

ALL HANDS

SPRING 2021

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

The Struggle to Escape

Amanda* fled an abusive relationship and moved into an apartment with her four children. She got a new job, but with no childcare, she struggled to take on enough hours to support her family. Her boss agreed to work with her, but Amanda was already falling behind.

When she came to NFCC, Amanda was two months behind on her rent and out of options. The staff at NFCC immediately jumped into action. NFCC provided food from the food pantry and funds to help to pay her rent, but that was just the beginning. Caseworkers helped connect Amanda to multiple resources including food stamps, free tax preparation, childcare programs, classes, mentoring and domestic violence support. Thanks to donors in our community, we have the ability to provide wraparound services to women like Amanda that need assistance.







Last year, during the height of the pandemic, NFCC assembled a special group of recurring donors called the Circle of Hope. Members commit to a monthly donation to help fulfill the mission of NFCC on an ongoing basis.

There are currently 204 Circle of Hope members. They have the opportunity to meet quarterly with NFCC Executive Director Holly York and hear updates on the organization and how we

Holly York Hosting the Circle of Hope Quarterly Zoom Update

are using their investment. In 2020, the Circle of Hope donated more than \$200,000!

NFCC spends on average \$1,200 to help stabilize a family in need. You can join the Circle of Hope now for \$100 a month and help one family get back on their feet this year.

Will you join us?

Visit <u>nfcchelp.org/circle-of-hope</u> for more information.





Spring is a time of growth and renewal. It is nice to see the flowers in bloom. This year, after weathering the pandemic and economic crisis of the past 12 months, we are all looking for renewal in a post-COVID world. However, for many of our neighbors, the harsh reality is that they continue to struggle. They have not recovered from lost wages, family health challenges, and the burden of childcare. NFCC will continue to provide services to help support them and we plan to offer more programs to help them succeed and grow in the new economy. We are grateful that any progress we make toward our mission is a result of the community's commitment. Together we can help our community thrive!

> Holly M. York **NFCC Executive Director**





Volunteer \



Shop at the Thrift Shop

Send your Donation in the Enclosed Envelope











The NFCC Thrift Shop Turns 50

Long before NFCC, there was the Community Closet (CCC) to serve families in need of clothing, household goods and furniture. In 1971, through the support of six local churches: St. Jude the Apostle Catholic, Roswell Presbyterian, Roswell United Methodist, Roswell First Baptist, St. Thomas Acquinas Catholic and St. David's Episcopal, the CCC opened in a storefront on Elizabeth Way in Roswell. Each church volunteered one day a week to sort and hang clothes. When the North Fulton Child Development Academy opened the Human Service Center in 1977, the CCC moved into a space on the upper level. Long-time NFCC Executive Director Barbara Duffy got her start at the CCC serving as the volunteer Chairman of the CCC from 1980-1990.

When NFCC formed in 1983, the CCC donated their profits to fund financial assistance. In 1991, the CCC officially became part of NFCC. The name of the Community Clothes Closet was officially changed to the NFCC Thrift Shop when it moved to its current location on Elkins Road in 2005.

The NFCC Thrift Shop has remained true to its mission for the last 50 years assisting individuals and families in need in our community, while also raising funds to help offset operational costs. We recently updated our clothing assistance program to give those seeking assistance more flexibility to pick the items that work best for their family, and to shop throughout the month at times that work for them. Our goal is always to serve with compassion, dignity and inclusion.



Ways to Help the NFCC Thrift Shop:

- · Volunteer with us! Just like 50 years ago, we still need volunteers to help sort clothes and put them out on the floor to serve families in need and shoppers.
- Donate your gently used in-season clothing, household items and furniture to us!
- Shop with us! Find hidden gems in the thrift store market. You can find designer clothing, household items, books, electronics, sporting goods and furniture all at bargain prices. The profits help support our mission.

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MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 * THE COUNTRY CLUB OF THE SOUTH * JOHNS CREEK

Back for its 12th year, NFCC's annual Swing Into Action Golf Tournament presented by Convergence Acceleration Solutions (CAS) Group will be at the Country Club of the South on April 26. All proceeds will support our mission "To build self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness and hunger in our community by providing emergency assistance and enrichment programs."

"We are so excited to be back with our annual golf tournament this year," said NFCC Director of Development Sherri Morgan. "Over the last year, we have seen the devastating effects of COVID-19 on many of our neighbors who have experienced job loss or reduced hours while dealing with this health crisis. The 'Swing Into Action Golf Tournament' is one of our largest fundraisers and will give our community the opportunity to support all the work that NFCC does to help families get back on their feet."

Limited sponsorships are still available. Grab them before they are gone! Find out more at nfcchelp.org/swing.



I know it takes a small village to help even one person out. Thank you for all you have done for me. I am blessed to live in a community where senior citizens are still respected and valued. Medical issues are troublesome and often times left untreated so thank you so much for lifting that burden. I promise to be positive to others and pass on every day love and compassion to others who are also in need. Thank you to all at NFCC.

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Opening Spring 2021 - The Barbara Duffy Center

After a three year "Growing with Purpose" capital campaign, NFCC is excited to be in the final stage of the campaign. The new Barbara Duffy Center, opening this Spring, houses NFCC's assistance and education teams under one roof to better serve families. It is the main point-of-entry for individuals and families, and will allow NFCC to expand case management, workforce development and education programs.

In addition to the new Barbara Duffy Center, NFCC's three year "Growing with Purpose" capital campaign also provided

resources to expand our food pantry and remodel the Thrift Shop. We are forever grateful to the individuals, businesses and organizations that have supported this specific fundraising campaign in addition to their continuing support for the programs and services that fund our mission. Find out more about how you can help at nfchelp.org/growing-with-purpose.

Architectural Renderings of the New Barbara Duffy Center Exterior (below left), and Interior Lobby (below right).





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Together, we can help!