



NFCC
North Fulton
Community Charities

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Our Mission: To help ease hardship and foster financial stability in our community.



Back to School

It's already time to start thinking about going back to school! The NFCC "Back to School" program helps low-income families with stretched means send their kids back to school with the supplies they need. Qualified families receive new backpacks and school supplies for their school-aged children. Last year, NFCC distributed over 900 backpacks filled with school supplies to local families.

Help us make sure every child in our community goes back to school with the required supplies. Visit the website at nfcchelp.org/back-to-school-program to sign up to donate a backpack, make a donation to support the program, become a sponsor or volunteer.

Special thanks to [Triton Claim Management](#) for being a Supporting Sponsor of this year's event.

Working Together To Help



Diane* came to NFCC fleeing domestic violence with her infant and toddler. She came with nothing, but the clothes on her back. NFCC collaborates with other agencies in our community as part of the North Fulton Housing Continuum of Care and helped connect them to the Drake House, a housing program for women with children. However, due to a delay, they needed to wait a week until the space was ready. NFCC case workers jumped into action to provide a short-term hotel rental until space was available at the Drake House. NFCC immediately set them up with food, diapers, clothing and everything they needed to be comfortable until their space was ready. It took incredible strength for "Diane" to leave everything behind for the safety of herself and her children and our community once again shows that together, we can help!

*Names and photos have been changed to protect privacy.



The joys of summer 2021 are starting to feel more normal with businesses opening up and people traveling again.

Summer also means school is out. However, school is just starting for more than 100 students in the new Barbara Duffy Center. Over the course of the past year, we have transformed our programs, updated curriculum, and built a new facility to meet the growing demands of work force development in our community. A GED or improved language

skills can make a significant impact on a family's income. Our education and other support programs—housing assistance, food, clothing, and workshops can help families ease hardship to foster financial stability. We are so thankful that the community invested in our efforts to create opportunities for our families.

Financial stability plays a significant part of the post-COVID economy. Stability comes from regular income and housing affordability. Housing costs have pushed more and more workers out of the area who are needed to open businesses and serve in essential jobs. Businesses are competing for workers driving up labor costs and adding to inflation. NFCC recognizes these challenges and working each day to solve them.

With all of these exciting changes, the board of directors thought it was fitting that we update the mission to reflect what we do every day here at NFCC. **What we do isn't changing**, but we thought we could do a better job of explaining that to our community. NFCC's updated mission is to help ease hardship and foster financial stability in our community. **Below is a deconstruction of the mission so you can see how we live the mission each day at NFCC.**

Join us in helping take care of our community!

– Holly M. York
NFCC Executive Director

LIVING THE MISSION

To help ease hardship and foster financial stability in our community.

We partner with the individuals and families seeking **help** to find a path forward.

We **ease hardship** through:

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Free Clothing from the NFCC Thrift Shop
- Seasonal Programs such as Backpacks, Warm Coats, Thanksgiving Food, Holiday Toys and Gifts

We **foster financial stability** through:

- ESL Classes
- GED Tutoring
- Job Coaching
- Financial Mentoring
- Workforce Development Programs
- Benefit Screening
- Income Tax Preparation Assistance

We are local. We serve the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park and Roswell within Fulton County.

**WAYS TO
HELP:**



 Volunteer
 Shop at the Thrift Shop



Send your Donation in the Enclosed Envelope
Donate Online at NFCCHelp.org/donate

Welcome New NFCC Board!

NFCC's Board of Directors welcomed six new members and elected new officers for the 2022 fiscal year.

New board members include Daniel Abad, Vice President, Total Rewards at Wellstar Health Systems; Damian Bounds, Principal, Elkins Point Middle School; Dr. Karim Godamunne, Chief Medical Officer, Wellstar North Fulton Hospital; Tracey Grace, President and CEO, IBEX IT Business Experts; Dr. Cicily Mapp, Director of Academic Affairs, Gwinnett Technical College; and Paul Sharman, Owner, The Paul Sharman Law Firm LLC.

The NFCC board of directors elected Kathryn Albright, Community Relations at Emory Johns Creek Hospital, as president; Adwoa Awotwi, General Counsel at LocumTenens.com as vice president; Mike Hampton, Chief Administrative Officer, Choate Construction as treasurer; and Ted Schwartz, Partner, Joel & Granot Real Estate as secretary.

"It is an honor to serve as president on the NFCC board of directors with such a talented group of individuals," said NFCC Board President Kathryn Albright. "I look forward to building on



NFCC's new board members with Board President Kathryn Albright and Executive Director Holly York. Back row (L-R) Daniel Abad, Dr. Karim Godamunne, Damian Bounds, Paul Sharman. Front row (L-R) Dr. Cicily Mapp, Kathryn Albright, Holly M. York, Tracey Grace.

the incredible leadership of my predecessors to help people in our community."

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside this diverse group of leaders in our community," said NFCC Executive Director Holly M. York. "They will help lead us during the crucial year ahead as we come out of the pandemic and begin to fully use the new Barbara Duffy Center for our financial assistance and education programs."



A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Growing with Purpose

A new technology lab (above) and classroom (below) are the results of NFCC's capital campaign "Growing with Purpose" coming to fruition.



NFCC Completes \$6.2M Capital Campaign

We are excited to announce NFCC has completed our three-year \$6.2 million dollar capital campaign to expand the agency with the construction of a new service center, named after long-time NFCC executive director Barbara Duffy, as well as an expansion and remodel of the Thrift Shop and food pantry.

"When we started the Growing with Purpose capital campaign three years ago, we knew we needed to expand to continue to serve the growing needs of our community," said NFCC Executive Director Holly M. York. "We had no idea that we would face a global pandemic that would increase the need for our services faster than we could have anticipated. With the support of everyone who donated to this campaign, we now have the

resources and infrastructure to serve the thousands of families that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. We can help ease their hardship with food, clothing and financial assistance while fostering their financial stability through classes, job coaching, mentoring and workforce development programs."

NFCC's Growing with Purpose capital campaign was supported by hundreds of donors from foundations and corporations to individuals.

For a list of all major contributors to the campaign visit nfcchelp.org/growing-with-purpose-campaign. NFCC will continue to grow with purpose and have additional needs in the future. Contact Director of Development Sherri Morgan at smorgan@nfcchelp.org to see how you can help.

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Making an Impact at the Barbara Duffy Center

Since opening in April, the Barbara Duffy Center has been bustling with activity. Living our updated mission to help ease hardship and foster financial stability in our community, hundreds of individuals have already found help in the new center.

- **Completed and filed over 350 tax returns at no cost**
- **25 GED students currently enrolled with help from 13 GED tutors**
- **90+ English as a second language students enrolled in 5 different levels of summer classes**
- **175 applications completed for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

Thank you to all the volunteers who assist with tutoring, placement testing and tax preparation. We look forward to an even busier summer and appreciate the community support.



The Welcoming Lobby of the New Barbara Duffy Center

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e-newsletter at [NFCCHelp.org](https://www.NFCCHelp.org)

Together, we can help!