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In This Issue:

Helping Local Families this Holiday Season *Donations Make a Difference in the Lives of Families in Need*

Adopt-a-Family

This year with help from CAC a local single mother and her two children ages 13 and 4 will celebrate the holidays for the first time in four years. Disabled and receiving disability benefits and food stamps, she couldn't make ends meet and the family became homeless. With subsidized housing the family has a home again. CAC is giving them food and clothing and enrolled the family in the holiday program for holiday food and gifts for the children. This will be the first time her youngest child will get toys at Christmas.

Give Holiday Food

Vintage Affair 2012

A Labor of Love

With your help CAC expects to provide gifts to 1,000 children and give food and food gift cards to 700 families this holiday season.

Gift to a Client

Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

Give gifts to local children in need. View children's wish lists and "adopt" a family on our website. Gift giving limit is \$50 per child.

Georgia Gives Day

Give Holiday Food or Grocery Store Gift Cards

Give a Holiday Food basket or donate gift cards from Kroger, Publix or Wal-Mart in \$10 denominations and allow a local family in need to purchase their favorite foods for the holidays.

Joining Forces to Fill
the Food Pantry

Supplying Students
with School Supplies



DETAILS ONLINE:

Adopt-a-Family

WWW.OURCAC.ORG

Give Holiday Food

CAC Gives 25 Years of Service

Thank you volunteers, donors, sponsors and member congregations for recognizing with us throughout the year CAC's 25 years of service in the community.



CAC brings together the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody communities to provide compassionate assistance to neighbors in need by providing financial support, helping to meet basic needs and promoting self-reliance.

Vintage Affair #10 was a Silver Celebration!



Vintage Affair Chairwoman Shelly Dozier-McKee and Steering Committee Member Joan Gill Redmond also serve on the CAC Board of Directors. More pictures inside!

CAC's largest annual benefit on September, 29 raised \$112,000 for CAC! More than 325 guests attended. Because all of the food, beverages and auction items were donated, almost every dollar raised at Vintage Affair goes to helping neighbors in need.





Silver Celebration

PRESENTED BY:

NEIGHBOR NEWSPAPERS

BENEFACTOR:



Villard Bastien, left, CAC President Bob Levinson, Karen Bass, Myron Smith, Judy Pollock, Rev. Ron Gilreath and Leticia Leinard Weidenhamer.



Dan and Jane McAuley, left, and Vintage Affair Honorary Hosts Missy and Doug MacGinnitie.



Karen and Doug Carey sample some wines.



Melanie and David Couchman, left, chat with Mayor Galambos.



Foods from 18 restaurants.



Peggy and Jerry Stapleton, left, and Karen Taylor.



Wine and beer tastings.

Photos: Deb Jansen, Kristen Ristino



B's Bistro on the Circle





Mark & Mitzi O'Connell, left, and Peter and Nancy Tartikoff.



June Carlson, left, Jacquie Brinson, raffle winner Eric Carlson and Pam Jones.



Susan Westmoreland, Holly Chesser and Cameron Ives.



Amy and Sid Kilgore.



Linda King, left, Brad Hindahl, Mark and Susan Anderson.



Silent auction tables featured estate silver.



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Thrift Boutique is Labor of Love for Long-Time Volunteer

A CAC volunteer for 19 years, Mitzi O'Connell never imagined CAC clothing assistance would grow into the Thrift Boutique it is today.

When CAC moved in 2006 from a small building on the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian campus to the current location on Hightower Trail, Mrs. O'Connell worked to establish an upscale thrift store for clients shopping with vouchers and public shopping, too.



Volunteers Kathy Smith, left, and Mitzi O'Connell help run the Thrift Boutique.

Talking Shop

Provides free clothes to 300 clients a month.

Generated \$35,000 in sales in 2011 for CAC Programs.

Staffed by 50 volunteers.

Accepts donations of gently worn clothing for men, women & children, accessories and small home items such as linens, dishes and décor.

During CAC's first years volunteers bagged donated clothes for clients in need based on a few outfits in their size. She recalls a crowded space with no privacy for clients and little space for food and clothing.

"Clients now have the dignity of being able to try things on," said Mrs. O'Connell. "It's really come a long way, and that's nice to be a part of."

It took a year to launch the Thrift Boutique. CAC Executive Director Tamara Carrera and Mrs. O'Connell found a shop to model after, and Mrs. O'Connell set out to acquire second-hand retail fixtures through donations, purchases and even dumpster diving behind retail stores!

"It's become a love of mine because my heart goes out to the working poor. These folks are struggling and we volunteers want the clients to feel comfortable coming here," said Mrs. O'Connell.

From sorting donations, to planning store sales, to consoling a client in distress, Mrs. O'Connell has been the Thrift Boutique's lead volunteer since opening 2007. The shop is entirely staffed by volunteers 4 to 5 days a week and all of the clothing and goods are donated by the community.

The Thrift Boutique is one of Atlanta's best kept secrets for fabulous finds of designer clothing, quality accessories and clothes for the entire family!

Volunteer opportunities are available and donations of gently used clothing and small home items are always welcome.

The Gift of Transportation

Lisa is a disabled Veteran and a single mother of two young sons. She receives modest disability benefits and works part time work to make ends meet. When she lost her job she turned to CAC for help. We helped her with rent preventing eviction, and gave her family food and clothing. After several months she found a job working at home, an ideal situation because among the obstacles she faced was a lack of reliable transportation. Then some months later CAC was able to help again. Several cars were donated to CAC to pass on to deserving clients; and Lisa was among those chosen. The gift of transportation opened up opportunities for the family that they didn't have before. Now Lisa wants to help others by volunteering at CAC. "CAC has truly made a mark in my life that can't be erased, I am so thankful and blessed by their work!"



Georgia Gives Day is Dec. 6!

Georgia Gives day is an opportunity for everyone, in every corner of the state to support the causes that make Georgia great.

We hope you will take part in this event by supporting CAC, your local non-profit that helps neighbors in need right here in our community!



December 6, 2012
Please Donate Online at
GAgivesday.org
Thank You!

Filling the Food Pantry



Who Did It:
Temple Sinai, Yom Kippur Food Drive
UPS, 18 volunteers & truck

CAC member congregation Temple Sinai and business supporter UPS came together to fight hunger in the community. The temple's large annual food drive was the biggest yet with 585 bags of food. UPS provided the truck and volunteers to deliver the food, unload and stock the pantry shelves.

Supplying Students

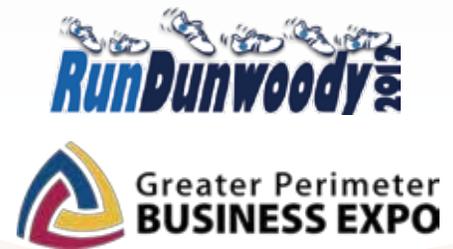


Who Did It:
Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Student Volunteers

An anonymous donor at CAC member congregation Holy Innocents' offered to match up to \$20,000 in donations for school supplies from fellow parishioners. The results enabled CAC to provide new back packs and school supplies for more than 700 local children. Summer student interns and volunteers packed and distributed the back packs to local students in need.

CAC in the Community

Please stop by and say hello the next time you see CAC at a community event!



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on
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