



**NFCC**  
North Fulton  
Community Charities

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



## Lack of Affordable Housing Shapes Gina's Story

Gina is one of NFCC's newest board members, but her story starts with a search for housing that was affordable, an ongoing struggle in North Fulton. As a single mother holding down two jobs, Gina was always on the lookout for housing that was both safe and economical. As a City of Roswell employee, she looked for a place close to work in North Fulton where she eventually qualified for a Habitat for Humanity home. While she waited for that opportunity, NFCC helped Gina make ends meet with food from the food pantry and occasional help with the bills. When her car was beyond repair, NFCC provided her with a donated one from our car donation program. Gina was lucky because she did have access to affordable housing. That's not the case for most North Fulton residents today. The Alpharetta-Roswell Herald recently reported that "Roswell and Alpharetta are among the state leaders in average annual price growth for apartments." Affordable housing in North Fulton continues to shrink which makes it almost impossible for most of our essential workers such as teachers, police officers, fire fighters, nurses, hospitality and customer services workers to live in the communities that they serve.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel to see Gina's story and others at [www.youtube.com/NFCCHelp1](http://www.youtube.com/NFCCHelp1)



## Summer Days Bring Growling Stomachs

Almost 9,000 students in North Fulton schools are on free or reduced lunch—a service they don't receive during the summer. As many of us are enjoying days at the pool and planning summer vacations, the families we serve are worried about how to feed their children during these summer days. No family should have to choose between paying their rent and feeding their family. Providing food is the first line of defense for someone struggling financially. When families use the NFCC Food Pantry, they free up money for rent, utilities, transportation or an unexpected expense. We need your help to make sure there is enough food in our food pantry. Hosting a food drive in your neighborhood is a great project for the kids!



Visit [www.nfcchelp.org/food-bank](http://www.nfcchelp.org/food-bank) for the most needed items in the pantry and sign up to host a food drive today.



## NFCC Goes Back to School

The NFCC Back to School Program presented by Northside Hospital helps low-income families with stretched means get ready to send their children back to school. Qualified families receive new backpacks and back to school supplies for all their school-aged children. Last year we served over 950 local children in need and provided supplies to local teachers. **This year's event will be on Saturday, August 3,** followed by a teacher restocking day for teachers from Title I schools on Sunday, August 4.

[www.nfcchelp.org/back-to-school-program](http://www.nfcchelp.org/back-to-school-program) as well as drop off directions. Volunteer opportunities are available to sort, fill and distribute backpacks. Visit the website and sign up today!



### SEPTEMBER 1

Visit [nfccholiday.org](http://nfccholiday.org) to sign up to volunteer for the **NFCC Holiday Program** including Warm Coat Day, Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Senior Baskets, Sponsored Families and Santa Shop.

Help NFCC to ensure every child in our community goes back to school with the required supplies. A list of supplies needed is available on the website at

### WAYS TO HELP:



 Volunteer   
Shop at the Thrift Shop



Send your Donation in the Enclosed Envelope  
Donate Online at [www.nfcchelp.org/donate](http://www.nfcchelp.org/donate)

### I Found it at the Thrift Shop...



**Annie Jefferson** is a professional art model who often shops at the NFCC Thrift Shop to buy dresses and gowns for her modeling. She wore this Thrift Shop Find for a recent photo shoot.

All proceeds from the NFCC Thrift Shop go back to support the mission. Thank you for shopping with a purpose!

Tag us on social media at [@nfcchelp](https://twitter.com/nfcchelp) with your best finds.

Sign Up for the **NFCC Savers Club** at [www.nfcchelp.org/thrift](http://www.nfcchelp.org/thrift)

### Making an Impact!

**NFCC's Adult Education Center** is a place where our low income neighbors gain new skills, increase income and build self-sufficiency. So far this year by the numbers:

- 219 local immigrants are learning English, and becoming more independent and employable.
- 5 GED students have graduated and 35 students are hoping to join them.
- Our Financial Literacy classes and coaching sessions, helped 41 individuals with budgeting and credit issues.
- Job coaching and Career Mentoring services helped 54 individuals find a job or pursue further education and certification.
- 355 had their taxes prepared and filed, saving money and avoiding refund loans or scams.



To learn more contact **Eden Purdy**, at [epurdy@nfcchelp.org](mailto:epurdy@nfcchelp.org).

NFCC reflects all that is good in our North Fulton community. Neighbors are helping neighbors and making our community strong. NFCC is 75 faith congregations, 475 businesses, scores of schools and civic groups and hundreds upon hundreds of individuals and families who come together to provide the volunteers and resources that help over 100 families in need in our community every day."

- Barbara Duffy, Executive Director

## Good Leads Board of Directors

Although NFCC has a long line of women leaders including Mary Drake who encouraged the formation of the organization and Barbara Duffy, the first and only executive director, the election of **Mary Good** as president is the first time in the 36-year history of the organization that a woman has led the board. Good is retired and has been a longtime community volunteer.



"I am passionate about community involvement and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to increase our community engagement," said Mary Good, President of the NFCC Board.

### FY 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mary Good, President  
John Carpentier CPA, Vice President  
Bryan Apinis, Treasurer  
Kathryn Albright, Secretary

Adwoa Awotwi	Clara Herrera
William Brower	John Hipes
Gina Daunt	Lee Jenkins
Ken Davis	Stephanie Nelson
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Julie Haley	Ted Schwartz
Mike Hampton	Reginald Simmons
	Steve Stroud

## Ambassadors In the Community

Eighteen community volunteers recently graduated from the new NFCC Ambassador Program. This new program trains community volunteers to go out into the community and act as a representative of NFCC by staffing information tables and speaking to community groups, schools and churches.

"We often get requests to come out into the community and talk about our mission, what we do and how people can get involved. We couldn't think of anyone better to deliver that message than our community volunteers that know us best," said Director of Development Holly York.



### NFCC AMBASSADORS IN THE ABOVE PHOTO

Front Row (L-R) Michael Cote, Teresa Dore, Monica Malires, Susan Busch, Second Row (L-R) Ellyn Dinnerstein, Ameera Joe, Laura Losson, Third Row (L-R) Carole Babis, Denise Kudla, AnnMarie Giglio, Troy Stowe, Fourth Row (L-R) Allison Mann, Kris Carter, Sharon Heys. Not pictured: Bill Baxley, Janet Dahlstrom, Lia Jeffries, and Pam Page.

To request NFCC come to your organization fill out the request form at [www.nfcchelp.org/request-a-speaker](http://www.nfcchelp.org/request-a-speaker).

// After taking this class I plan to first evaluate my income and develop a budget to live within my means. Second I plan to use some of the tips learned today to cut my spending. Lastly, I plan to follow up on obtaining a health insurance plan."

- Student from NFCC's Money Matters Class >>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day – NFCC Offices, Food Pantry and Education Center Closed. Thrift Shop open 10am-5pm
- 9 & 13 NFCC Tours
- 13 & 25 New Volunteer Orientation
- 15 New School Supplies and Backpack Drive Begins

### AUGUST

- 3 Back to School Backpack Distribution
- 4 Teacher Restocking Day
- 10 & 22 New Volunteer Orientation
- 10 & 13 NFCC Tours
- 12 First Day of School for Fulton County Schools

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Holiday Website Goes Live with Volunteer and Donation Opportunities [nfccholiday.org](http://nfccholiday.org)
- 2 Labor Day – NFCC Offices, Food Pantry and Education Center Closed. Thrift Shop open 10am-5pm
- 7 & 19 New Volunteer Orientation
- 7 & 10 NFCC Tours
- 14 Barbara's Bash at Atlanta Athletic Club

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## Barbara's Bash

On **September 14**, NFCC will host Barbara's Bash, a community celebration honoring long-time **Executive Director Barbara Duffy** at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Barbara is retiring from NFCC at the end of this year after 29 years of service. Join us in honoring her work and giving back to the organization she loves. Barbara started as a volunteer for NFCC. Her first office was no bigger than a closet and she did everything from food to assistance in that one little room. As the need for services has grown over the years, Barbara has overseen the expansion of the organization. This fundraiser will support the mission that Barbara has championed for nearly three decades.

For sponsorships or to purchase a table visit  
[www.nfcchelp.org/barbaras-bash](http://www.nfcchelp.org/barbaras-bash).

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BASH**

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