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A MUST Ministries Update for Congregations in the Community



February, 2009

MUST Calendar

FEBRUARY

- * Check the **MUST** website at mustministries.org for current volunteer needs and events.
- * Donate twin mattresses and bedding for Elizabeth Inn Shelter.

MARCH

- * Scouting for Food ~~ Support your local Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops by participating in a community-wide food drive.
- * Donate full-size beds, mattresses, bedding, and lamps for the **MUST** Supportive Housing Programs.

APRIL

- * Honor **MUST** volunteers from your church. Sponsor a table for the **Celebrating Stardom** event on May 1 at Cobb Galleria Center. Visit the **MUST** website at mustministries.org for more details.



- * Attend the **Taste of Marietta** at Marietta Square on April 26. Bring 3 cans of food for **MUST** and receive a free tasting at the Bubba Burger booth.

STORIES FROM MUST

"Good morning to you, I'm Stacy. You spoke with me last week to see how my job search was going. I just wanted to say thank you so much Holly. I was really about to just give up. Only my children and my faith kept me above water. I'm glad that your services were available to me and I didn't have to "apply" or wait for a call back to get help, as so many agencies do. It's a waste of time when people need help NOW. I was able to get 2 jobs and 3 job offers within 2 weeks. I'm still getting calls from employers. I'm on my way now. It feels good to be part of the working world. My kids need me. I want them to have the things they need and some of the things they want. I'm grateful for your role in this. Thanks again. God Bless."

Stacy P. to Holly Casey, Employment Services Coordinator, MUST Smyrna



"I was invited to speak to 11 Avery Elementary school kindergarten classes and share with them the difference between wants and needs and how MUST helps families with their needs. I was a little apprehensive of how best to deliver this message to over 200 five year-olds but after the first nine classes I thought I had it down. During the presentation to the last two classes a little boy after pondering what I had said raised his hand and asked 'So you need socks?' and I replied with great pleasure realizing that he understood the message, "Yes and new underwear", I said. At that point I lost all the children to fits of laughter and them screaming 'UNDERWEAR, UNDERWEAR!!' I quickly apologized to the teacher who was trying to regain control but she insisted that it was alright and would actually help the children remember to tell their parents that the individuals we serve at MUST need new underwear, too!"

Kim Loesing, Program Director, MUST Cherokee

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am writing to you to let you know with your help what mighty things God is doing at MUST Ministries. Your leadership in mobilizing your congregation to assist MUST has been invaluable and it is now more than ever that your leadership is needed.

I think we all would agree that we are living and serving during some unusual times. For many of us these are the worst economic times that we have ever served in the church. Your members are probably noticeably agitated and nervous. Many are out of work while others are nervous about their current job security. Indeed, a few are despairing.

What are we to do? The bible reminds us "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11) Food is needed. Dollars are needed to distribute to keep mortgages paid. Members' time is needed to counsel and offer, if nothing else, encouragement to fellow sojourners who are in worse straits than they are.

I think that instead of all of us biting our fingernails wondering when this crisis will come to an end, that we go about setting ourselves free to do what God made us to do, which is to worship Him by and through serving our neighbors. I am confident that by doing so it will have a transforming effect on the one being served, on your church members who are serving and donating, your congregation, and the larger world that we live in.

We are powerful. Together, we can effect change.

Sincerely,

John R. Moeller, Jr.

Rev. John R. Moeller, Jr.
Executive Director



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES and SPECIAL NEEDS

MUST Marietta

- REALLY NEED volunteers to go to their local grocery stores (Publix, Kroger, etc...) and ask for empty banana boxes. We use them for storage. Please deliver them to our donation center/warehouse.
- STILL LOOKING for volunteers to be Playroom Monitors -- Mondays and Thursdays from 10a to 2p. The play room is for client children receiving services and will require a background check.
- NEEDED ITEMS are up to four coffee grinders to be used to grind donated whole coffee beans in the **MUST** pantry. Please deliver them to our Donation Center at 1210-B Kennestone Circle, Marietta, GA 30066
If you have any questions please email Jenaila Hawkins at jhawkins@mustministries.org or call 770-790-3873.

MUST Elizabeth Inn

- OPEN MEALS for Lunch February 24, March 2, March 5, and March 24
If you would like more information about working in the Loaves & Fishes Kitchen or the rest of the open dates for the year email Jackie Krapf at jkrampf@mustministries.org or call 678-218-4536.

MUST Cherokee

- VOLUNTEER TOURS are every Wednesday at 11:00AM. For current volunteer opportunities,
Contact Kim Loesing at kloesing@mustministries.org or call 770-479-5397.

MUST Smyrna

- VOLUNTEER NEEDS for pantry on Thursdays and at the front desk every Friday. MUSTwear any day of the week.
Contact Sally Price sprice@mustministries.org or 678-218-4502.

MUST Donation Center

- GROUP PROJECT opportunities available. Youth ages 12-17 may volunteer with a parent or in a group with a 1:7 adult to youth ratio and releases signed by a parent.
Contact Megan Dorris, mdorris@mustministries.org or call 678-218-4488.

For other volunteer opportunities, visit our website at www.mustministries.org.

MUST staff members are available to speak to groups and give tours.

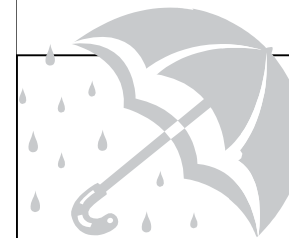


MUST Adds Additional Location

During the last year, **MUST** has seen a 20% increase in the number of neighbors seeking help or hope. To meet the increasing need, **MUST** has moved day services and administration to a new day service center in Marietta to make room at the Elizabeth Inn for expansion in shelter services for the homeless.

Obtaining services will be more convenient as all services will be under one roof, instead of in separate buildings spread across a campus. We will now serve clients in surroundings that maintain their dignity and are welcoming. In addition, the facility provides room to expand over the years if the need in the community continues. The facility will also transform the Marietta volunteer experience, bringing all volunteers into one building that is designed to provide a quality volunteer experience.

Visit us at 1407 Cobb Parkway North, Marietta, just 1 mile north of the Elizabeth Inn, to see first-hand God's work in action.



SHOWER MUST MINISTRIES WITH FOOD THIS SPRING!

Did you know...
Cobb County has thousands of hungry children?

MUST Ministries gives out one ton of food each day?

Over 7,000 students are fed daily during the summer by **MUST** Ministries?

In order to support the hungry in your community with non-perishable food items, contact Annette Lee at alee@mustministries.org or call 678-218-4481 to schedule your food drive today! Items currently in low supply are:

**Jelly ~ Peanut Butter ~ Canned Meats ~ Canned & Dry Beans
Dry Milk ~ Macaroni & Cheese ~ Spaghetti & Sauce
Cereal ~ Canned Pasta ~ Rice ~ Boxed Meals**

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Location:
141-B W. Marietta St.
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1696
Canton, GA 30169
770-479-5397

MUST Marietta
Main Location:
1407 Cobb Parkway N.
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1717
Marietta, GA 30061
770-427-9862

MUST Smyrna
Location:
460 Pat Mell Rd.
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 248
Smyrna, GA 30080
770-436-9514

MUST Elizabeth Inn
Location:
55 Elizabeth Church Rd.
Marietta, GA 30062
Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 1717
Marietta, GA 30061
678-218-4531

MUST Donation Center
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1210B Kenestone Circle,
Marietta, GA 30062
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