

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.



November 28, 2017

With the hype of holiday shopping, it is easy to forget those less fortunate than ourselves. Many people in our area struggle to meet basic needs. On Tuesday, November 28, NCM is joining the Global Initiative dedicated to giving back to the community. #GivingTuesday has inspired activities that bring about real change in communities. How will you participate?



Every Dollar You Donate

Transforms Lives

- 80% of the children in our service area receive free or reduced lunches at school.
 What about dinner? Or the weekend? For \$50, you can provide a week's worth of food for four families.
- Now that she has her seizure medicine, a mom can be left alone with the kids and her family can have a peace of mind. For \$150, you can provide someone with a doctor's visit, labs and a prescription to assist with medical needs.
- A single mom and her 2 children were recently evicted and living in her car. For \$250, they can be given a safe place to lay their heads for a week. You can provide a place to sleep and a sense of security for families experiencing difficult times.





#GivingTuesday

Transforming Lives in Action Meet Curtis....



Curtis, divorced, father of two, lost his job because his company filed Chapter II. "Unemployment ran out and so did my family favors. This was a very difficult time because I was close to losing my apartment. I came to NCM not sure if they would be able to help. They assisted me with rent and utilities while I looked for employment, Leslie helped me construct a more effective resume and I landed my current job. Pastor Dean, the chaplain, called and prayed with me to keep me encouraged. The staff at NCM never made me feel ashamed of my situation. They were always positive and encouraging. They truly cared about me. It literally has been life changing."

Annual Partners Breakfast

On Thursday, September 21, NCM held its Annual Partners Breakfast. Over 50 partners attended to get an update on the progress of the Restoring Hope! programs. With the Restoring Hope! Campaign coming to an end, we are entering into another phase of fundraising. Partners for Hope continues the initiative to further expand our services in the community. For more detailed information and to see the video, click Partners for Hope.



Share the Joy of Christmas

Each year, NCM helps to ensure that children in Norcross experience the **JOY** 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 2,500 children.

We have already had a few responses from member churches, corporate organizations and individuals 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!

For \$50, you can provide toys and warm clothing for a child. If you would like to adopt a family, conduct a toy drive, volunteer or donate, please email Christmas@norcrossco-op.org





- Bread pick-up from local grocery stores
 (Monday, Thursday and Friday, A.M. Hours only)
- Medical professionals to assist with monthly Health Fairs (2nd Saturday of each month)
- Sorting incoming clothing donations (Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10am to 2pm)
- Provide children's activities for children on Saturdays (10am—12 noon)
- Help with Personal Empowerment Programs (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am—12pm)

See our full list of volunteer needs on our <u>website</u> or <u>facebook</u> page. If you have questions, email info@norcrossco-op.org