up

In April of this year, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, NCM and local community volunteers all came together to ‘clean-up’ Mitchell Road. The clean-up included trash pick-up, painting graffiti, and fresh garden plantings along the 2 mile stretch of road. Mitchell Road did look ‘Clean and Beautiful’ at the end of this 4 hour project. Thank you and congratulations for a job well done!

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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Ministry Updates

Children's Ministry Report... NCM is sending seven youth to summer camp at Camp Grace in Cleveland, Georgia for an awesome week of fellowship, camping, swimming, horseback riding and spending time with God. Also, we are blessed to have Pastor Kathy and several members of Peachtree Corners Christian Church bringing, "Vacation Bible School" to NCM on Wednesdays this summer. Thanks to Peachtree Corners Christian Church for their commitment to our kids!

Community Ministry Report... The Community Committee is working to build relationships with the community of Norcross that we serve. This includes not only the families that we serve, but businesses, government, church and civic groups as well. Our goal is to have a community "in tune with itself". Some of the current & future committee projects include: Gwinnett Village Alliance; Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Adopt-a-Road Program; Thanksgiving Day Meal (last 5 years); and "Kid's Eat" Program. Volunteers are needed to help with each project.

Education Ministry Report... A big thank you goes to Johns Creek UMC who sponsored a student who was required to take two summer school classes in order to move to the next grade. Also, our ESOL classes continue to grow! We currently have two classes, averaging 15 to 20 participants. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, several of our clients are receiving one on one tutoring. Classes are held Tuesday's @ 11:30am and Thursday @ 7pm.

Health Ministry Report... NCM continues to assist clients with their prescription medications. We continue to partner with Good Samaritan Health Center by paying for immunizations needed for school attendance. We will partner with Good Sam again this year in their "Back to School" initiative, which offers immunizations and school supplies to kids in the community. See back page for more details!

Job Ministry News... "Get Hired Now" is our motto and "Think Outside the Box" is our strategy! Working together we enrich our clients with job search tools, encourage them to branch out in new directions and enhance their job search techniques. We meet every Tuesday @ 2PM. Check out the CareerFest 2007 news on the front page!

Transitional Housing Report... Thanks to Campus Church of Christ for sponsoring the "Kids Eat" program, which provides meals to 150+ kids in 7 hotels and a mobile home park during the summer. Children receive 2 meals a day, 5 days/week. This is a tremendous blessing to their families. Ministry leader, Shirley Cabe, also serves on the Gwinnett Homeless Task Force & the Point in Time Count Committees, that collaborate with other agencies to address the county's homeless situation.

Small Group Ministry Report... In the first 6 months of 2007, we have completed 76 meeting hours with 150 adults, 82 kids, 6 group leaders and 6 childcare volunteers. Classes have included Crown Ministry (English & Spanish versions), Fresh Start, God's Will and Prayer of Jabez. Our goal for the 2nd half of 2007 is to increase class participants & volunteers by at least 30%! We are thankful to those who have the privilege to witness God's work in our small NCM groups.

Seniors/Challenged Adults... This team is just getting underway thanks to new leader Cyndi Oxendine-Sluder. Researching the current Gwinnett County Senior Service Centers and our local churches is just the beginning. The team is committed to helping address the growing needs of the seniors & challenged adults in our local community. Watch for upcoming news on programs and services NCM will adopt over the next few months.

Ministry Opportunities

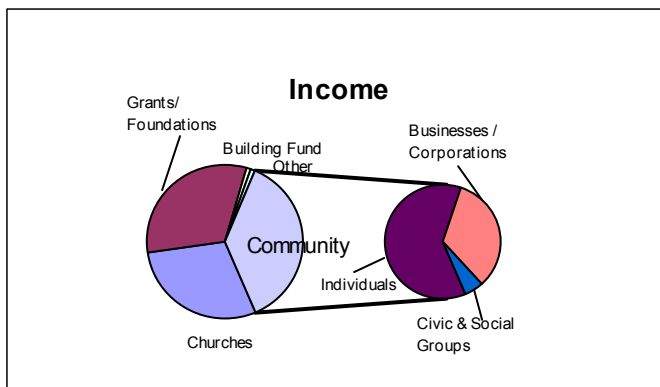
- ◆ Leadership positions in the *Children, Education & Health* Ministries
- ◆ Become a member of an existing ministry and "*help transform lives*"
- ◆ Consider joining our Marketing or Communications Team

We encourage you to *support the Norcross Co-Op in whatever manner the Spirit leads you.*

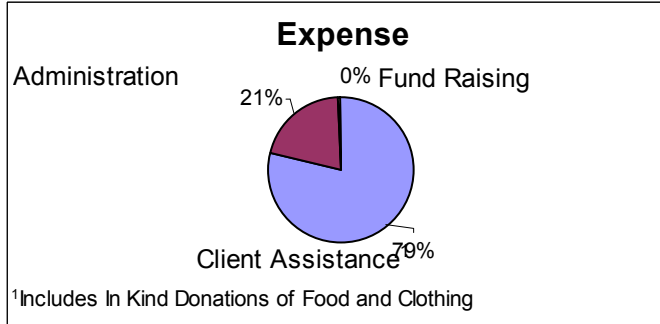
Visit our website www.norcrossco-op.org or call the office, 770-263-0013, to sign-up today!

January—June 2007 Financial/Donation Summary

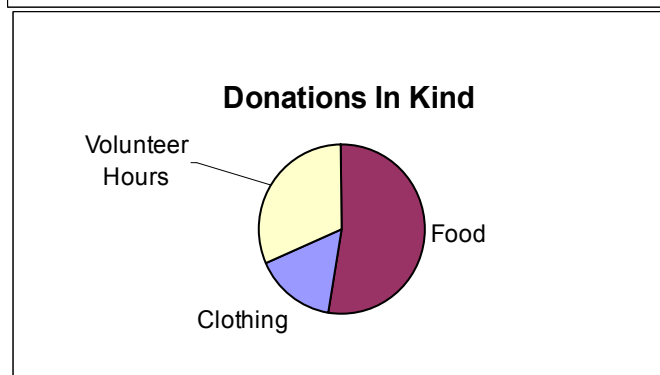
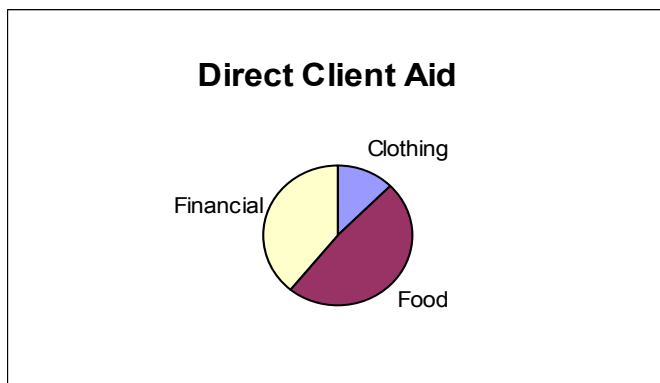
<u>Income</u>	
Churches	55,407
Grants & Foundations	60,911
Individuals	43,626
Businesses & Corporations	23,865
Building Fund	1,313
Civic & Social Groups	3,324
Interest	2,010
Other	459
TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME	\$190,915
<i>Total Income (Including Value of Donated Food)</i>	\$323,004



<u>Overhead</u>	
Salaries (Full-time & Part-time)	56,514
Facility Utilities / Telephone	9,380
Repairs & Maintenance	6,154
Fund Raising / Publicity / Advertising	1,854
Insurance	5,491
Legal / Accounting	0
Postage	1,782
Office Supplies / Expenses	2,321
Bank Charges	135
Other	75
TOTAL OVERHEAD	\$83,706



<u>Direct Aid Provided to Clients</u>	
Rent	35,890
Utilities	38,765
Temporary Lodging	36,962
Food Purchases	15,971
Christmas Assistance	0
Medical Aid / Prescriptions	2,233
Transportation / Gas Vouchers	876
Special Projects	34
Transformation Programs	5,047
Other	100
TOTAL DIRECT CLIENT AID	\$135,878
<i>Total Financial & Food Assistance</i>	\$267,967
<i>Total Financial, Food and Clothing Aid</i>	\$306,679
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$219,584



<u>Clients Served - YTD June 2007</u>	
Total Family Visits	4,846
People	
Adults	8,189
Children	8,364
Seniors	223
Total People Served	16,776
Unique Families Served	2,048

<u>Estimated Value of In-Kind Donations</u>	
<i>Estimated Value of Donated Food (13,209 bags)</i>	\$132,089
<i>Estimated Value of Donated Clothing (38,712 pieces)</i>	\$38,712
<i>Estimated Value of Volunteer Hours (8,067 hours)</i>	\$80,670

2007 Upcoming Events



Annual School Supply Drive... Together we can make an investment in the future of the Norcross community. Join us in gathering new or gently used book bags and school supplies for all grade levels. This annual event helps 300+ youth. **School supply donations need to be delivered to NCM no later than Monday, August 13th (First Day of School).** We want to say "Thank you!" in advance for your participation in this special event. For more information, including details about the most needed items, visit our website at www.norcrossco-op.org.

Back to School Health Screenings will be held on Wednesday, July 25, August 1, and August 8...**Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett** will conduct Back-To-School Health Screenings (Vision, Dental, Hearing & Immunizations) for school-age children Pre-K through 12th grade. The **Norcross Cooperative Ministry** is partnering with Good Sam during this event and will provide book bags and school supplies. For more information visit www.goodsamgwinnett.org.



Christmas in July... Yes, the rumors you have heard are true! We are already making plans for our 2007 Christmas Project. Because we ran out of toys several times last year, we hope to build our inventory early this year in anticipation of helping over **3,000 kids with toys and gifts**. For more information, including how to sponsor a toy drive, contact our office at 770-263-0013 or visit our website at: www.norcrossco-op.org or e-mail us at: christmas@norcrossco-op.org.

NCM is pleased to announce **a new partnership** with one of our local magazines *Inside Gwinnett*. NCM and *Inside Gwinnett* will work together to keep you informed of special news and projects throughout the year. If you would like to learn more about *Inside Gwinnett*, visit their website at www.insidegwinnett.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities abound; no experience necessary!

Client Assistance Volunteers & Translators:

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

Warehouse, Office, and Project Volunteers:

Monday thru Friday	9AM to 4PM
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For more information on the many volunteer opportunities available at NCM, call 770-263-0013 or visit our web site at www.norcrossco-op.org.

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