



NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

Helping Neighbors Now
February 2010

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED OUR NEIGHBORS

Thanks to your generosity NRM provided the following during the month of January:

- Financial assistance to 32 families benefiting 91 individuals
- Food for 139 families benefiting 386 individuals

This financial assistance helped to keep their water, electricity and natural gas from being turned off as well as kept these families from being evicted from their homes. You are 'Helping Neighbors Now' by donating your time, talent and treasure to North Raleigh Ministries. THANK YOU! We could not do all of this without you.

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for all the clients of this ministry and the ministry itself so that the light and hope of our Lord and Savior can shine during some of the darkest moments in people's lives. Our God is an awesome God and he hears our prayers. Praise be to God!

EAT OUT FOR NRM FUNDRAISER

Our Eat Out day has moved to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. On February 16th, Mimi's Café located at 6320 Plantation Center Drive in Raleigh will be donating 15% of their proceeds from breakfast, lunch and dinner to benefit NRM. Remember to bring the flyer with you so NRM can receive a donation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

Easter is on April 4th this year and NRM will be giving away Easter baskets and food boxes on Thursday, April 1st. We already have a wonderful church sponsoring all of the candy for the Easter baskets. In order to complete our food boxes, we are in need of donations of hams or gift certificates so we can purchase hams for the dinner boxes. We will also need volunteers to assemble the Easter baskets. Special volunteer opportunities for Easter include:

- Monday, March 29th from 5:00PM-8:00PM to fill the Easter baskets;
- Tuesday, March 30th and Wednesday, March 31st from 10:00AM-4:00PM to assemble the dinner boxes.
- Thursday, April 1st from 10:00AM-4:00PM we need volunteers to giveaway the Easter baskets and dinner boxes.

Please contact Katie Lightbody to sign up for these volunteer opportunities at your earliest convenience. Kate can be reached at 785-9911 Ext. 157 or by e-mail at Katie@northraleighministries.com.

IVAN PARK CONCERT TO BENEFIT NRM ON JULY 24TH 7:00PM

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this exciting evening of praise and worship with multi-award winning artist, IVAN PARKER, in Raleigh at Trinity Baptist Church. It promises to be an evening to remember. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call Vickie Hawkins at 919-218-2075. Artist Circle Tickets \$25; General Admission Tickets \$12.00 Proceeds to benefit NRM.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our current food pantry needs are: jelly, cereal, Hamburger/Tuna Helper type boxed dinners, canned veggies (spinach, collards/greens), rice, dried peas/beans, canned pasta, cleaning items: comet, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap refills, toilet paper, paper towels.

HELP US MAKE OLD SHOES LOOK BRAND NEW

One of the things we do at NRM is polish shoes. It's amazing to see what Ms. Shirley can do with a bag full of used shoes, some shoe polish or shoe dye and a bit of elbow grease. We go through many tins of shoe polish and shoe dye and our supply is always in short supply. If you would like to donate old polish or dye you have in your cabinet or new shoe polish & dye, that would be wonderful. KIWI Shoe Polish is preferred in black, brown, navy & neutral but any donations of shoe polish in any color will be very much appreciated.

COUPONS

NRM is starting an educational series for our clients and one of the classes will teach them how to stretch their dollars and shop smarter by using coupons. Please save any coupons or coupon newspaper inserts that you are not planning to use and drop them off at NRM. We plan to use these coupons during our class.

EXPANDING SERVICE AREA TO 27604

The addition of the 27604 zip code into our service area is in progress. We have three (3) churches from this area that are in various stages of becoming member churches of NRM. Please extend a warm welcome to: Crossroads Fellowship Church, New Hope Baptist Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church. God continues to bless the efforts being made at NRM and we are so grateful.

Orientation for these new volunteers has begun and training begins on February 17th. Once sufficient volunteers are in place and training is complete, appointments for residents living in 27604 will be accepted for Monday afternoons between 1-3 with more days added as groups of volunteers join in this effort.

INK CARTRIDGES

We would love to have your used printer ink cartridges. If you are wondering why, we can turn them in to Staples for a credit. Ink cartridges are one of our greatest office supply expenses other than paper and the credit from Staples will help to offset those costs.

NAOMI'S KITCHEN HAS ARRIVED

Naomi's Kitchen - a new gourmet food and kitchen area has arrived in our Thrift Shoppe offering Southern mixes, BBQ sauces, jellies, teas, and kitchenware. Stop by and see all the changes going on at NRM.

REMINDER: NEW THRIFT SHOPPE HOURS

Our Thrift Shoppe hours have changed. We are now open Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM and Saturday 10:00AM-2:00PM.

****SPECIAL REQUEST CONTINUES****

NRM has a walk-in freezer that is in desperate need of repair. If you or someone you know would be willing to donate their time and talent to fix it or make a financial contribution to cover the costs for the needed repairs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Denise Crumpler 785-9911 Ext. 154 for more details. Having the walk-in freezer working again will be a huge blessing.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

There are many volunteer opportunities available in all areas of the ministry. If you've been looking for a way to help the local community, we have a spot for you. We would love to have you join our team of dedicated volunteers. Katie Lightbody is our Volunteer Coordinator, please give her a call at 785-9911 Ext. 157 or pop her an e-mail at Katie@northraleighministries.com for more details on the available positions.

- Whenever the Thrift Shoppe is open we are always in need of folks who can do some heavy lifting i.e. moving couches, chairs, desks. We also need more eyes on the Thrift Shoppe floor. If you can't do heavy lifting but can sit in a chair and be eyes and ears for us that is also a need.
- We need a few people who can work at our back door receiving donations. These individuals need to be able to carry boxes and move the donated items to various departments. **This is an urgent need on Mondays between 10-4. Nick still needs some help back there.**
- We need a team to help in the Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

- Mike Lanio has agreed to coordinate teams of people that are physically able to move furniture. The teams he puts together will work together to make pickups of donated items as well as move furniture around the Thrift Shoppe and out to the new owner's vehicles. There are times we cannot pick up donations because we just do not have the volunteers available. Remember those donated furniture items turn into much needed funds for our client's financial needs. If you would like to help Mike in this effort and are physically able to move furniture and/or have access to a truck, please give Mike a call at 395-8333 and let him know of your interest.

- We continue to search for some one to greet clients and get their paperwork started at the reception desk in the crisis center on Wednesdays from 10:00-1:00.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

We will be having two volunteer orientation sessions each month on the 1st Monday from 1:00-2:00 and 3rd Wednesday 9:00-10:00. Be sure to contact Katie Lightbody for details and to sign up.

BACKPACK BUDDY PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has responded so enthusiastically to this program for children who are food insecure. Please contact Marti Rowe at 971-9260 if you would like additional information about this program.

MOTORIZED WHEEL CHAIRS AVAILABLE

We have received three motorized wheel chairs. If your church has a need for one of these wheel chairs, please contact Denise Crumpler Ext. 154 for specifics.

KNOW OF ANY JOB OPENINGS?

Many members in our community are looking for jobs. If you or any members of your church may know of any job openings, please forward those openings along with a job description and requirements to Katie@northraleighministries.com. We plan to compile a list that will be available to churches, clients and the community at large.

THANK YOU TO...

...all of our dedicated volunteers. We love you! We hope you know how much you are appreciated.
...all of the wonderful prayer warriors who keep this ministry in their prayers...you know who you are!
...the new volunteers from 27604 area. We will be able to serve many more of our neighbors in need because of your willingness to serve the Lord.
...the veteran who comes into our Thrift Shoppe each week to buy clothes to be given to others. Your generosity is a blessing and an inspiration.
...all of you who sign up to receive this newsletter.
...all of the church staff members who work to get the word out about the needs and happenings of this ministry.
...all of the people who support NRM by participating in the Eat Out fundraising events.
...all the church members who supported NRM's efforts by participating in their church's Souper Bowl of Caring.

We gratefully accept memorial donations.