### 2015 Newsletter 2nd quarter

Norcross Cooperative Ministry



The Greg Ellis Center

We're more than just a Food Pantry!

# So far this year...

- 6 Monthly Health Fairs with 125 attendees
- 7 On-site Hiring Events with 320 attendees
- 59 attendees for our Money Management Classes
- 422 kids attended our Tuesday night children's activities
- 300 weeks of Hotel Assistance given to our homeless families



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## See how your investment is making a difference

In 2015, our Transforming Lives Program (TLP) has helped 13 families transition from homelessness to stable housing.

Pictured to the left, Lisa and Anthony and their two sons, Dominick and Robert, were homeless when they came to NCM. After 6 months of being in our TLP program, they recently moved into their new apartment.

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

"The Co-op means hope to me and my family. They have helped us stay together as a family and made us grow with God's will."

#### Lisa and Anthony

## **Transforming Lives in Action...**



This year we had 46 people attend our Job Empowerment Series which included Job Readiness, Resume Preparation and Interview skills.



I 200 personal hygiene kits were given out to homeless clients. Food stamps can not be used to purchase these items. Donations are appreciated.



Sixty one clients have received medical assistance through help with prescriptions, doctor visits, X-rays, vision, hearing and dental services.



We are now offering one-on-one personal and family counseling. We have worked with 13 individuals who requested extra support.



### Did you know?

To date, NCM has provided 112 clients with bus tickets or gas cards to get them to doctor's appointments and go to job interviews.

We also use these as incentives for attending on-site job and financial workshops.

# Share the JOY of Christmas ALL Year!

Norcross Co-Op's Christmas Program 2015 needs YOU

*Christmas in the Summer* - Sponsor a toy drive and people will feel the holiday spirit all year round!





Warm Hands, Warm Hearts - Help children of all ages feel the warmth of others' love by donating new gloves, mittens, hoodies or sweatshirts.

**Feed the Family** - Ensure a family can celebrate the holiday by sharing a meal together. Donate a \$25 gift card to Kroger or Walmart to allow a family to purchase the meal of their choice.



For more info, email <u>Christmas@Norcrossco-op.org</u> or

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

# Ways <u>You</u> Can Help

### Urgent Needs!

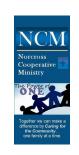
- Canned Meals, Jelly, Soup, Crackers and one pound bags of Rice
- Personal care items, toilet tissue, soap and toothpaste

## Join our Volunteer Team!

- M, T, W, F between 9am-4pm help is needed to monitor and restock the clothing closet
- M, T, W, F between 9am-1pm help is needed with phones and administrative assistance
- M—F, 2pm—4pm help is needed with incoming donations
- 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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