



**You are Invited to
Celebrate with Us!**



25 Years of Community Service

AND

The Success of the Restoring Hope! Campaign

Thursday, April 24th @ 7 pm at Simpsonwood UMC

Norcross Cooperative Ministry opened its door for the first time 25 years ago with a mission to help those in crisis in this community through the love of Christ. Restoring Hope! was a bold program to help families develop a pathway to transformation from poverty to economic responsibility.

See How Your Investment Has Made A Difference



Thanks to your Restoring Hope! donations, we now have a place for kids to play while their parents are receiving services. We honor you for your continued commitment to our agency and the families we serve. Thank you for partnering with us. We look forward to even greater outcomes in 2014.

The campaign to underwrite the **Restoring Hope!** five-year program has recently come to a close. In 2013, we have received **234** pledges totaling \$3,495,965. We would like to thank the NCM Board of Directors, the Campaign Leadership, Investors and the more than 100 committed volunteers who worked so hard during the **Restoring Hope!** initiative. Our goal is to guide **100** families from homelessness to stable housing. It is not too late to participate, so please go to www.norcrossco-op.org to get more information.



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Read The Clay's Story...

Nicholas was injured on his construction job and soon found himself without work. As a result, in October 2013, the Clay family became homeless. They were directed to NCM for hotel assistance, basic food and clothing. The case manager overseeing their case noticed their determination to move beyond their current situation. The family was approved to go into the TLP (Transform Lives Program), which is a program to help families move from crisis to long term stability. The Clay family became connected with Generations Church (which is a supporting church of NCM) and began to make spiritual connections. The kids are now stable and doing well in school. Nicholas is hopeful of getting back to work real soon.



"We believe that ministries like this are what it takes to help families get back on their feet. With NCM, Jesus, as our leader, and a lot of hard work, we can overcome these stumbling blocks and become a testimony that will change lives. " **Nicholas and Heather**

In 2013

- ◆ Over 10,000 Families Served
- ◆ Over 15,000 Adults Served
- ◆ Over 16,000 Children served
- ◆ 700 Seniors served
- ◆ 34,000 bags of food distributed
- ◆ 88,000 items of clothing distributed
- ◆ Almost 2000 Children received Christmas
- ◆ 1200 K-12 Students received Book Bags
- ◆ 23,000 Volunteers Hours

Health Advocacy Program

NCM is excited to be the recipient of a grant from the Georgia Baptist Healthcare Foundation that will contribute to the funding of our new Health Advocacy Program. Through collaboration with Gwinnett Medical Center we now have a Faith Community Nurse (Donna Galucki) working with the clients assisting with medical issues. It is our goal that this new initiative will complement what we are already doing to **transform** the lives of our clients.



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Upcoming Events at NCM

♦ **Hunger to Hope (March 28-30)**

Global food pack (Feed My Starving Children) and local food drive for NCM at Gwinnett Fair Grounds. For more information on how to participate, go to risingchurch.org.

♦ **City of Norcross Recycle Day (March 29)**

Bring non-perishable items that are needed in the NCM food pantry. For more information, go to www.norcrossga.net.

♦ **Volunteer Appreciation (April 6-12)**

NCM will honor over 200 volunteers who work hard to serve the community needs.

♦ **25th Anniversary And Restoring Hope! Celebration (April 24)**

Celebrate with us at Simpsonsonwood UMC at 7pm.

♦ **Mt. Carmel BBQ (April 25-26)**

Barbecue and bake sale fundraising event. NCM is one of the recipients of the event.

♦ **VBS (Starts in June)**

If you are interested in hosting a session or more this summer, please contact donna@norcrossco-op.org for more information.

♦ **Backpack Collection (Begins in June)**

We need your donations to distribute book bags filled with school supplies to approximately 1000 children.

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 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



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Celebrate 25 years of Giving



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