



NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

Helping Neighbors Now
May 2010

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED YOUR NEIGHBORS

Thanks to your generosity NRM provided the following during the month of April:

- Financial assistance to 35 families benefiting 79 individuals
- Food for 102 families benefiting 264 individuals
- 40 area school children given backpacks filled with nutritional food each Friday.

Your financial support helped to keep their water running, their homes warm and in some cases it even kept families from being evicted from their homes. You are 'Helping Neighbors Now' by donating your time, talent and treasure to North Raleigh Ministries. THANK YOU! We could not do any of this without you.

A CLIENT'S STORY

A mom with two preteen sons, was thrilled to graduate from NCSU last week. Although she is currently working, she spent many hours looking for a job that pays more than her current \$7/hour. She was hoping that her degree would get her at least \$11/hour, but current economic conditions have made that impossible for her. She struggled to find job openings, and didn't understand the importance of the 'network' she had built throughout recent years. Her conversations with volunteers at NRM helped her see new ways to look for jobs and network in the community. The financial assistance and food she received will help with short term issues, but learning how to follow through with leads and networking will 'teach her to fish' so she can support her family and help her sons grow into productive citizens. You touched their lives in a very positive way.

Thank you for 'Helping Neighbors Now' through North Raleigh Ministries.

EAT OUT FOR NRM FUNDRAISER

This month the Eat Out fundraiser is on the 4th Tuesday. On May 25th come join us for lunch or dinner at Milton's Pizza at the Six Forks Road location in Raleigh or the location in Wake Forest. Milton's Pizza will be donating 20% of the proceeds from this fun raiser to NRM. Flyers will be available at NRM and will be e-mailed out to you as soon as they are available.

- You raised \$91.17 at Sweet Tomatoes in April.

**NRM PRESENTS IVAN PARKER IN CONCERT
ON SATURDAY, JULY 24, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Tickets are now available for the Ivan Parker Concert to Benefit NRM to be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 4815 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Artist Circle tickets are \$25 and General Admission tickets are \$12. Artist Circle tickets include a special half-hour gathering with Ivan Parker. Ticket purchases can be made by check, payable to North Raleigh Ministries and sent to Post Office Box 30144, Raleigh, North Carolina 27622-0144.

We hope you will join us for an exciting evening of praise and worship with this multi-awarding winning artist. Non-perishable food and monetary contributions for NRM will be accepted the night of the concert. For more information, please contact Vickie Hawkins at 919-218-2075. Be sure to see the attached flyer for this exciting event.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our current food pantry needs are: plastic and paper grocery bags, jelly, cereal, Hamburger/Tuna Helper type boxed dinners, spaghetti sauce, canned spinach and collards, canned meat, canned pasta, cleaning items: comet, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap refills.

BACKPACK BUDDY PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has responded so enthusiastically to this program for food insecure children. With the end of this school year fast approaching, please give these children food so they can concentrate on their school work – and not where they will get their next meal.

We currently need: small cans of fruit, tuna, grits, oatmeal and individual size boxes of raisins. Please contact Marti Rowe at 971-9260 if you would like additional information about this program.

Below is an excerpt from a letter we received from Green Elementary which is one of the schools benefiting from your generosity.

“The contributions have made a difference which I have been fortunate to witness close at hand. I wish you could see how important the bag of weekend food is for students and families. Children are eager to come up on Friday mornings and fill their backpacks with healthy food.

They especially love the snacks and often make suggestions and recommendations, “Put in some more of those fruit bars and chocolate milk boxes!”

And parents have shared their appreciation through notes and phone calls. Furthermore, it has allowed us as at Green to enhance our connection with families and create a positive spirit of community.

Throughout the year, I receive numerous calls for assistance. As a school we have no financial resources to offer families. Any available support comes from the kindness of individual members of our school community and the community around us. Your cooperative spirit has brought joy to our children and families and created a kinship that has been felt by everyone.”

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for the 5K to be held on September 11th.

REMINDER: THRIFT SHOPPE HOURS

Our Thrift Shoppe is open Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM and Saturday 10:00AM-2:00PM.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & OPPORTUNITIES

Each month we have two opportunities for new volunteers to attend an orientation session.

- 1st Monday from 1:00-2:00
- 3rd Wednesday 9:00-10:00

To register, please contact Willa at 785-9911.

There are many volunteer opportunities available in all areas of the ministry. If you've been looking for a way to help the local community, we would love to have you join our team of dedicated volunteers

We are excited that soon we will be able to offer financial assistance to our neighbors living in the 27604 zip code. Our plan is to open up Monday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 for clients in this area. In order to accomplish this goal, we need more volunteers who can work on Monday afternoons from 12:45-4:00PM to sign up for orientation and training so we can begin financially servicing this part of our community. If your Monday afternoons are free, please contact Katie and find out how your talents can be used to help in this effort.

****VOLUNTEER NEED****

N. C. BAPTIST DENTAL BUS IS COMING THIS FALL

On Friday, September 24th, the N.C. Baptist Dental Bus is coming to NRM. We need volunteers to staff the bus and process the clients and paperwork. We will also need financial support. The cost for each client to have their teeth cleaned is \$7.00 and if they are also seen by a dentist, there is an additional \$7.00 charge. We will need lots of volunteers to make this a successful mission. If you are a **dentist, dental hygienist or have experience working with patients**, we truly need your help. If you would like to volunteer with this effort, please contact Posie Belden at rbelden@nc.rr.com at your earliest convenience

Whenever the Thrift Shoppe is open we are always in need of folks who can do some heavy lifting i.e. moving couches, chairs, desks. We also need more eyes on the Thrift Shoppe floor. If you can't do heavy lifting but can sit in a chair and be eyes and ears for us that is also very helpful. **Volunteers for our Thrift Shoppe are needed especially on Thursdays and Fridays.**

KNOW OF ANY JOB OPENINGS?

Many members in our community are looking for jobs. If you or any members of your church may know of any job openings, please forward those openings along with a job description and requirements to Katie@northraleighministries.com. We plan to compile a list that will be available to churches, clients and the community at large.

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for all the clients of this ministry and the ministry itself so that the light and hope of our Lord and Savior can shine during some of the darkest moments in people's lives. Our God is an awesome God and he hears our prayers. Praise be to God!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

... The Operation Inasmuch teams from Hayes Barton, Trinity, & Greystone Baptist churches for EVERYTHING you did for NRM on Saturdays in April. Significant projects were completed and much progress was made in all areas of the ministry. We are truly appreciative of everyone's efforts.

...the Kindergarten class from Montessorri School of Raleigh made 200 bag lunches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Healing Place.

....Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America who through a variety of fund raisers raised enough money to provide financial assistance to 15 families.

...to everyone who reads this newsletter each month.

We gratefully accept memorial donations.

North Raleigh Ministries

2431-152 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh NC 27615 - P.O. Box 19121, Raleigh NC 27619-9121

Phone: 919.785.9911 - Fax: 919.872.7379

www.Northraleighministries.com