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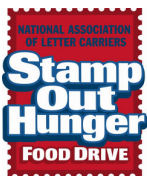
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## USPS 2009 National "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 9th!** 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 17th year. NCM is a direct beneficiary of the 'Stamp Out Hunger' campaign.

To help *Stamp Out Hunger!*, simply leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable foods such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to your mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on May 9. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans.

Let your neighbors know that all food collected by the Peachtree and Norcross Letter Carriers is designated for NCM. NCM will need volunteers to help pickup, unpack, and sort food on Saturday, May 9th. If you can help, call NCM at (770) 263-0013.

## Our Neighbors are in Need

Driving past NCM around 10 a.m. on a typical service day, you'd think we were giving free admission to a rock concert. Not so! The lines represent our tough global economy... unemployment, inability of families to pay for basic necessities like food, clothes, rent, utilities, or prescriptions for medication.

Norcross Cooperative Ministry assists an average of 50 families per day. During 2008 NCM gave more than \$430,000 financial aid to needy families. In 2007 the same needs were met with \$299,000. The numbers paint an image of the problem: NCM needs your help!

NCM humbly asks neighbors to help their neighbors during this time of critical need. Shirley Cabe, Executive Director, states, "Since January 1, 2009, we have served 25% more clients than the same period last year. In addition, we are serving **more brand-new, first time clients, a 35% increase** over this time last year. Together we can make a difference in our community."

## Recent Events!

### *Corners to Crossing 10 K Run:*

A fund raising event that donated a portion of the proceeds to NCM

### *Pastor's Prayer Breakfast:*

An annual event that brings supporting church pastors together for sharing & updating

*Chef Pete's Barbeque:* A fund raising event that donated proceeds & canned food to NCM



## Go Green with NCM!

Receive your next Newsletter via email! Simply visit our website at [www.norcrossco-op.org](http://www.norcrossco-op.org) & give us your contact information, including your email address. Help us to continue to be good stewards of our resources.

## 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

Summer is a great time to involve your family in volunteer service. Please contact Leslie or Shirley at 770 263-0013 or [info@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:info@norcrossco-op.org) if you are interested in any of the following activities. You can also visit our website [www.norcrossco-op.org](http://www.norcrossco-op.org) for a current 'critical needs' list and our 'most needed food items' that can be donated.

**Vacation Bible School In-a-Box...** On June 1, 2, 3, & 5th, during our regular service hours (Mon. 10-2 p.m., Tues. 6-8 p.m., Weds. 10-2 p.m., & Fri. 10-2 p.m.) Peachtree Corners Christian Church brings VBS to children ages 4-11 of NCM families. This year's theme is Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience & Discover God Everywhere). Children will experience Bible stories, crafts, music, games, & snacks. This event was well received by parents & children in previous years. Volunteers are needed. Contact Rev. Kathy McDowell at [www.peachtreecornerscc.org](http://www.peachtreecornerscc.org) or 770 447-5475. Peachtree Corners Christian Church is also willing to assist other churches interested in starting a similar "VBS in a Box".



**Project Kid's Eat...** By partnering with Campus Church you can help feed children who live in local extended stay hotels this summer. Since free & reduced school meals aren't available during Summer, often these children go hungry. Help out by preparing & delivering meals! Contact Davida Baker at 770 493-1723 or [dlbakers@comcast.com](mailto:dlbakers@comcast.com)

**School Supplies...** Help a child begin the school year successfully! Fill a **backpack** with school supplies or help with the most needed items listed below. All filled backpacks and collected school supplies are needed by July 14, 2009. Drop them off at NCM at 2275 Mitchell Road.



**For middle & high school:**

Hard cover composition notebooks  
College-ruled notebook paper  
1" & 2" - 3 ring binders/Subject dividers  
Pens & pencils/Colored pencils  
Spiral notebook  
Graph paper

**For elementary school:**

Wide-ruled notebook paper  
Twenty-four pack of crayons  
Spiral notebooks  
Pens & pencils/Colored pencils  
Spiral notebook  
2-Pocket folder with brads

**CareerFest 2009:** Norcross Cooperative Ministry partners with the Georgia Department of Labor for our 9th annual job fair on June 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norcross First United Methodist Church. Consider volunteering for this important event. For details, call 770 263-0013 and ask for Leslie.

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