



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



## A Letter From Barbara

As I prepare to retire in December, I find myself reminiscing about my 30-year journey at NFCC. I came on board as Director in 1990 to work with my idol and mentor Mary Drake who had recently retired from the EOA neighborhood center. Mary and I shared a small room inside the Community Clothes Closet (now NFCC's Thrift Shop) in the North Fulton Human Service Center on Grove Way. Curtained shelves screening canned food lined three walls. We would visit with residents looking for help at a small table with two chairs. Volunteer Bob Knouse arrived with an enormous Unisys computer and taught me how to keep records on 5 1/4" floppy disks.

From that small room, NFCC expanded several times within the building and in 2005 purchased and moved to a freestanding 20,000 sq. ft. building on Elkins Road. We thought we had plenty of room to spare until three weeks later when Hurricane Katrina destroyed New Orleans and North Fulton became home to hundreds of evacuees. New volunteers and donations arrived by the truckloads along with displaced families in search of help. Busy days, months and years continued, including during the Great Recession when layoffs and foreclosures affected many former donors who reached out for help in their time of need.

Yes, we have grown over my three decades as Executive Director. It is interesting to me that NFCC is still serving the same percentage—7%—of our North Fulton neighbors. We have grown and evolved in proportion to how our community has grown. What has not changed is that NFCC still helps one family at a time, each with a unique story and need. What has not changed are the amazing people who are the hands, feet, head and heart of NFCC.

I am humbled and profoundly grateful for the many expressions of appreciation and best wishes at the news of my upcoming retirement. NFCC has always been a community-wide effort and will continue to be so long after I retire. It has been a joy and a journey for me and I am grateful to each of you for allowing me to journey with you. God Bless.

*Barbara S. Duffy*  
Barbara Duffy, Executive Director, NFCC

I am beyond grateful for the work they do. My family and I was sleeping in a car completely homeless and they took care of us. God's Angels indeed. Special thanks to Ms. Jennifer. Now my family are back on our feet but I don't know how we would have made it if God didn't order my steps in their direction. God bless y'all.

—A Google Review from a NFCC Client



## Homeless and Out of Options

When "Lisa" came to North Fulton Community Charities she was six months pregnant. Her husband, and their children ages 2 and 6 were sleeping in their car. It all started when her husband's work hours were cut and they could no longer afford to pay their rent. They were evicted from their apartment and lived in their car. NFCC helped house them short term in a hotel until her husband started a new job and they could save to get into their own apartment. By the time "Lisa's" third child arrived, the whole family was at home in their new apartment.

Visit [nfcchelp.org/news](http://nfcchelp.org/news) to hear more client stories and see how your support helps!

**I didn't expect so much, I didn't think people cared about me and my children. Thank you!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 1-22 Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 2 New Volunteer Orientation
- 14 NFCC Community Partner Breakfast
- 17-23 National Hunger and Homelessness Week
- 21 New Volunteer Orientation
- 23 Senior Basket Distribution
- 24 Thanksgiving Food Distribution
- 27 All NFCC Closes at 1pm
- 28 Thanksgiving – All NFCC Closed
- 29 NFCC Offices, Food Pantry and Ed. Center Closed; Thrift Shop Open Regular Hours

### DECEMBER

- 1-13 Toys and Gift Drive
- 3 Giving Tuesday
- 7 New Volunteer Orientation
- 14-15 Santa Shop
- 19 New Volunteer Orientation
- 24 NFCC Offices, Food Pantry and Ed. Center Closed (thru Jan 1)

Follow us on social media  
@nfcchelp for Thrift Shop sales,  
Classes, Workshops and More.



**Don't Forget**  
**#GIVINGTUESDAY**  
**on December 3rd**

[NFCCHelp.org/donate](https://NFCCHelp.org/donate)



# NFCC Holiday Program

North Fulton Community Charities has helped families with holiday assistance for over 30 years. Last year's annual holiday assistance program served over 900 families and 1,800 children. The holiday assistance program begins with Warm Coat Day on October 26th followed by a Thanksgiving Food Program in November, a Sponsored Families Program and Santa Shop in December. Holiday Baskets are also provided to over 150 local senior residents in November and December. This holiday assistance relieves the additional financial stress for families living in poverty or from paycheck to paycheck.

**"Thank you for making me feel special."**

## How Can I Help?

The NFCC Holiday Program would not be possible without countless volunteers, donors and partners working together! Visit [NFCCHoliday.org](https://NFCCHoliday.org) to find out more.



- **Sign Up to Volunteer!** All volunteers must be 13+ and anyone under 16 must volunteer with an adult.
- **Businesses and Organizations** can sponsor the holiday program
- **Sign up to hold a drive** for food, toys or gift cards. It could be your company, school, neighborhood or group of friends.
- **Sign up to donate or deliver** a basket to a senior
- **Sign up to Sponsor a Family** experiencing an extreme financial hardship
- **Short on time?** You can donate online to help with any of these programs at [NFCCHoliday.org](https://NFCCHoliday.org).

**"Thank you and God bless you."**

## Questions about the Holiday Program?

Contact Jacquie Tracy at (678)387-4474 or [jtracy@nfcchelp.org](mailto:jtracy@nfcchelp.org).  
Holiday Distribution will be at 310 North Point Circle, Alpharetta, GA 30022  
(Formerly Thomasville Furniture)



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The number of GED students who will graduate from the NFCC GED Program on November 1. They have spent months studying and preparing for each test while holding down jobs and taking care of their families. Each of these students is taking another step on the path to self-sufficiency.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kristi knew her story, her family, and everything she'd missed since they last saw each other. They laughed and talked as old friends, as women who truly saw each other. The people that volunteer and receive services @nfcchelp operate not as charity and beneficiary, but as family.

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## WAYS TO HELP:



 Volunteer   
Shop at the Thrift Shop



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



### Thrift Shop Gears Up For Holidays

The NFCC Thrift Shop is the place to shop for all your holiday needs: decorations, dinnerware, extra seating, unique gifts and more. On November 7th and 8th, the NFCC Thrift Shop will host a Christmas Open House complete with Christmas trees and decorations for the whole house. Stop by for coffee and treats while you shop! Watch for announcements about our Black Friday specials coming on Friday November 29th. Follow the NFCC Thrift Shop on Facebook @nfccthriftstore and subscribe to the weekly Saver's Club newsletter at [NFCCHelp.com/thrift](http://NFCCHelp.com/thrift).

Tag us on social media at @nfcchelp with your best finds.

Sign Up for the NFCC Saver's Club at [NFCCHelp.org/thrift](http://NFCCHelp.org/thrift)



### Outpouring of Support for Barbara's Bash

The inaugural Barbara's Bash at the Atlanta Athletic Club raised over \$150,000 in net proceeds to help low-income families in need! The fundraiser honored longtime Executive Director Barbara Duffy, who announced earlier this year that she would retire at the end of 2019. Over 300 attendees enjoyed an evening with comedy, dinner, a Q&A with Barbara, special guest speakers as well as silent and live auctions. The events sponsors were: Emory John Creek Hospital - Gold Sponsor; Northside Hospital - Silver Sponsor; Georgia Power and Synovus - Bronze Sponsors. **Save the Date for Next Year – Sept. 26!**





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## Bringing Joy to Seniors

Did you know that last year over 1,000 senior citizens came to North Fulton Community Charities for help? Many of whom are on a fixed income; sometimes with a disability or health issue and often no family support. How do we take care of this generation who has worked their whole life only to be left struggling to decide if they should pay for food or prescription medicine? NFCC supports these seniors with food, clothing and financial assistance.

During the holiday season, we deliver baskets to these seniors in need through the NFCC Holiday Program. The Senior Baskets are filled with non-perishable food, a grocery store gift card and a small gift. They are delivered in November and December. Visit the holiday page at [NFCCHoliday.org](http://NFCCHoliday.org) to sign up to donate a basket or be a delivery driver.

These seniors need your help throughout the year as well so donations made through the enclosed envelope or online will help us support this community all year long.



Together, we can help!

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