



Together, We Can Help!

November 2018

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November 10-18 is National Hunger & Homelessness Week. NFCC is in the forefront of providing food and services to families and individuals in need in North Fulton. Every day we see over 125 families who come to NFCC for food and our Pantry gives out over 9 tons of food each week. Without that food, many of our neighbors would go hungry. Sadly, more and more of our neighbors are already homeless when they arrive at NFCC for help and are struggling to rebuild a home for their family. They may be temporarily in a local hotel, living in their car or other unsuitable place. Last month 148 homeless households (a total of 250 individuals) came to NFCC for service. Your assistance gives

food, clothing, temporary housing and hope to our most vulnerable neighbors.

We are kicking off our #GivingTuesday campaign this month as well. Help us reach our goal this year. More details about how to get involved are below.

At NFCC we are blessed each day by the incredible support of a giving community. On behalf of the hundreds of families who benefit from your service and donations, we hope your Thanksgiving is blessed by the knowledge that you are helping so many neighbors.

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## Partners of the Year

Today we celebrated our annual Community Breakfast where we provided an update on the programs, services, and individual stories that made up the year. We celebrated all of our partners in the community who make it possible for us to do the work we do every day. We also gave out special recognition awards to our Partners of the Year. Congratulations to this year's winners:

Pictured L-R

**Volunteer of the Year:**

Pam McKemie

**Civic Partner of the Year:**

City of Roswell Police/  
Police Chief -Rusty Grant

**Faith Partner of the Year:**

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Associate Rector Rev. Michelle  
Ortiz with Rector Rev. Kenneth  
Swanson, Ph. D.

**NFCC Executive Director,**

Barbara Duffy; **Board President**  
Jim Pope

**Business Partner of the Year:**

Synchrony Financial - Marjory  
Rosser, VP Marketing, Scott  
Kagan, Lauren Ochs, and Gerald  
LaHatte



**Thanksgiving Meals and  
Holiday Toys**

The holidays are just around the corner and we have several special programs for North Fulton families in need.

- November 18 - over 500 families will receive all the groceries they need to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal in their home.
- November 17 and December 9 - over 70 local seniors will receive holiday baskets.
- December 15 and 16 - Our annual Santa Shop where qualified parents get to “shop” for presents for their children.

These programs are all provided free of charge thanks to our generous community! Consider donating food, toys or money to support these programs. Visit the [Holiday website](#) for details.



## Food Pantry Usage Up

We are so fortunate to have many area schools collecting food for our Thanksgiving food distribution. The program wouldn't be possible without your donations.

The food pantry continues to need non-holiday related items as well. Pantry usage is up 12% over the year so every donation is really needed. You can drop off regular donations at the pantry Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-5pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-7:30pm.

#GIVING  
TUESDAY

## #GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. It kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

This year NFCC has set a goal of raising \$20,000 between #GivingTuesday and the end of the year. We need your help to do this!

Ways to help:

- Visit our [donation page](#) on November 27 and make a one-time or recurring donation.
- Set up a [fundraiser](#) for NFCC on [Facebook](#). It's a great way to challenge your friends to donate as well. It only takes 30 seconds to set up and 100% of money collected by you and your friends comes directly to NFCC.
- Mail us a check to the

attention of Barbara Duffy at 11270 Elkins Road, Roswell, GA 30076 and put #givingtuesday in the memo field.

- Share, share, share! #GivingTuesday is all about collaboration so tell your friends you donated and ask them to donate too!



## Meet Our Neighbors

Meet “Maria” who has lived in North Fulton for over 10 years and was at one time thriving as a storeowner with a house and car. When her husband was deported, “Maria” was left with her young son who fell into a depression. “Maria” lost her business, her house and her car. She moved from one place to another, which caused her depressed son even more instability. The school guidance counselor asked her to stay in one place for her son’s stability. She followed their advice and got a job cleaning a store. When the store closed “Maria” was out of work again, but she started her own cleaning business with her son. Her son graduated from high school and has started studying to be an auto mechanic while still helping his mother with the cleaning business. In 2015, “Maria” had a stroke. She is still in rehab and continues to have medical issues. When her roommate moved out “Maria” found herself unable to make her rent. Even with help from her son “Maria” needed NFCC to step in during this emergency and help her pay her rent to keep her in home.

**Warm Coat Day Keeps  
Local Families Warm**



This year's Warm Coat Day took place on the last Saturday in October. Thanks to the schools, businesses and individuals who donated and collected coats and accessories, we were able to give out over 1,450 coats, jackets and accessories to our neighbors in need. Over 225 families can now stay warm for the winter. It would not have been possible without the 115 volunteers who sorted, stocked and served as personal shoppers to help families select items. Extra coats have been taken to the Thrift Shop where families who were unable to attend on that Saturday can select the coats with their vouchers. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

**\$5 OFF**  
**Your \$15 Purchase**

### **NFCC Thrift Shop**

Do you have extra family for the holidays? Maybe you need some extra dishes, another chair for the table or some holiday decorations. Whatever your need, the NFCC Thrift Shop has it for 90% less than retail stores. Join our Savers Club NOW and get a \$5 OFF coupon!

Mark your calendars for our second Christmas Open House on November 15 and 16. We have more Christmas decor and Christmas trees galore. And put the NFCC Thrift Shop on your Black Friday shopping list. 50% off all merchandise excluding furniture. Follow the NCC Thrift Shop on Facebook for updated sales and specials.

**Synchrony Business  
Leaders**



Synchrony's Business Leader Program participants Tom Bodeau and Lauren Ochs spent the last three weeks working at NFCC. The business leaders program is a two-year program for emerging leaders at Synchrony and includes a community service project with a local nonprofit. Tom and Lauren helped research and develop a presentation about what poverty looks like in our community. We are developing a speaker's bureau who will use the presentation out in the community. If you are interested in being part of the speaker's bureau contact [Holly York](#).

Thank  
you

### Thank you Volunteers

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who helped NFCC in October both onsite and offsite! Make sure to [tag us](#) on your social media post [@nfcchelp](#). We love to see your photos! The last [volunteer orientation](#) of the year is coming up on November 17.

**HIRING  
EVENT**

### Hiring Events

Are you looking for new employees? Let NFCC help! We post job opportunities on our job board in the Education Center and host hiring events. Kroger hired three new employees on the spot during a recent hiring event. Contact [Eden Purdy](#) for more information.

**Alpharetta Community  
Thanksgiving Worship  
Service**

# Thanksgiving Service

On Thursday, November 15 at 7pm, several Alpharetta congregations will come together at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church (180 Academy Street, Alpharetta) for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Alpharetta Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. An offering will be collected in support of North Fulton Community Charities. All are welcome to attend! [More details.](#)



## City of Alpharetta Food Drives

The City of Alpharetta has incorporated food drives for NFCC into both of their holiday events. Bring your food donations on Saturday, December 1 for the annual tree lighting and again on Saturday, December 8 for the *Magical Winter Village* where you can exchange your food donations for discounts to local businesses. [More details.](#)



**NFCC Mission: To build self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness and hunger in our community by providing emergency assistance and enrichment programs.**