



The NCM Herald

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*NCM would like to recognize our
2006 Executive Committee!*

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Check out our Website & Logo!

Be sure and take a minute to check out our new & improved web site at www.norcrossco-op.org! Yes, it's the same old name (URL), but it's been completely redesigned and updated! Thanks to Avid Design and a web site committee from NCM who worked together to develop the new site.

New features include:

- News
- Calendar
- Urgent Needs
- Contact Us
- Donate Now

If you want the latest and greatest of what's going on at NCM or, would like to make an online donation using your credit card, check it out!

Click on "Contact Us" and let us know what you think good and bad. Your feedback will help us plan future enhancements.

Did you notice our new Logo?

Watch for this and other NCM Vision news in the coming months!

Volunteer News

If you have ever considered volunteering with NCM but were never sure what you could do or how you could help, consider joining us on Monday, September 25th, 2006, 7pm at NCM for our first Volunteer Orientation Meeting. We will offer a brief history of NCM, a tour of the facility and an overview of the many ways you can contribute your time and talent to NCM.

For more information, contact Leslie Buchanan at NCM. Phone (770)263-0013; Fax (770)263-0998; Email: info@norcrossco-op.org or visit our website www.norcrossco-op.org

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Food Pantry Needs

NCM distributes over 3,000 bags of non-perishable food each month to more than 900 families.

*** For our most needed items, check out our website www.norcrossco-op.org, updated weekly!*

Canned Meats (Chicken, Ham, Spaghetti & Meatballs)
Canned Fruit & Vegetables
Cereal and Juice (Apple, Grape, Orange)
Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles
Diapers—Size 5, 6, and Pull-Ups
Personal Care Items for men and women including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet tissue, feminine products and laundry detergent.

Your donations are important. Please avoid glass containers. Please give generously.

Job Services Update

CareerFest 2006, now in its 4th year partnering with the Georgia Department of Labor, Hope for the Future, and the Gwinnett Coalition, was another great success! This year our event was hosted by Victory World Church in Norcross, Georgia. The event included 48 vendors and 349 attendees! Workshops included Financial Management, Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills and Federal Bonding. The fashion show was another great hit as we provided examples of ‘what to wear’ and ‘what not to wear’ when interviewing. Many thanks to Victory World Church, our partners, our vendors, and our volunteers, for all their hard work and dedication to this event! Plans are already underway for CareerFest 2007! If you are looking for work and need help or have a job lead to share, please contact Leslie Buchanan at NCM. Phone(770) 263-0013 Fax(770) 263-0998 Email: jobministry@norcrossco-op.org or via our web site at www.norcrossco-op.org

School Supply Update!

We continue to have a very successful school supply drive this year! Many thanks to our partnerships with several businesses and organizations to both collect and distribute school supplies to our families in this community.

Several of our local churches and businesses have donated school supplies. We are especially thankful to PointClear in Norcross who collected and packed 100 book bags! Working with Gwinnett County Public Schools and their social workers, United Way and Publix have donated a number of book bags and supplies!

Victory World Church sponsored 40 children by providing each of them book bags and supplies distributed at their annual “Back to School with a Smile” event.

NCM was also blessed to collaborate with the Good Samaritan Health Center by providing book bags to the clinic to be distributed in conjunction with their “Back to School Health Screenings & Immunizations” program.

Many thanks to school counselors and social workers who help distribute the supplies collected through our program to the students within our fourteen area schools.

We anticipate providing school supplies to over 500 children for the 2006-2007 school year.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies. Working together we can make a difference in the lives of our children in the community!

New Programs in September

Look for upcoming news on new programs NCM will kick-off in September!

New programs include Financial Management, Volunteer Orientation and Job Ministry meetings. Ongoing programs that will begin a new session include ESOL and Small Groups. These sessions are open to our clients and community neighbors.

For more information on these and other programs, visit our website: www.norcrossco-op.org or call the office (770) 263-0013



Christmas Assistance Program—2006

Reach out and make this Christmas brighter for one of your neighbors in Norcross.

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry celebrates its 18th anniversary this year. Since inception, the ministry has provided emergency shelter, food and clothing for those in crisis in the Norcross Community. In the year 2005, with the help of individuals and businesses, we provided services to over 11,000 families.

One of our annual projects is to provide a Christmas meal and gifts or toys to families in crisis living in our community. In 2005, we provided meals and gifts to over 1,400 families (over 4,000 children). We anticipate receiving approximately 1,500 applications for toys and gifts for about 4,500 children aged newborn to 18 years this holiday season. If you would like to sponsor a toy drive, donate toys or money toward the NCM Christmas assistance program, please contact our office at 770-263-0013.

**** Be sure and check out our Christmas Assistance Program information on our web site at: www.norcrossco-op.org*

*Please deliver new unwrapped toys to the
Norcross Co-op from
September 1st through December 2nd, 2006*

Norcross Cooperative Ministry
The Greg Ellis Center
2275 Mitchell Road
Norcross, GA 30071
Administrative Line: 770-263-0013
Client Services Line: 770-263-8268

Donation Hours

Monday — Friday from 9AM to 3PM
Tuesday Evenings from 6PM to 8PM
Saturdays from 10AM to Noon

Directions

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry is located on Mitchell Road in Norcross, 1 mile east of Buford Highway

TOY WISH LIST:

- BABY DOLLS (ALL RACES)
- CARS / TRUCKS
- BARBIE DOLLS & ACCESSORIES (ALL RACES)
- ACTION FIGURES
- PLAY TOOL SETS / PLAY TEA SETS
- LEGOS
- SPORTS BALLS
- HANDHELD ELECTRONIC GAMES
- BOOKS (FOR KIDS AND TEENS)
- BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES
- WALKMANS
- REMOTE CONTROL CARS
- WATCHES
- PERFUME / COLOGNE SETS
- JEWELRY
- MAKE-UP
- CRAFT SETS / ART SETS
- EDUCATIONAL GAMES
- WAL-MART / TARGET GIFT CERTIFICATES (\$20 MAX)
- KROGER / PUBLIX GIFT CARDS (\$20 MAX)

What is the Norcross Co-Op?

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry is a faith-based, non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to serving men, women and children in the Norcross community, a metropolitan suburb north of Atlanta, GA. Founded in 1988, the mission of the Norcross Co-Op is to provide emergency assistance to families in crisis. The Co-Op is an ecumenical ministry supported by twenty-one churches in Norcross. NCM also receives support from local businesses, civic and social organizations, foundations and individuals.

Here's a look at our first six months in 2006!

Our Total Family Visits 5338

How it all breaks down:

Adults Served	8733
Children Served	8308
Seniors Served	244
Total # Individuals Served	17,285

Food Bags Distributed	16,060
Clothing Items Distributed	43,372
Housing & Utility Money	\$214,770

# of Volunteer Hours	8639
# of New Job Ministry Participants	315

Funds Raised for:

Building	\$85,925
Operating & Client Assistance	\$226,789

of Evacuees Served in the last year 1000+

Other Highlights in 2006 . . .

Here are some other exciting highlights!

Jackson EMC Foundation, Inc., Operation Round-Up awards NCM \$15,000 toward client rent & utility assistance

CheckFree awards NCM \$24,490 from their miniature golf tournament

Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia awards grant of \$6,700 for continued Hurricane Relief

Wednesday night Small Groups meetings continue to thrive over the summer

Check out our website www.norcrossco-op.org for more information on these and other highlights for NCM!

Financial Donations

The enclosed self-addressed envelopes are provided for your convenience. You may direct your financial donation to any area of need such as:

- General Fund
- Food Pantry
- Financial Aid for Clients
- Christmas
- Building Fund
- School Supplies
- Other*—Specify your request

Please Make your check payable to "NCM".

Note: Online donations can be made at our website!

Thank you! We appreciate your support!

Stock Donations

NCM can accept donations of common stock.

Our Financial Advisor, Mr. Dan Kinney of The Kinney Group, can be reached at (770) 449-9079. For some people, the direct donation of stock can have certain tax advantages. The Kinney Group has been gracious to offer us their assistance, at no charge to us, in maintaining an account that will ensure the proper processing of gifted stock.

General Donations

NCM appreciates your support for donations including the following additional items:

New & gently used clothing; linens; small household items; kitchen items and all kinds of baby items ..

Unfortunately we are unable to accept furniture, computer equipment or electronic equipment including TV's, stereos, etc.