



# 2011 Newsletter - Summer Edition

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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER AT NCM?

There is always something happening at NCM, and this summer is no different! Right now, volunteers are actively engaged in Vacation Bible School for children of NCM clients. Over the next few months, kids will enjoy fun, engaging activities that help them learn biblical principles. And, of course, throughout the summer, we will continue to provide our core services such as food, clothing and financial assistance.

### SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: Job Ministry

When you think about NCM and the services we provide, you may think of our food pantry or clothing closet. *But did you know that NCM also has a job ministry?* For over 10 years, volunteers have been providing career services such as resume preparation, job leads, business attire, interviewing techniques, and referrals to numerous community resources.

But a major highlight for us this summer is NCM's annual CareerFest job fair. So, we'd like to take this opportunity to make you aware of this exciting event.

This ministry is valuable to our clients and serves as a premier transformational program for NCM.



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## CareerFest 2011: Come out & ENGAGE

CareerFest, sponsored by NCM, the Georgia Department of Labor-Gwinnett and Norcross First United Methodist Church, is not just another job fair! Our goal is to serve the whole person by providing career resources, as well as access to community programs that meet the individual's personal needs.



It's Not Just Another Job Fair

This year, career professionals will be on hand to assist job seekers in resume preparation, interviewing skills, job leads, budgeting, special skills training and education advancement. There will also be service providers representing agencies that assist clients with food, clothing, housing, childcare, financial assistance and healthcare services.

CareerFest 2011 will be held on **Thursday, July 21st** from **10:00 am until 2:00 pm** at Norcross First United Methodist Church located at [2500 Beaver Run Road](#) in Norcross. This event is **free**, so come out and **ENGAGE!**

**ENERGIZE** Yourself at Informational and Motivational Workshops

**NETWORK** with Peers and Industry Experts During "Meet and Greet" Sessions

**GROW** Your Career by Connecting with Hiring Employers and Educational Institutions

Visit [www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us) to access the growing list of participating employers and community resources!

To register your company to participate or to volunteer, please call Leslie at 770-263-0013 or send an email to: [jobministry@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:jobministry@norcrossco-op.org).



## Some of NCM's 2011 Activities

### Annual Pastors' Breakfast:

On **March 16th**, over 45 people

from member and supporting churches attended NCM's annual pastors' breakfast. The 2011 theme was, "The Power of **ONE** More." Attendees were given a recap of our 2010 achievements, and clients shared testimony about services received. In addition, Michael Frech, Homeless Liaison and Social Worker with Gwinnett County Schools, shared information about the homeless population in our community. We appreciate all who attended and who support the work of NCM everyday.

### City of Norcross Recycling Day & Food Drive:

On **April 9th**, The City of Norcross held a recycling day and food drive. NCM received \$1,784 in cash donations. In addition, the City already has donated over 7,000 cans of food through its "CAN for Hunger" Campaign this year. Thank you to the employees and residents of Norcross for all of your support!

### National Volunteer Appreciation Week:

During the **last week of April**, NCM honored the hundreds of volunteers who keep our operations running smoothly. We could not do it without you and we are grateful for your dedication and commitment!

### Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church Barbeque and Fundraiser:



On **April 29th & 30th**, Mt. Carmel church held a BBQ and bake sale, with a portion of the benefits given to

NCM. We are so grateful for this biannual event and the generosity of Mt. Carmel church.



### Stamp Out Hunger:

On Saturday, **May 14th** the National Association of Letter Carriers held its largest annual one-day food drive. NCM received over

**20,000 lbs** of food from both the Norcross and Peachtree Corners Post Offices. Special thanks to all who made this possible!

**A Taste of Christ Church:** On **May 21st**, Christ Church Episcopal held its "Third Annual Celebration of the Season of Pentecost." Church and community members came out to enjoy an evening of wine tasting, food, music and dancing. A portion of proceeds were donated to NCM. Thank you Christ Church!

**Peachtree Corners Festival:** On Saturday, **June 6th**, the community of Peachtree Corners held it's first festival including artists, music, food and fun. A portion of the funds raised from food sales were given to NCM. Thanks to Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department for donating the grill and to all of the people who helped out!

**Associated Credit Union:** NCM is excited about its partnership with Associated Credit Union. On **April 11th** they held a golf tournament to raise funds for NCM and other community organizations. Also, on **February 24th** and **June 6th**, staff taught financial literacy workshops for NCM clients, and will lead a session at our CareerFest on **July 21st**. We are grateful for this valuable partner!

## NCM Executive Board

### Co-Presidents

Jesse Joyner, Peachtree Corners Church of Christ  
Jack Lane, Perimeter Church

### Vice President

Cyndy Franklin, Peachtree Corners Presbyterian

### Co-Secretaries

Cathy Freeman, Christ the King Lutheran  
Ellen Queen, John Wesley United Methodist

### Co-Treasurers

Donna Galucki, Johns Creek United Methodist  
Jim Sampson, Simpsonwood United Methodist

## 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.

## Critical Needs List

- Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham, Roast Beef, Spam (No Tuna Please))
- Jelly
- Rice (1 lb. bag/box)

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On March 22nd, NCM was honored by Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting (AIB) as the 2011 recipient of the *John A. Conant Community Service Award*. We are blessed to receive this recognition, which is given to local non-profits for distinguished service in their communities, and wish to thank AIB and its constituents for their continued support.

*"It's never about how much we have to offer, but if we will offer whatever we have."*  
Max Lucado

## SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

NCM is currently accepting donations of school supplies. Most needed items are:

- 1" Binders
- Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- Ink Pens
- Colored Pencils

For a complete list, visit our [website](#).



## SUMMER AT NCM

### Vacation Bible School is Happening All Summer: Join Us!



Throughout the summer, local churches will be providing exciting Vacation Bible School for the kids of NCM clients.

These programs are all free of charge for children ages 4-12. Kids can come any day or every day to enjoy arts and crafts, games, snacks, music and more! They will also learn Bible stories each day that teach Godly principles to live by. Join us!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on select Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, as well as Tuesday evenings during the summer months.**

Visit our [website](#) to find actual dates and times.

Some of the NCM churches that will provide VBS this summer include:

- Campus Church of Christ
- Johns Creek United Methodist
- Norcross First United Methodist
- Peachtree Corners Christian Church
- Perimeter Church
- Simpsonwood First United Methodist

**NOTE: Parents must remain at NCM while their children attend Vacation Bible School.**

### ONE Willing Heart to Volunteer (or in this case Two)

NCM is blessed to have the continued support of committed volunteers who selflessly give of their time and their talents each and every week throughout the year. We recognize how vital their contributions are to the success of this ministry and our ability to serve our community. So, we would like to take this opportunity to spotlight two of our special volunteers who quietly and faithfully serve at NCM.



**JACK MCKAY**

If you stop by NCM during weekly service hours, you just might find Jack McKay faithfully assisting clients in our intake area. Each week, Jack compassionately greets clients and carefully works with them to ascertain their needs for food, clothing or financial assistance.

When asked how long he has been volunteering and how he got started, he replied, "Too long to remember. I know I started when the ministry was in the basement of the church, and I just stopped by to drop off some food. I was asked to stay and help and that was the start of something that gradually grew from serving monthly, to three times a month, to twice a week." "Jack is a pillar around the Co-op," said Shirley Cabe, Executive Director. "He exemplifies the heart of our ministry and we appreciate all that he does." NCM is so grateful to Jack for his servant heart! Thank you!

**MINDA PUCKETT:**

They say that first impressions are everything—and that is certainly true for NCM. Several days each week, you will find Minda Puckett empathetically greeting clients at the reception window and checking them in with a smile on her face. She personifies the spirit of the ministry through her dedication to serving those in need. Not only does she meticulously check clients in, but she also assists with closing files at shift end and serves on the NCM Board representing her church and helping to set the strategic direction for the agency. When asked why she volunteers, Minda enthusiastically said, "I just love it! I feel like I'm doing the Lord's work. I am His hands, feet and heart and I want to do all that He has called me to do." Shirley Cabe, Executive Director says, "Minda is not only a blessing to our clients, but also to the NCM staff and volunteers. We are so grateful for all that she does."



Have questions about volunteering with NCM? Feel free to contact us at 770-263-0013, or send an email to: [info@norcrossco-op.org](mailto:info@norcrossco-op.org). You can also visit our web site at [www.norcrossco-op.org](http://www.norcrossco-op.org) for more information.

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# How Can You Join our "Power of One" Movement?

## DONATE RESOURCES: NCM gratefully accepts:

- **Food:** Non-perishable food items
- **Clothing:** New or gently used
- **Financial:** Credit Card payments (via our web site) or check made payable to NCM
- **Common Stock:** Contact Dan Kinney, Financial Advisor of the Kinney Group at 770-449-9079
- **Matching Funds:** Check with your company's Human Resources Department for details
- **Other:** New/gently used toys, linens, small kitchen items, baby items, toiletries, school supplies, new/unwrapped Christmas gifts, and recycled shopping bags.

**Donation Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Saturday 10:00 am - Noon

## VOLUNTEER WITH US: NCM volunteer opportunities include:

- **Client Assistance Volunteers & Translators:** Mon, Wed & Fri (10:00am-2pm); Tues (6:00pm-8:00pm) & Saturday (10am-Noon)
- **Warehouse, Clothes Closet, Office & Special Projects:** Mon through Fri (9:00am-4:00pm)
- **Job Ministry:** Flexible Hours. Assistance is needed with calling clients, researching job leads, preparing resumes (developing, editing and proofing), and keeping the NCM job information board up-to-date. We are also looking for business professionals willing to share their expertise in a one-on-one or workshop setting.
- **Prayer Partners:** We need compassionate individuals who will pray for the needs of our clients. We have a prayer request box and we can email prayer concerns to prayer warriors weekly.

**NOTE: NCM is not able to accept** furniture, mattresses, computer equipment, TVs, stereos, etc.



By working together, with one unwavering purpose and one bond of unity, we can not only meet the demands of immediate crises, but we can provide programs that will transform the lives of the families we serve for many years to come. Through the **POWER OF ONE**, we believe that greater things are yet to come for our community. Please join us!

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One smile to encourage the hopeless. One prayer to lift a burden.  
 One willing heart to volunteer. One business to donate resources.  
 One woman living in one neighborhood to hold a coat drive.  
 One committed church to answer God's call to serve.  
 One body of compassionate individuals to care for our community – one family at a time.

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