



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

## 2008 Newsletter— Fall Edition

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### 2008 Highlights so far:

- ◆ CareerFest 2008—645 Participants
- ◆ 1st Annual Book Bag Bonanza—650 book bags
- ◆ VBS in a Box—over 100 children
- ◆ Camp Grace Summer Camp—4 kids benefit
- ◆ Compassion in Action Weekend a great success
- ◆ Record number of clients seen in Sep 2008 -  
~with 1122 families served~
- ◆ Hired new case manager for Homeless Families

Through September NCM served:

8,527 Family Visits  
14,036 Adults  
14,008 Children  
429 Seniors

And Provided:

26,912 Bags of Food  
68,980 Pieces of clothing  
\$294,287 Direct Aid to Clients  
(rent, utility, lodging, medicines & food purchases)

### NEW at NCM:

**On our Website:** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping NCM achieve it's mission to serve the local community, then check out the new OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES section of our website. Here we list our current projects, activities and volunteer needs where you can get involved.

**Via weekly Email:** URGENT NEEDS

Each week we are sending out an URGENT NEEDS email that will specify critical food needs, clothing & household needs and more. We will also include any Hot News items that you can pass along to your friends, family & neighbors to help. If you would like to join our weekly message, please call the office or email [info@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:info@norcrossco-op.org) to get your name added to the list.

### Homeless in Gwinnett County Public Schools

This is an excerpt from an article written by Gwinnett County School Social Worker, Homeless Liaison, Mr. Michael Frech (look for the full article in our upcoming Annual Report) ...

**... To put it quite simply, if it were not for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, my job would be nearly impossible, and there would be so many more families out on the streets of Gwinnett County...**

**... Approximately 200 homeless children and their families were served in the month of September. Take a minute and think about these 200 children. Try to imagine what would have happened to them if they had nowhere else to turn...**

**... Thank goodness for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry ...**

### Barnes & Noble Fundraiser!

Visit *any* Barnes & Noble Bookstore during the week of Nov 22-29, 2008 and benefit NCM! For every book, movie, CD and café purchase made with our B&N Voucher #340257 during this week, NCM will receive a portion of these sales! The monies raised this week will directly benefit our ESL and other Education related programs.



A variety of events & activities are also scheduled at the Barnes & Noble, The Forum location in Norcross. NCM staff & volunteers will be on hand during this week with information and to answer questions about NCM and it's mission. Check out our website for dates & times.

Visit our website to print off a voucher, ask your salesperson for a voucher at the time of checkout or simply bring in a copy of the NCM Newsletter to make your purchase count!

## 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.

# Christmas 2008

Reach out and make the upcoming Christmas brighter for one of your neighbors in Norcross!

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry  
is collecting toys for  
children in need early this year!  
NCM will be helping over 3,000  
kids with toys and gifts during the  
upcoming season.

We collect toys for children of all  
ages from newborn to young teen.  
Gifts for infants/preschool  
children, girls ages 7 to 11 and teens  
are especially needed.



Here are some ways you can get involved:

- \* Sponsor a toy drive
- \* Donate toys
- \* Donate money or gift cards
- \* Be a Santa Shopper
- \* Be a Santa Helper

Visit our website: [www.norcrossco-op.org](http://www.norcrossco-op.org)  
or email: [christmas@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:christmas@norcrossco-op.org)  
or call the office (770) 263-0013 to learn  
more about our holiday program.

## Contact Information

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### Donation Hours:

Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM  
Tuesday Evening from 6 PM to 8 PM  
Saturdays from 10 AM to Noon

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