

2015

Transforming Lives



*More than a
food pantry*

Norcross Cooperative Ministry

NCM +

The Greg Ellis Center

**Annual
Report**



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Meet the Norcross Cooperative Ministry

The Norcross Cooperative Ministry (NCM) is a faith-based, non-profit, ecumenical ministry dedicated to providing emergency assistance to families in Norcross, Peachtree Corners, Tucker and Doraville in Gwinnett County.

NCM is supported by several local churches, businesses, civic and social organizations, foundations and individuals from our generous community.

For over twenty five years, NCM has been serving the local community by providing food, clothing and limited financial assistance to families in crisis.

We continue to strive to meet the growing needs of the families we serve and the community we love. We invite you to join us in *Caring for the Community by Restoring Hope!*

NCM Staff



Left to right: Leslie Buchanan, Margaret Parton, Diane Lewis, Ellen Queen, Donna Galucki (kneeling), Nicole Cornish, Jim Zumpano (sitting), Rod Lewis, Shirley Cabe, Santa Claus, Kyra Slack (kneeling) and John Byerley.

OUR MISSION

“Helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ.”

Our 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.

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A Word from NCM Leadership



John Byerley, NCM Executive Director

In 2015, **34,050** clients came through the door. Lots of good was done here and you will see a full breakdown in future reports. But what about 2016? We have an election year and a lot will be said and heard. There will be calls for hope for the future amidst finger-pointing and blame. The atmosphere for cynicism will be full and active and yet much remains to be done and accomplished.

What we have here is not a just failure of policy or communication. Our world, our local community, our everyday encounters lack one thing: Spirituality!

So what happened and where is the disconnect? From the beginning God created humankind and as humans we looked to him for guidance and clarity. We prayed for bountiful harvest. We lived and supported our families and neighbors. We worshiped and praised within the world we lived in and grieved any loss, yet sought comfort in His Promise.

Each person that we serve at NCM is Precious in the Eyes of God our Creator. Some know this while others search for the connection. In a fallen world it starts with each of us as Believers. Inwardly we must nurture and strengthen our Spiritual Self and outwardly help others do the same.

Hopefully in 2016 Norcross Co-op, with your prayer, support, donations and volunteerism can be Christ in this community.



Jim Sampson, NCM Board President

"We need to be more than just beans and blankets." A familiar statement by Jack Lane, a past Board President and faithful volunteer for many years, as he encouraged Co-op staff and Board to shape and realize a vision that would lead us to be far more to our clients than a place to get food and clothes. Today, I am sure that Jack is smiling as he looks down from his heavenly home and says, "We **are** more than beans and blankets!"

Today, due to the leadership and vision of Jack and many others and the generous support of our donors and sponsors, the Norcross Co-op provides so much for its clients that help them to build their lives back. There are classes on money management, career planning, resume writing and interviewing techniques, health seminars, an annual Careerfest and several job fairs throughout the year, increased food availability, more funds to help clients with rent assistance and utilities, and the Restoring Hope Program to help eligible families break that cycle of poverty that is so difficult on their own to do.

It warms my heart to see and hear all that is happening at the Co-op to make a difference in the lives of its clients. We have an exceptional staff and cadre of volunteers that make the day-to-day operation of the Co-op one which is held up by local governments and others in the non-profit family as an example to be followed. When Christ's believers become Christ's followers the result is what is happening today at the Norcross Co-op. The needs of God's children are being tended to. With this exciting look back at 2015, it is with great anticipation that I look forward to 2016 as more and greater things will be happening in the life of the Co-op and its clients. However, none of what has been accomplished or is still to be accomplished would be possible without its many faithful and dedicated volunteers and its generous sponsors. THANK YOU!



2015 NCM Executive Board

Secretary— **Jessie Joyner**

Co-Treasurers— **Ron Sherwood & Myrna Campbell-Kelly**

Restoring Hope! In Action

In 2015, 137 families benefited from the Transforming Lives Program (TLP). As a part of the TLP, we were able to assist with medical services, prescriptions, transportation to job interviews or doctor appointments as well as provide longer term housing assistance for clients moving towards self sufficiency. This year, we hope to do more in the area of job certifications and GED completion which continue to be a hindrance to some families.



Linda, pictured in the middle with her two kids, was facing eviction after losing her job in April 2015. The Co-op was able to help her and her family as she committed to improving her situation. She visited the Co-op frequently to volunteer while also taking classes to help with her job search and financial management. Linda is currently working part time as a front desk receptionist. "The job preparation class has helped me to put my resume together and has given me tips to be prepared for job interviews. I am very thankful and grateful to God and the Norcross Co-op staff because they have really been here for me, encouraging and keeping me positive in my time of need."



As pictured above, last year 543 job seekers attended our Annual Careerfest at Norcross First United Methodist Church. All attendees were invited to attend classes to assist with job seeking techniques. With our on-site hiring events, we give the community the opportunity to meet directly with recruiters.



Above, approximately 300 attendees came to our monthly health fairs. Thanks to our medical volunteers, we were able to give clients access to information and screenings regarding health concerns. Our goal is to assist with restoring the health of our clients in the community.

As seen on the right, 365 people attended our Job Services and Money Management classes. Personal empowerment classes resulted in getting people back to work and teaching them how to better manage their finances.

Did you know?

All of our classes, health fairs and job fairs are FREE community events and open to Gwinnett County.



Recap of 2015



34,050 People were Served



25,533 Volunteer Hours Served



9,450 Nights of Hotel Paid



2,685 Children received Christmas gifts



36,340 Bags of Food Distributed



80,900 Items of Clothing Distributed



1,300 Book Bags Distributed



900 Children Attended Vacation Bible School

2015 Financial Donors

NCM is a cooperative ministry of **23** member churches. The Board of Directors is comprised of one voting delegate and one alternate delegate from each member church. The following includes a list of **member churches**:

- 12Stone
- Campus Church of Christ
- Central Baptist Church
- Christ Church Episcopal
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Corners Church of Christ
- Generations Church
- John Wesley United Methodist Church
- Johns Creek Baptist Church
- Johns Creek United Methodist Church
- Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
- Northeast Community Church
- Norcross First United Methodist Church
- Norcross Presbyterian Church
- One Heart Church
- Peachtree Corners Baptist Church
- Peachtree Corners Christian Church—Disciples of Christ
- Peachtree Corners Presbyterian Church
- Perimeter Church
- Rising Church
- Simpsonwood United Methodist Church
- St. Barnabas Anglican Church
- Victory World Church

NCM would like to recognize the following supporting churches: Gwinnett Church, Kingdom Now Church, Lake Berkeley Chapel, Mary Our Queen, Northlands Christian, Rejoice Community Church, Sugarloaf United Methodist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Winters Chapel United Methodist Church.

2015 Businesses

- Access Logistics
- AGL Resources
- Amica Mutual Insurance Co.
- AT&T
- Bryco Electric
- BSI Business Software, Inc.
- Business Resource Group
- CareerBuilder, LLC
- Ceridian
- Chalk It Up Norcross, LLC
- Deloitte and Touche
- Dixie Industrial Finishing
- Equifax, Inc.
- Ernst & Young
- FedEx Corporation
- FIS Foundation, Inc.
- Galaxy Asset Management
- Georgia Stars Baseball Academy
- Heaven and Associates
- Highgrove Partners, LLC
- Hill Foley Rossi & Associates
- Jim Ellis Automotive Group
- Key Music Center
- Kry Investments, Inc.
- Lionheart Theatre Co.
- Macy's East
- Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC
- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Northside Hospital
- Prehmus Financial
- Simcan Enterprises
- STARR

- Suzanna's Kitchen
- Technical Innovation, LLC
- The RMR Group
- United Signs, LLC
- WestRock Company

2015 Civic & Social

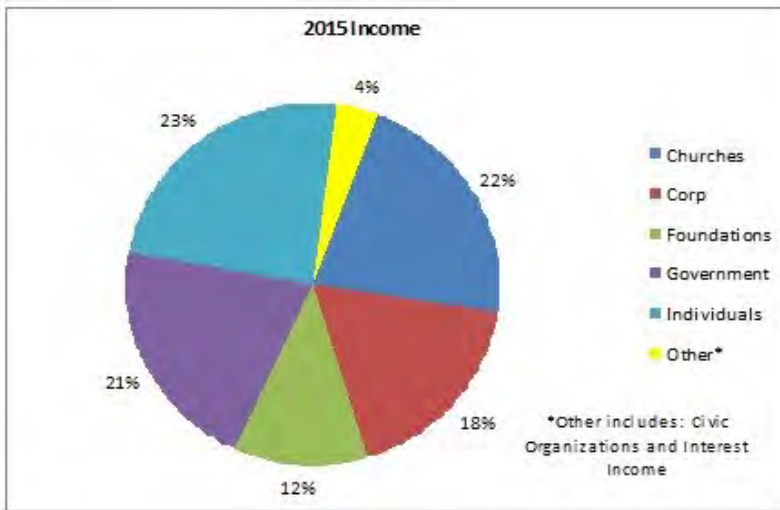
- Berkeley Lake Homeowners Association
- Cub Scouts Pack 3143
- Delta Chapter Alpha Delta Kappa
- Gwinnett Village Community Alliance, Inc.
- Linfield Ladies Bunco Group
- Nesbit Elementary School
- Norcross Lions Club
- Norcross Recycling Event
- Peachtree Corners Business Association
- Peachtree Station Homeowners Association
- Rotary Club
- Smart Growth Gwinnett County

2015 Foundations & Grants

- Allstate The Giving Campaign
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- American Endowment Foundation
- Amica Companies Foundation

- Autodesk Foundation
- Bank of America U.W. Campaign
- Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
- Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
- Feed My Starving Children
- Frances Hollis Brain Foundation
- Frances Wood Wilson Foundation, Inc.
- Gaby Foundation
- Ingram Foundation Inc.
- Jim & Billie Ellis Foundation
- Kroger Community Rewards
- North Georgia Conference of the United Methodists
- Publix Super Market Charities
- Salesforce.org
- Scott Hudgens Family Foundation
- The Benevity Community Impact Fund
- The Copeland Family Charitable Trust
- The Primerica Foundation
- United Way of Greater Atlanta
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia & SNJ
- United Way of Metro Atlanta – Corp. Family

2015 Financial Snapshot



2015 Income: \$1,014,667

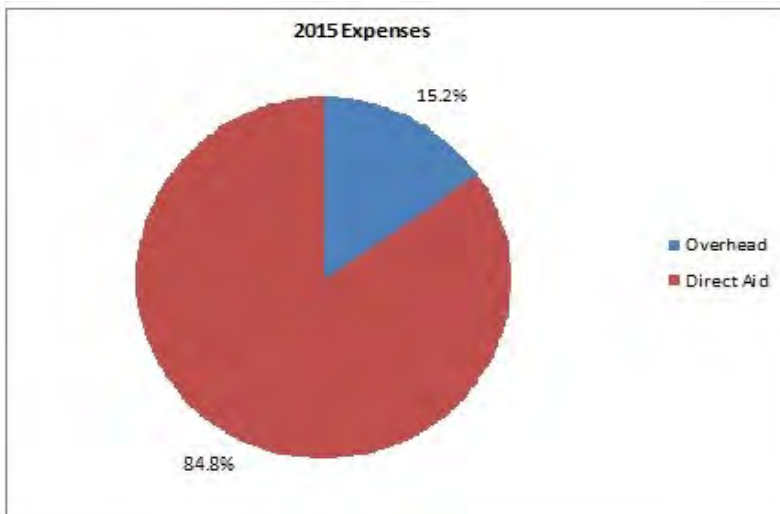
Churches	22%
Corporations	18%
Foundations	12%
Government Programs	21%
Individuals	23%
Other	4%



2015 Expenses: \$1,925,329*

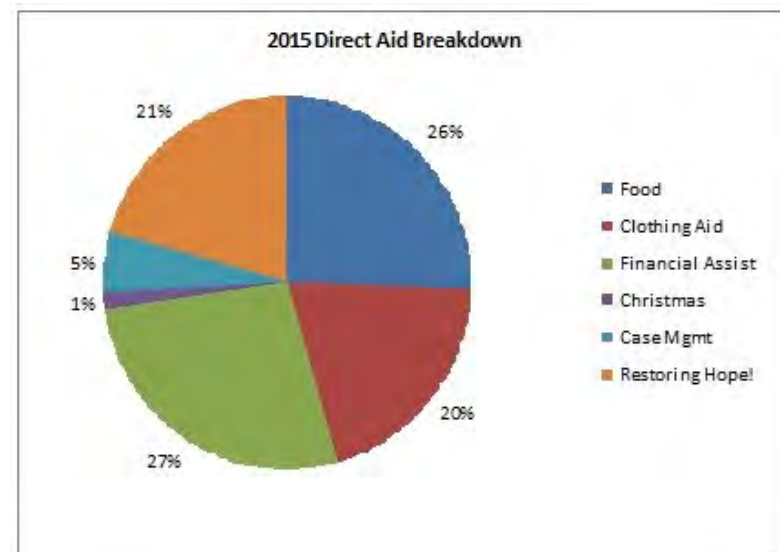
Overhead	15.2%
Direct Aid	84.8%

*Includes in-kind donations of food and clothing



Direct Aid Breakdown: \$1,632,620

Food	26%
Clothing Aid	20%
Financial Assistance	27%
Christmas	1%
Case Management	5%
Restoring Hope!	21%





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How you can help!

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, 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.
- **Essential items needed:** Canned meats, jelly, soup, one pound bags of rice, personal care items, toilet tissue, soap and toothpaste.

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

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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