



**Annual  
Report  
2017**

**NORCROSS**  
COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

## **MISSION:**

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## **Executive Board**

Richard Kay  
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## **How it all began...**

In October 1986, the seed was planted with church leaders considering “wouldn’t it be wonderful if all the Norcross area churches could combine their efforts to help those in need in our area?”

Then it happened. In 1988 several local churches joined together to form the Norcross Cooperative Ministry with a mission to provide services to low income and homeless families in our community. In the beginning NCM provided food for 2 to 5 families a day. NCM now serves 50 to 70 families a day with food, clothing, and financial assistance. Responding to the changing dynamics of the community, NCM continues to expand these critical services and adding new ones that include toiletries, small household items, baby items, spiritual guidance, medical referrals, personal empowerment classes, children’s activities, school supplies and Christmas assistance.

More than 30 years serving our community, our mission states “Helping those in crisis by collaborating with the community to offer programs and services that transform lives through the love of Christ.” It is through the support of our local churches, businesses, social and civic organizations, foundations, grants and individuals that make this ministry possible. Together we are making a difference in our community.



*From Left to Right*

*Christina Clay, Kyra Slack, Ellen Queen, Jim Zumpano, Nicole Cornish, Linda Williams, Leslie Buchanan, Brenda Westmoreland, Margaret Parton, Donna Galucki, Shirley Cabe, Rodney Lewis, Diane Lewis*



# Richard Kay

## Board President

We live and work in such a wonderful and diverse community that it is easy to overlook those in need. Maybe, if you are like me, you don't want to believe that in our great community there are those who can't afford to feed their families consistently, or don't have heat or electricity, or have lost their jobs and are now living in hotels or in their car. It's happening all around us more than we realize. Volunteering at Norcross Cooperative Ministry has caused me to see the community in ways I never imagined. I've realized that people are hurting and need a helping hand to get back on their feet.

I've also realized that there is an incredible group of staff and volunteers at NCM who genuinely care about people in need. Whether the needs are physical (food & clothing, health ministry), financial (rent & utility assistance, temporary hotel stay, job ministry) or spiritual (counseling, prayer and church connections), NCM recognizes all clients as children of God and seeks to help them get back on their feet and give them hope and dignity amid their crisis. I want to say, "Thank You" to the staff and volunteers for their service.

I also want to acknowledge and say, "Thank You" to everyone who has donated food, clothes, household items and especially **Money** to fund the operations. As you look through this year's Annual Report, you will see how many people were helped. The numbers are overwhelming! Then, look at the financial data provided. NCM does a tremendous job of stretching every dollar to serve the community, but it is very expensive. We need your ongoing **monthly support** to continue the work. "Thank You" to all who have supported us during the Restoring Hope campaign and to those who have pledged to our Partners for Hope campaign. Please contact the NCM office at 770-263-0013 if you wish to volunteer or donate in any way.

Remember the words of Jesus, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me"...."Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25: 35-36, 40)

Please continue to help NCM be the hands and feet of Jesus...

*Richard*



# Shirley Cabe

Executive Director

This year Norcross Cooperative Ministry will celebrate 30 years of ministry in this community. 30 years of helping those in crisis through the love of Christ. I've spent time looking back at what He has done through NCM over the years and am reminded of this scripture:

"Each of you have been blessed with one of God's many gifts to be used in service to others" 1 Peter 4:10,

This scripture describes the opportunity for all of us to serve the many needs in our community.

There are not enough words to express my gratitude to all of you, our donors and volunteers, who support the mission of NCM to help those in our community. There are families who are hungry and homeless, unemployed, dealing with health issues, alone and who have nowhere to turn.

Whether you are stocking or distributing food and clothing, helping with a resume, spending time with the children on the playground or holding a hand and praying with a client, your time and gifts can be such a blessing to so many.

YOU have been a key part of this journey to help us serve thousands of people in 2017.

So where do we go from here, what is our "next"?

As I begin looking ahead and planning for what is God is calling us to do next, I reflected on Matthew 25: 35-40 that embodies the foundation of the work we do here everyday.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me." Then the righteous will answer him saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and thirsty and feed you and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you in or naked and clothe you? And the King will answer, truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Matthew 25: 35 – 40.

NCM is an agency that will look forward to the hope and support of tomorrow for our families. Through the years we have added new programs and services in response to our growing and changing dynamics of the areas we serve.

As we prayerfully listen for God's guidance, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know if you have any ideas or thoughts about how we can better engage with and serve those in our community; those who need hope, just a little hand up. Again thank you so much for all of the support you gave in 2017. Working together we can make a difference in this community one family at a time.

Blessings,

*Shirley*

## A Servants Heart

### Meeting a Personal Need of the Women in Our Community

Sriya, a 16 year old, pictured on the right with her mother, Jyothi, saw a YouTube video that highlighted the problem homeless females face. Feminine hygiene products cost approximately \$8 per box and they have to choose between food or hygiene products. Oftentimes they resort to unconventional methods to function during that time of the month.

Sriya acted by starting a non-profit and NCM is one of the recipients. Each visit, Sriya brings 60 to 70 feminine packages for our clients. This act of service shows her compassion and care for others.



## Restoring Hope!

### Curtis Brown Finding Family in an Unexpected Place



The company that I was working for filed Chapter 11 which meant I was out of a job. After my unemployment ran out, I was very close to losing my apartment. As a father of two, this was a very difficult time for me. NCM was a huge help. They assisted me with rent and utilities. I was helped with my resume and landed my current job. Pastor Dean even prayed for me. The entire NCM staff embraced me like family (especially Shirley and Leslie). "The experience at NCM is one I will never forget! It literally has been life changing."

*Curtis*



In 2018, NCM will celebrate 30 years of serving the community. Save The Date October 4, 2018 More information to come.

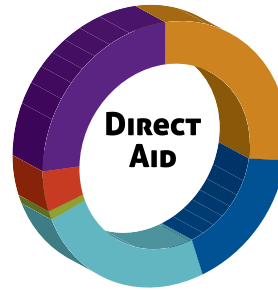
# 2017 Financial Snapshot

2017 Income: \$1,200,172

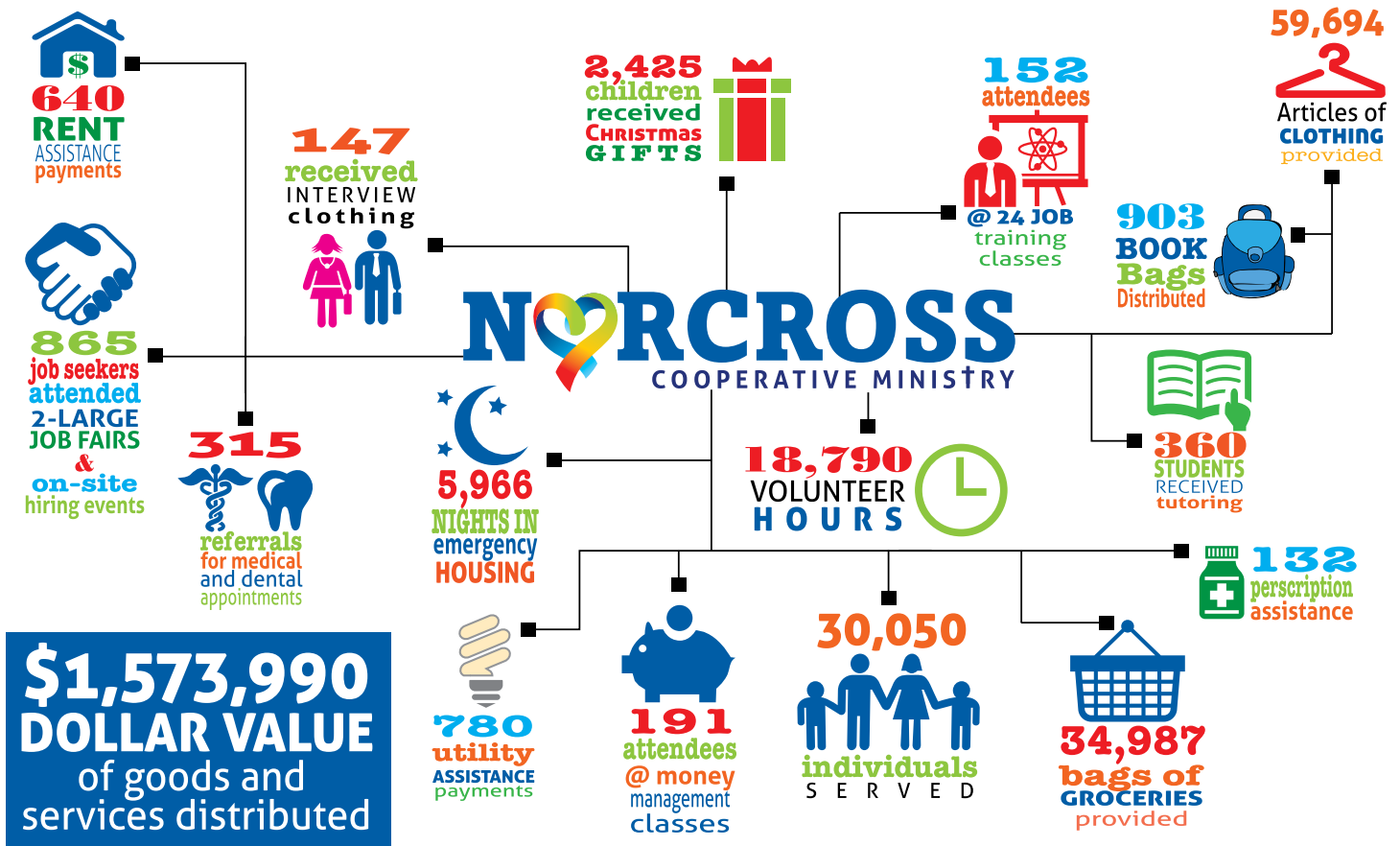
2017 Direct Aid Breakdown: \$1,573,990\*



- 21% Churches
- 16% Corporations
- 13% Foundations
- 22% Government Programs
- 28% Individuals



- 31% Food
- 16% Clothing
- 26% Financial Assistance
- 1% Christmas
- 7% Case Management
- 18% Restoring Hope! (Transform Lives Program)



\*Includes in-kind donations of food and clothing

# Honor Roll of Investors

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Ray Wtulich

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Campus Church of Christ

Central Baptist

Christ Church Episcopal

Christ The King Lutheran

Corners Church of Christ

Generations Church

Grace Atlanta Bible Church

John Wesley United Methodist

Johns Creek Baptist

Johns Creek United Methodist

Kingdom Now Ministries

Mt. Carmel United Methodist

Norcross First United Methodist

Norcross Presbyterian

One Heart Church

Parkway Baptist

Peachtree Corners Baptist

Peachtree Corners Christian

Peachtree Corners Presbyterian

Perimeter Church

Rising Church

Simpsonwood United Methodist

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

Victory World Church

## 2017 Supporting Churches

Lake Berkeley Chapel

Winters Chapel United Methodist

Mary our Queen

Sugarloaf United Methodist

Gwinnett Church

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints



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