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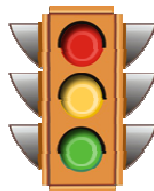
20 Year's in God's Hands

In May we celebrated our 20th year of service in the Norcross community. Throughout those 20 years we all have certainly been in God's hands. The celebration is done, the food has been eaten, the chairs put away, and now it is back to work. What do we have to look forward to in the next 20 years? The opportunities abound for us to be God's instruments to continue to serve our community as we address not only families in immediate crisis, but hopefully lead many to a Transformation.

This is the second time I have been blessed to serve as President of NCM's Board of Directors. One of the reasons I am excited about taking the office again is my firm belief that God is continuing to work through NCM and I want to be a part of that work. We are at a crossroads where our ability to do God's will and influence in this community is unprecedented. I sincerely hope that you will join us in this Transformation. Please continue to pray, volunteer, and contribute to the Norcross Co-Op.

In His Service, John Byerley

Urgent Call for Food Donations



The school year is ending soon. The coming summer months present unique challenges for struggling families. Children and teens who receive free or reduced cost lunches at school won't be receiving those meals during the summer months. Please consider donating non-perishable food items from the most needed list below:

- Cereal, Jelly, Jello & Instant Pudding
- Canned Meat
(Luncheon meat, spam, ham, roast beef, etc.)
- Vegetables
(Corn, Carrots, Potatoes, Peas, Beans, etc.)
- Meals In A Can or Box
(Stew, Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese, etc.)
- Pasta, Noodles, or Rice

Book Drive



Norcross Cooperative Ministry would like to thank First Book—Atlanta Alpha Xi Delta, Re/Max Suburban Atlanta, Peachtree Elementary School in Norcross and Marilyn Whitmer for their recent book drive to benefit the children served by NCM. Thanks to their efforts, NCM received hundreds of books and a \$1,000 gift card to Borders to purchase additional books. This donation is a huge blessing to the children of our community.

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.

Summer Outreach Opportunities

There are many outreach opportunities available through different projects here at the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. Please call our office if you are interested in any of the following activities.

Vacation Bible School In-a-Box...Rainforest Adventure – Tree Top Bible Blast

On June 2, 3, 4 and on June 9, 10, 11 Peachtree Corners Christian Church will bring VBS to NCM families again this summer. This summer's theme is Rainforest Adventure. Children will take a sky high adventure into God's Word for a faith filled week with a Stewardship theme. Each child will learn the importance of taking care of God's wondrous creation and each other too! This event was very well received by parents and children alike last year and we're excited to be able to facilitate these events again this summer.

Toy Drive... Consider conducting a toy drive to kick off our 2008 Christmas program. Get your family, friends, neighbors and business associates involved early. We need NEW toys and gifts especially for: infants and pre-school age children, girls ages 7 to 11, and teenagers.

School Supplies... Consider making a donation or sponsor a school supply drive in your civic or social group or in your neighborhood. Donated book bags & school supplies are provided to local children who cannot afford them. Donations can be made at the NCM office from May through August.

Kid's Eat... By partnering with Campus Church you can help feed children who are living in local extended stay hotels. During the summer many children do not receive the free or reduced meals from schools and often go hungry. You can help by: volunteering to deliver meals or donating funds to support the effort.

For more information or to participate in one or more of these events, please contact Shirley or Leslie at info@norcrossco-op.org or call 770-263-0013.

CareerFest 2008 & Job Fair... Have you ever attended a CareerFest event? If you have, then you know we have a lot of fun and put a lot of hard work into this event. If this will be your first CareerFest, then come and join us. We promise you won't want to miss another one! Our 8th annual CareerFest will be hosted by Norcross 1st United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 12, 2008, from 10AM to 2PM. By partnering with the GA Department of Labor—Gwinnett, we will host many companies hiring for all types of positions. Whether you are seeking a job, a career change, education and training or just want to learn about the programs available in the community, you will find it here. Join us if you want to volunteer or need a job. Either way, you are sure to get something great out of CareerFest 2008! Call NCM or e-mail us at jobministry@norcrossco-op.org for exciting details.

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