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## **Housing Ministries (Transitional and Permanent)**

### **Buckhead Christian Ministry (Transitional Housing)**

BCM, a 24-church coalition, provides compassionate assistance to individuals and families facing hardship and offers meaningful opportunities to serve the Atlanta community. The Transitional Housing Program assists homeless families in achieving financial stability by providing an apartment and comprehensive support services. This is a 4-stage program to help working poor families move from shelters to transitional housing to self-reliance and permanent housing.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* tutoring a child, mentoring an adult in the program, furnishing house wares and used furniture, providing transportation for pick-up of donated furniture and serving as family mentors.

*Contact:* Eloise Williams – [eloisewilliams@bcmatlanta.net](mailto:eloisewilliams@bcmatlanta.net), 404.239.0058

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Atlanta Habitat partners with low-income working families, sponsors, and communities to build affordable quality homes and provide support services to promote successful home purchase and ownership. Peachtree Presbyterian supports Habitat for Humanity by sponsoring housing builds, and we will be building our 143rd and 144th homes in 2006.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* building homes and/or supervising a build. Sunday School classes and individuals are also needed to "partner" with each Habitat family by providing general encouragement and mentoring on home ownership. 2006 build dates are:

April 1st – May 20th (excludes Easter weekend)

September 30th – November 11th

*Contact:* Tiffany Scaparotti - [tiffany.scaparotti@atlantahabitat.org](mailto:tiffany.scaparotti@atlantahabitat.org), 404.223.5180 ext. 113

### **Interfaith Outreach Home**

Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for families experiencing an episode of homelessness. Their mission is to the cycle of poverty and marginal existence and to support the transition from homelessness to permanent housing, from joblessness to stable employment, from dependency to self-sufficiency. IOH believes these families can rebuild their lives with proper support and training.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting with childcare and the after-school program, sponsoring a dinner, tutoring, helping with maintenance and beautification projects, assisting in the office, and more.

*Contact:* Wilkenda Southwell - [ioh@bellsouth.net](mailto:ioh@bellsouth.net), 770.457.3727

### **Nicholas House (Family Friendly)**

Nicholas House assists families in the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency in a structured home-like environment at two locations. Nicholas House helps keep whole families together while addressing the root causes of homelessness. They offer counseling, case management, job training, help with life management skills and parenting skills.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assist with weeknight classes (7:30-8:30pm – ranging from job readiness, resume writing, health, parenting, insurance, etc.), providing and serving dinner to residents, tutoring children from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, mentoring children and participating in group activities.

*Contact:* Marla Poe – [mpoe@nicholashouse.org](mailto:mpoe@nicholashouse.org), 404.633.8386, ext. 104

### **Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA)**

RRISA provides recently arrived, United Nations designated refugees with the resources, referrals and guidance needed to build successful and self-sufficient lives in Atlanta.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* serving as an English tutor, volunteering in the after-school and summer programs with refugee children, sorting clothing for the clothing closet, organizing the donations room, assisting with the development of computer skills, and providing used and new goods to furnish new refugee residences. Groups are also needed to sponsor newly arrived families.

*Contact:* Winston Carhee – [Winston@rrisa.org](mailto:Winston@rrisa.org), 404.622.2235 ext. 226

## **Ministries to Homeless and Working Poor (Emergency food, basic needs, hospitality and shelter)**

### **The Atlanta Community Food Bank (Family Friendly)**

The Atlanta Community Food Bank addresses the dual problems of food waste and hunger by redistributing good but unmarketable food to not-for-profit agencies serving the needy in North Georgia. The Food Bank collects, inspects, sorts, and packages food, annually distributing over 16 million pounds of food.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* sorting food items, sorting donated school supplies to be distributed free to low-income schools, assisting with community gardening, serving as an office assistant, and participating in the Hunger Walk.

*Contact:* Suzanne Roush – Suzanne.roush@acfb.org, ext. 1242

**Atlanta Union Mission (AUM) (some Family Friendly)**

AUM is a non-denominational Christian ministry that works to touch, teach and transform the lives of more than 1000 homeless men, women and children every day by providing a continuum of emergency services, residential recovery programs, and transitional housing.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* serving meals, leading chapel services or Bible studies, providing childcare, mentoring, landscaping, assisting with meal preparation, and hosting special events.

*Contact:* Melissa Clayton (Women & Children Services) – melissa.clayton@myaum.org, 404.532.5987  
Robert Jackson (Men's Services) – robert.jackson@myaum.org, 404.350.1306

**Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM) (Family Friendly)**

BCM, a 24-church coalition, provides compassionate assistance to individuals and families in crisis. Through its Emergency Assistance Program, BCM provides basic needs such as rent, heat, food and clothing to people in need. BCM also operates Buckhead Thriftique, which provides affordable clothing to the community and free clothing to those in need.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* answering the phone, data entry, interviewing clients, preparing food bags and working at the Thrift Store. Sunday School classes are needed to lead the April and October food drives.

*Contact:* Jessica Schoepflin – Jessica@bcmatlanta.org, 404.239.0058

**Central Presbyterian Night Shelter**

Central Presbyterian Night Shelter, located in southwest Atlanta, is open Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> and provides overnight hospitality at 2 shelters in downtown Atlanta from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Central Presbyterian Shelter provides a resting place for 65 men and the Shrine Shelter for 35 men.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* providing dinner for those in shelter, assisting in setting up the shelter and serving dinner, providing bag lunches, and serving as overnight hosts at either shelter.

*Contact:* Katie Bashor – bashorkatie@bellsouth.net, 404.373.8486

**Clifton Sanctuary Ministries - Night Shelter (Family Friendly)**

The Clifton Sanctuary mission is to respond to God's grace, through Jesus Christ, by proclaiming the Good News through ministry to homeless men in metropolitan Atlanta. They seek to provide places of rest, shelter, healing and support. The shelter, located in northeast Atlanta, specifically provides overnight housing to homeless men in the community.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* serving as an Early Evening Host - arrive at 6pm, prepare and serve dinner, eat with clients, clean up, converse, and play games; or serving as an Overnight Host – arrive at 9:45pm, make sure all is locked up, serve breakfast in morning, and assist with clean up and closure.

*Contact:* Alice James-Jenkins - clifton@cliftonsanctuary.com, 404.373.3253

**Druid Hills Night Shelter**

The Night Shelter at Druid Hills, located in northeast Atlanta, is open November thru May and provides transitional housing for up to thirty men who are employed or actively seeking work. Most needs are for blankets, sheets, pillows and pillowcases, multi-vitamins, and laundry detergent.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* providing and serving meals, collecting blankets, sheets, and other needed items.

*Contact:* Belle McMaster – bmcmast@emory.edu, 404.284.6676

**Georgia Avenue Community Ministry**

The Georgia Avenue Community Ministry seeks to serve low-income and homeless in the Atlanta area in the name of Jesus-Christ. Located in southeast Atlanta, They have formed four food co-ops that provide food to families in need in a way that promotes self- and community developments, and strengthens faith. It also serves the homeless through a once a month meal and miscellaneous services, such as storage, aid with mail, etc.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* serving lunch once a month, assisting with fundraising (needs include coordinating and planning fundraising efforts), providing legal and accounting assistance, and helping to come up with and implement advertising strategies. People with knowledge of computer technology are also needed.

*Contact:* Chad Hale – chadhale@bellsouth.net, 404.688.0871

**Love Thy Neighbor in Service (LTN)**

Love Thy Neighbor is a Christian-based ministry focusing on the needs of 20-25 homeless men and women in the Five Points area of downtown Atlanta. LTN ministers to the homeless by helping participants accept Christ, recover from alcohol and drug addictions, find housing and employment, and have God and Christ involved in their daily lives. Christian counseling is central to this program.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* mentoring participants by assisting with job searches, computer training, and the development of other life skills, organizing holiday events, and assisting with fundraising efforts.

*Contact:* John Chapman – jchapmanjr@bellsouth.net, 770.572.6992

**Open Door Community (Family Friendly)**

The Open Door Community serves homeless people in Atlanta. They are a residential community seeking to create the Beloved Community on Earth through a loving relationship with some of the most neglected and outcast of God's children: the homeless and our sisters and brothers who are in prison.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* helping serve breakfast on Monday and Tuesday mornings (5:45 to 9:30 am), working in the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday and Thursday mornings (9am to 12:30pm), cooking or bringing supper for the Community on selected Mondays thru Thursdays, and more. Groups are also need to make and bring sandwiches to distribute in the Soup Kitchen and in the evenings. There is also a need for specific items: soup ingredients, hams, turkeys, grits, cheese, and multi-vitamins, clothing (especially men's jeans, T-shirts, underwear, socks, coats, and shoes, particularly sizes 12 and larger), blankets, toiletries, stamps, towels, and MARTA tokens. We can receive donations Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It's helpful to call ahead to let us know when you expect to arrive (404-874-9652).

*Contact:* Jodi Garbison - odcvolunteer@bellsouth.net, 404.875.1472

### **Salvation Army-Red Shield (Family Friendly)**

The Salvation Army is a Christian organization that seeks to meet human needs through Christ's love. Its Red Shield Services works to provide strategic intervention, refuge, and safe lodging for homeless families and individuals in crisis.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* serving meals, assisting with social services such as GED and adult literacy programs, mentoring youth, leading children's activities, and assisting with seasonal projects and activities.

*Contact:* Alicia Brown-Cook – aliciabrown03@bellsouth.net, 404.688.2884

### **Trinity Community Services**

Trinity Community Ministries (TCM) exists to provide food, clothing, shelter and counseling to the hungry and homeless in the community. It also strives to break down barriers between all segments of society by providing an opportunity for churches and individuals to participate in this mission and understand the need for this outreach ministry. Located in southwest Atlanta, TCM has three programs - Trinity Table provides meals to approximately 400 homeless people per week, Trinity House is a transitional housing program that incorporates life skills for formerly homeless men, and Trinity Lodge is affordable transitional housing for graduates of Trinity House.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting with meal preparation, sorting clothes, administrative support, and teaching computer skills and career classes to the programs' participants.

*Contact:* Kathy Cannon – tcmkathy@bellsouth.net, 404.577.6651

## **Ministries to Women, Children and Families**

### **Agape Community Center**

The Agape Community Center mission is to help low income neighborhoods build communities. They accomplish this by offering programs and services for children, disabled individuals, senior citizens and families for the Bolton Road Community in northwest Atlanta.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* preparing hot meals for the children, tutoring and mentoring children (ages 5-18) in the after-school program, assisting with the Summer Enrichment Program, and helping children in the computer lab.

*Contact:* Renita Robertson – renita@agapec.org, 404.355.1877 ext. 15

**Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children (Family Friendly)**

Atlanta Day Shelter for Woman and Children is located in northwest Atlanta and helps to address the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of over 6,500 women and children per year, easing the burden of homelessness by providing basic daily necessities, job training and counseling, and various programs as they move toward self-sufficiency.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* preparing and serving weekend meals, assisting at the front desk, staffing and sorting the clothes closet, hosting special events and working in the computer lab to assist with resume writing and internet job searches.

*Contact:* Ruth Schnatmeier - ruthdayshelter@yahoo.com, 404.873.2894

**Atlanta Union Mission (AUM) – My Sister’s House**

My Sister’s House is a residential facility specifically for women and their children. Atlanta Union Mission is a non-denominational Christian ministry that provides a continuum of emergency services, residential recovery programs and transitional housing to as many as 1,062 homeless and addicted men, women, and their children every day of the year.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting with childcare, office and receptionist duties, meal preparation, and maintenance, helping with chapel services, and mentoring clients.

*Contact:* Melissa Clayton –melissa.clayton@myaum.org, 404.532.5987

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding**

As part of Grady Health System, Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital is dedicated to providing special health care for children. The pediatric hospital treats thousands of children each year and offers a full range of medical services, from routine check ups to emergency care, all provided in a cheerful, culturally sensitive and family-oriented environment. It also has a 24-hour emergency care center, a pediatric intensive care unit, 28 specialty clinics, and houses Georgia’s only poison center.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* giving care and comfort to children in Pediatric Patient Areas, read aloud to young children, and assist patients and staff. The program is able to utilize a broad range of skills and abilities.

*Contact:* Shana Lightfoot - slightfoot@gmh.edu, 404.616.5592

**Childspring International (Family Friendly)**

Childspring International brings 70-75 children per year to the U. S. for critical medical procedures unavailable in their own countries. The organization coordinates the delivery of a broad range of donated services from hospitals, doctors, airlines and host families.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* acting as a host family, assisting with office/clerical work, providing support for a host family, conducting internet research and new opportunity research.

*Contact:* Helen Shepard – Helen@childspringintl.org, 404.228.7744

**Foster Care Support Foundation (Family Friendly)**

Foster Care Support Foundation provides thousands of articles of clothing, toys, and other needs such as beds, cribs, car seats, etc. to the over 3,000 children in the Georgia foster care system.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* organizing toys, sorting clothing and helping with babies and toddlers in the nursery. Regulars that are interested can train to help foster parents select items when visiting the center or fill orders that will be mailed out to those too far away to make the trip.

*Contact:* Rachel Ewald - rachel@fostercare.org , 770.641.9591

**The Genesis Shelter (Family Friendly)**

The Genesis Shelter provides a safe and nurturing environment for homeless newborn babies and their families. It enables homeless families to remain together and provides resources to meet their needs in order for them to achieve self-sufficiency.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting with child care, tutoring school-aged children, coordinating children's activities, serving breakfast on Saturday mornings, and providing GED tutors and life skills training for parents in transition.

*Contact:* Jackie Harris – jacquelineharr04@bellsouth.net, 404.522.6056, ext. 225

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*Contact:* Marla Poe - [mpoe@nicholashouse.org](mailto:mpoe@nicholashouse.org), 404.633.8386 ext .104

### **LaAmistad (Family Friendly)**

LaAmistad, meaning friendship, reaches out to the Hispanic students attending Sarah Smith, Garden Hills, and Warren T Jackson elementary schools, offering an after-school program that is held at Peachtree during the school year. There are several components to the program:

1. Monday/Wednesday program (3:15 – 5:30pm): Children participate in gym activities, have a time of devotion, and then receive assistance with their homework. They work on computer skills and on their English skills with a tutor. Volunteer tutors are needed from 4:15-5:35.
2. Tuesday/Thursday program (3:15 – 4:30pm): The focus is more on reading comprehension, with students working in small groups with an adult. Some homework help is also offered.
3. Pre-Kindergarten, Mon-Thur (9:30 – 11:30 am): The newest program, designed for the younger siblings of the after-school students. These children will be entering into school the following year and need the exposure to English and American culture in order to begin at the same level as most of their classmates.
4. Adult ESL, Mon and Wed (4:30 – 5:30pm): This was started at the request of the participants and teaches adults valuable English skills.
5. LaAmistad Mentoring Program: Works with middle and high school students, giving continued assistance with English and homework. Times are varied based on participants' schedules.

6. LaAmistad Family Partnerships: Seeks to network LaAmistad families with the community to serve their specific needs, while at the same time providing them with service opportunities. Participating families are involved in ESL and service projects, and volunteers offer services such as medical, job training, financial planning, and language skills. One of the goals of this program is for the parents to show their children the importance of education, that success is possible and that there are a variety of opportunities available to them.

No Spanish language requirement!!!!

Volunteer Opportunities Include: participating in any of the above programs by tutoring or mentoring a child and participating in the Family Partnership Program by offering your professional services or mentorship to participating families.

Contact: Adair Flowers, 404-842-5816, aflowers@peachtreepres.org

## **Ministries to Youth**

### **The Bridge**

For 36 years, The Bridge has been dedicated to helping adolescents and families who have been severely abused achieve independence by offering an on-campus school that emphasizes vocational readiness, solution-oriented therapy, family counseling, and community based activities.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* tutoring, teaching classes or seminars, assisting with arts and crafts, planning or providing tickets for cultural events or fun outing, and assisting with beautification projects.

Contact: Sharon Ross - sross@thebridge-atlanta.org, 404.446.1526

### **Covenant House**

Covenant House is the largest privately-funded childcare agency in the United States providing shelter and service to homeless and runaway youth. In addition to food, shelter, clothing and crisis care, Covenant House provides a variety of services to homeless youth including health care, education, vocational preparation, drug abuse treatment and prevention programs, legal services, recreation, mother/child programs, transitional living programs, street outreach and aftercare.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* tutoring, assisting with GED preparation, helping with resume development and computer training, and working on the Public Relations Committee. Groups are welcome to host a summer picnic for clients.

Contact: Debbie Clark – dlclark@covenanthouse.org, 404.658.9405

### **LaAmistad (Family Friendly)**

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*Contact:* Adair Flowers, 404-842-5816, aflowers@peachtreepres.org

### **Lynwood Park Education Program**

THREE MILES FROM PEACHTREE! The Lynwood Park Education Program is a study hall, computer skills and reading program held throughout the year that serves the Lynwood Park Community.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting elementary students with their homework, reading skills, and computer skills.

*Contact:* Wendy Kazmarek, wkazmarek@mindspring.com, 404.234.8928

### **Thornwell Homes and School for Children (Family Friendly)**

Thornwell Homes, located in Clinton, SC, brings God's love and joy to children, youth and families whose lives have been shattered by abuse, neglect, displacement, abandonment or other forms of tragedy. The goal is to restore nurturing relationships to these children and their families. Thornwell provides housing and services for children and youth who need to live outside their home. The elementary school and high school offer both encouragement and financial support to those who wish to further their education through colleges or technical schools.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* corresponding with a child through letter writing, hosting children in Atlanta for the weekend so they can visit Peachtree Presbyterian, collecting new or gently used clothing for a child or the school, and overseeing the Thornwell Thanksgiving offering (this offering has been received in Presbyterian churches across GA, FL, and SC for more than a century!).

*Contact:* Larry Owens – l.owens@thornwell.org, 404.874.3138

### **TOPs Too!**

The TOPs mission is to nurture young girls, building their self-esteem, confidence and trust. Participants come from the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club at Centennial Place and are between the ages of 10 and 15. TOPs provides an environment and activities grounded in four cornerstones: Christianity, inspire achievement, promote good works, and have fun. This is done with the hope of helping these young girls obtain a better life. The program is based at Peachtree Presbyterian and meets on Wednesday evenings.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* mentoring a specific child, working directly with girls during the Wednesday night program, and coming as a "guest volunteer" to share a talent or dream, teach on a topic, or entertain.

*Contact:* Sally Maxwell – Maxwell@us.ibm.com, 770.394.2940 or  
Karen Dervavich – kdervavich@yahoo.com, 404.869.0849

## **Ministries to Older Adults**

### **Adopt-A-Grandparent (AAGP) (Family Friendly)**

AAGP seeks to enhance the lives of seniors through companionship, health and wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth and healing, producing empowered, healthy, laughter-prone individuals. The seniors are located in downtown Atlanta and are primarily low-income.

Many are raising their grandchildren and need additional support due to the financial, physical and emotional issues this creates.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* adopting a senior either as an individual or as a family and visiting weekly, acting as an On-Call Driver, helping with events, and assisting with home repairs or yard work.

*Contact:* Linda Langstraat – [Linda@adoptagrandparent.org](mailto:Linda@adoptagrandparent.org), 404.627.4304, ext. 224

### **Agape Community Center**

The Agape Community Center operates as an organization governed by representatives from neighborhoods, churches and other community groups. Their mission is to help low income neighborhoods build communities, and they accomplish this by offering programs and services for children, disabled individuals, senior citizens and families for the Bolton Road Community in northwest Atlanta.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* preparing hot meals, providing assistance to seniors and disabled adults by assisting with transportation, joining in activities such as Bingo and other games, and assisting with various activities.

*Contact:* Renita Robertson – [renita@agapecc.org](mailto:renita@agapecc.org), 404.355.1877 ext. 15

### **Calvin Court**

Calvin Court is a Christian Ministry that provides exceptional services to enhance the quality of life for senior adults. Calvin Court is a part of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, and provides affordable, independent living for seniors 62 and older.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* hosting birthday parties and events, visiting Calvin Court residents, and decorating for the holidays.

*Contact:* Cristina Stroud – [cstroud@calvincourt.org](mailto:cstroud@calvincourt.org), 404.261.1223

### **Lifespan Resources, Inc.**

LIFESPAN Resources is an interfaith, nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults in the North Atlanta area. LIFESPAN strives to enable independent living as long as possible, to provide opportunities for retired persons to use their knowledge, skills, and experience, and to provide opportunities for everyone to live a life that matters. LIFESPAN runs several programs to assist the older adults in their community.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* teaching and/or planning a class, assisting with hospitality, preparing newsletters for mailing, assisting with driving and/or the coordination of drivers, helping with office duties, and assisting with maintenance and repair.

*Contact:* Laurie Stokes – LSR\_laurie@mindspring.com, 404.237.7307

### **Northside Shepherd Senior Center**

Northside Shepherd's Center is a neighborhood center that enables low-income older persons to achieve enhanced quality of life through social interaction and mental stimulation

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* assisting with field trips, planning and implementing holiday and monthly birthday parties, and coordinating and conducting presentations on travel, history, and hobbies. Regular craft projects and bible study teachers are welcome to enhance the program.

*Contact:* Christy Kennedy – nsc@scsatl.org, 404.352.9303

## **Ministries to the Community**

### **Atlanta HEROES**

A new ministry of Peachtree Presbyterian, Atlanta HEROES serves to support our men and women who serve in the Police Department, Fire Department or Armed Forces, as well as their families.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* prayer, adopting a police or fire department (bringing meals, hosting events, etc.), sponsoring monthly or one-time meals, and offering the support of pastoral care.

*Contact:* Johnny Myers – jmyers@peachtreepres.org, 404.842.5830

### **Grady Memorial Hospital – Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence**

Grady Health System is a public hospital that serves primarily the indigent and underserved in Metro Atlanta. The Cancer Center for Excellence is the state's first and only regional center of its kind. Spearheaded by the Georgia Cancer Coalition, the remarkable facility was created to deliver exceptional cancer care. Patients at the Georgia Cancer Center are treated in one unique setting – in a warm and welcoming environment that promotes healing and peace of mind. Privacy, respect, dignity and equal access are ensured.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* visiting patients in the inpatient unit, infusion center, and before their clinical appointments, handing out

educational information and leisure reading from our library, and assisting with special projects such as the self image project. The cancer center is primarily a 9am-5pm clinic, so volunteers need to be available during those hours.

*Contact:* Jennifer Potter – [jpotter@gmh.edu](mailto:jpotter@gmh.edu), 404.489.9033

### **Foundation for Hospital Art**

The mission of the Foundation for Hospital Art is to make hospitals a beautiful place for healing. The Foundation combines the efforts of patients, their families, medical staff, and community volunteers to create colorful, nature-based artwork to be donated to hospitals. Through the Foundation's Operation Lovejoy, male residents at Atlanta Union Mission's Carpenter's House rehabilitation program are involved in painting canvases for murals which the Foundation then donates to hospitals.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* working face to face with men of Carpenter's House to create the canvases at weekly PaintFests held each Saturday at Carpenter's House (9am-11am), and retouching the completed canvases at the Foundation's Roswell studio – this is a wonderful opportunity for first time volunteers and also is ideal for children over the age of 12.

*Contact:* John Feight - [johnfeight@hospitalart.org](mailto:johnfeight@hospitalart.org), 770.645.1717

### **Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta (Family Friendly)**

The Furniture Bank provides essential furnishings and house wares to people in need. They operate a Furniture Donation Program whereby furnishings are provided and an Eviction Protection Program that offers free storage of furniture for people facing evictions.

*Volunteer Opportunities Include:* inspecting, sorting, cleaning, and organizing furniture items, performing minor repairs, folding and organizing house wares, and, on select Saturdays, helping clients load their chosen furniture.

*Contact:* Anu Vishua – [fb\\_anu@yahoo.com](mailto:fb_anu@yahoo.com), 404.688.0871 ext. 224

## Family Friendly

**Adopt-A-Grandparent (AAGP)** – see page 13

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**The Atlanta Community Food Bank** – see page 3

Contact: Ana Rosa Covaria – anarosa.covaria@acfb.org, 404.892.3333  
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