



Together, We Can Help!

January 2019

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2019 has started off at NFCC with a whirlwind of activity including new families to help, new and returning volunteers, staff in new positions, new treasures to find in the Thrift Shop, and new opportunities in the Education Center. One first time volunteer was overheard saying,

*"I had no idea NFCC did so many things."*

One of the many things going on at NFCC is planning for the upcoming annual **Point in Time Homeless Count** that will take place Thursday, January 24 from 9:00pm to 1:00am. This is the week that all across America, communities are organizing to count homeless individuals. The tally of homeless individuals identified is the way the federal government determines how much each district will receive in federal funding for homeless initiatives. Volunteers will gather at 8:00pm at NFCC for training and sent out in teams to known hot spots in North Fulton. [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

One of last year's Homeless Count volunteers Ed Klaas, summarized his experience this way: *"I have lived in Roswell for 18 years and have never seen a homeless person here. However, tonight I went out with an amazing group of volunteers from North Fulton Community Charities and our small group found eight!!! We were just one of numerous cars driving around north Fulton County trying to locate and gather information from the virtually invisible homeless population. Men and women, young and old, white, black, Latino, Asian. All were lucid, many were employed, some homeless a few days and others for years. There were veterans and college graduates and people down on their luck or running away from chaotic lives and situations. But for the grace of God, this could be any of us. If you think it isn't happening in your neighborhood, you would be mistaken. We saw it with our own eyes tonight. NFCC could use your help to be of assistance to others."*

Working together, 2019 is going to be a great year.

Thanks for being part of NFCC.

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Holiday Wrap-up



This year's holiday program served 905 families, including 1,802 children. Nearly 1,400 volunteers gave their time, talent and muscles to receiving, sorting and setting up each program to successfully serve our families and countless others donated money, toys, baskets, food and coats. We'd like to thank the following members of the 2018 Holiday Team: Rob Ballard, our parking/distribution coordinator who made sure all those presents got to the correct families; Michele Ebel and Ellyn Dinnerstein, who did an amazing job managing and setting up our Santa Shop; Beth Martin who checked in all our holiday volunteers; and Jenna Purdy, Michelle Weaver, Eileen Nunnelley and Cheryl Brown who helped with family check-in on distribution days. Thank you!



## Swing Into Action Golf Tournament

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Swing Into Action Golf Tournament Presented by Northside Hospital is coming up on Monday, April 29. The annual tournament, which is traditionally a summer event has been moved to April this year. The event raises over \$100,000 for NFCC to support their mission to build self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness and hunger in our community by providing emergency assistance and enrichment programs. NFCC is currently accepting sponsorships for the Swing Into Action Golf Tournament. Space is limited. [Sponsorship packets are available on the website.](#)



## Golf “FORE” NFCC

NFCC will launch a new fundraising event this year titled Golf “FORE” NFCC at Topgolf in Alpharetta. This new event will be on Thursday, April 25, from 4-7pm and include game play, food, drinks and the opportunity to learn more about NFCC. A limited number of sponsorships are also available for the Golf “FORE” NFCC event. [Sponsorship information is available on the website.](#)



## Thrift Shop Survey

Help us serve you better in the Thrift Shop by filling out a short survey. The survey takes less than a minute to complete and everyone who completes the survey will immediately receive a coupon for \$5 off a \$10 purchase. There are no exclusions on the coupon and it may be combined with other sales. Your feedback is invaluable to us! Thank you for participating.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

The Thrift Shop is ready for Valentine’s Day with décor and gifts. Stop by to get all your Valentine’s Day goodies. And don’t forget to join the [Saver’s Club](#). It’s the best way to find out about sales and coupons.

**Mary Joan Keeney  
Education Fund**



Congratulations to former GED graduate Ivy Kani, who is the second 2018 recipient of the MJK Education Fund. Ivy Kani achieved her GED at NFCC in 2015 and starts her third year pursuing a degree in nursing. This fund was created in partnership with the McKemie family to help NFCC clients obtain certificates or degrees in healthcare related careers that will generate living wages and financial sustainability. For information about the fund, contact [Pam McKemie](#), Committee Chair or [Eden Purdy](#), Director of Programs.



## From Our Clients

Did you know we have a team of 30 skilled volunteers in our Education Center that share their knowledge and expertise to help our clients improve their quality of life and move toward self-sufficiency? We received this note from someone that recently went through our job coaching.....“I believe that the NFCC is an organization that exists for the good. What particularly impressed me was their focus on helping me stand back up on my own. I have experienced a drought of employment in the very competitive job market of Atlanta, and in meeting with the coach in the employment center, I was able to identify some weaknesses in my approach to both the search and to the process of interviewing. That helped change my perspective, which I have come to believe is one of the most important aspects of creating change in one's circumstances. The NFCC is a place I would like to give back to

in the future, because I believe in not only their mission, but their results.”



## Volunteer Instructors Needed

NFCC needs individuals or organizations who can teach Quickbooks or have a specific seminar or workshop in the areas of technology, career services or workforce readiness. Contact [Eden Purdy](#) for more information.



## Volunteers for Poverty Simulations

We need volunteers to help us run an upcoming Poverty Simulations on January 21<sup>st</sup>. A Poverty Simulation is an exploration of the challenges that families in poverty (like NFCC clients) face every day. Participants are divided into family units reflecting pre-assigned skills, income, housing and a variety of stumbling blocks. They are given tasks to complete in a two-hour role-play. Volunteers run the community tables like Employment Office, Transportation, Jail, School, Charity, etc.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

## Staff Changes at NFCC

We are excited to announce several staff changes at NFCC. Jerry LaHatte has joined NFCC as our new Controller. Sharla



Calloway has assumed a new position as Director of Assistance Services. Darlene Turk has been promoted to Director of Volunteer Services and Ruth Font has been promoted to Manager of Assistance Services.



## NFCC is Hiring

Would you love to work at NFCC? Know someone that would? Help us share our new job opportunities.

**Full-time Administrative Assistant**

**Part-time Volunteer Coordinator**

**Part-time Child Attendant**



## Coming Soon...Help with Your Taxes

In partnership with the United Way and the IRS, NFCC offers free tax preparation for individuals earning less than \$55,000 annually through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Visit the NFCC website starting February 1 to schedule your appointment with an IRS trained and certified volunteer to prepare and file your tax returns.



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