



Christmas 2014

Share the Joy!

Each year, NCM helps ensure that children in Norcross experience the **joy** and brightness of Christmas. Through our programs, families come to NCM to register their children to receive gifts. This year, we expect requests from at least 800 families or more than 2,000 children.

We have already had great response from member churches and corporate organizations who wish to contribute to the Christmas program. However, there is still more work to do, more toys to collect and most importantly, **JOY** to share!

*We have **two** ways YOU can help!*



NCM is currently collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-17. Gift cards for teenagers are also needed. Churches, businesses, social/civic organizations or neighborhood groups can sponsor a toy drive. It's a great way to get people involved, it's fun and the holiday spirit is contagious! Gifts **must** be delivered by December 1, 2014.



This year, NCM will match families who would like to provide Christmas gifts for NCM families and children in need. Families of all sizes are available and you can adopt any size family - from one child up to seven children. Family information (number of children, names and ages) will be available from November 1, 2014 through December 1, 2014. Gifts **must** be delivered to NCM by December 11, 2014.

For more info, email Christmas@Norcrossco-op.org or

call Traci (404-273-0953) or Tammi (404-550-8072)



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First Annual Partner's Breakfast



Thursday, September 25, NCM held it's first Annual Partner's Breakfast for the Restoring Hope investors. Over 40 partners attended the breakfast to get an update of the progress of the Restoring Hope! programs.



The 3 components of the Restoring Hope! program included: **1) Transforming Lives, 2) New and Expanded Services and 3) Educate and Communicate.**

Transforming Lives in Action...

The goal of Transforming Lives is to guide families from poverty to economic responsibility and teach life skills and workforce educations.

Our Transforming Live Program (TLP) has helped 9 families transition from homelessness to stable housing. Currently, we are also working with 5 more families to move into economic independence.

"Thank you all so much! We thought we would have to remain homeless with our 6 month old baby girl but through GOD and his servants we remain blessed."

Crystal and Anthony Thomas



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We are so grateful for ALL of our donors and volunteers that help to restore hope and transform lives in the Norcross community.



Restoring Hope! funds have allowed us to invest in new technology in order to provide life skills and workforce education courses in our **Training Annex**. For example, we use technology to help with resume preparation and job search strategies.



We have partnered with Associated Credit Union, Clearpoint and The Private Bank to offer budget and credit management classes.



We now offer activities in our **Children's Annex** for kids while their parents are receiving services. We are in the need of volunteers to assist in this area. Please prayerfully consider helping.



We are now able to provide **all** clients with non-food items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap and deodorant. **These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.**



We are collaborating with Victory World Church to host monthly Health Fairs. Clients are being screened for high blood pressure and diabetes. Valuable information has been provided to get people on a journey to good health.

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Support NCM while you shop

There are 2 ways to give back to NCM while you shop. (1) Kroger Community Rewards and (2) Amazon Smile. Both programs allow you to do your regular shopping and give to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry at the same time.



Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. All you have to do is enroll your Kroger Plus Card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com, select NCM as your charitable organization, then shop at Kroger. Kroger will donate money to NCM.



Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to support NCM every time you shop, at NO additional cost to you. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select NCM as your charitable organization, then SHOP.

Spotlight on our Volunteers



Many of our companies not only give to us financially but give of their time. Marathon Oil employees (**seen on the left**) are regular volunteers to NCM.

Mark Burkett (**seen on the right**) decided to do his Eagle Scout project at NCM. He created over 100 first aid kits which he gave out to clients.



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Upcoming Events That Benefit the Community

◆ **Annual Pumpkin Patch (October 1-31)**

Attend the annual Pumpkin Patch at Norcross Presbyterian Church and Peachtree Corners Christian Church. A portion of the proceeds of the sales will go to NCM.

◆ **Global Food Pack (October 31– Nov. 2)**

Global food pack (Feed My Starving Children) and local food drive for NCM at Atlanta Trade Center in Norcross. For more information on how to participate, go to www.risingchurch.org.

◆ **Craft Fair (November 1-2)**

Quilt Raffle, Bake Sale and Craft Fair at Christ the King Lutheran. A portion of the proceeds of the sales will go to NCM. For more information, go to www.ctlutheran.org.

◆ **Wellness and Health Fair (November 8, December 13)**

Free health screenings at NCM sponsored by Victory World Church from 10am—12noon. Contact donna@norcrossco-op.org for more information.

◆ **Christmas party for the kids (December 13)**

Party for the kids at NCM from 1—3pm sponsored by Peachtree Corners Christian Church. Kids will enjoy arts and crafts and take pictures with Santa.

If you would like to help or get more information about these events, please email us at info@norcrossco-op.org or call 770-263-0013.

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Ways You Can Help

Urgent Needs!

- ◆ Canned Meals, Jelly, Soup, Crackers and one pound bags of Rice
- ◆ Personal care items, toilet tissue, soap and toothpaste

Join our Volunteer Team!

- ◆ M - F 2pm-4pm help is needed with incoming donations
- ◆ M, T, W, F between 9am-1pm help is needed with phones and administrative assistance
- ◆ M, T, W, F between 9am-4pm help is needed to monitor and restock the clothing closet
- ◆ T, Th anytime help is needed for resume preparation and job coaching
- ◆ M, W, F, Sa 10am-2pm help is needed with client interview, translation and food pantry



Stay up-to-date on critical needs, upcoming events and other activities throughout the year by providing us with your email address, going to our website or joining us on Facebook.



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