

# Ministry Opportunity Guide 2011



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Baptist  
Association**

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# Birmingham Baptist Association's *Ministry Opportunity Guide*

## **A word from Brother Mike**

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*Information* is so important to the success of any organization, and *without it* no organization will be able to be as effective as it could be.

Birmingham Baptist Association is here to help the local church and give leadership to an *association of churches* that have come together to "*partner*" in ministry.

One of our greatest challenges at your BBA office is to make sure you get the *information* you need to help you in your own local church to carry out your mission, and to let you know what resources and ministries are available through your Association to assist you.

In order to get vital, updated ministry information to you, we put together this *Ministry Opportunity Guide* to *inform* and *communicate* all the ministries in your Association and our partners in service.

This guide is a *very valuable tool* designed to help you find out *more information* about the ongoing ministries of the Association and who to contact if you want to *connect* your church with one of these ministries.

It is our hope that you will make this guide available to your *mission leadership* and to the *staff member of your church* that has the responsibility to enlist and encourage your people to become volunteers in mission in the Kingdom of God.

*Thank you* for being a vital part of Birmingham Baptist Association! *Remember*, we have long believed and supported the position that as Southern Baptist *we can do more together than any of us can do alone!*

As each of us work together in the spirit of our theme for this year, "*Across Metro-Birmingham*," I am so glad that we have so many ministry partners united in "*Empowering Congregations for Kingdom Ministry!*"

May the Lord bless all of us in our collective efforts as we together "reach out to touch" the unchurched in our Jerusalem!!

*In the work together,*



Mike McLemore, Executive Director

## **About this guide**

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BBA is a partnership of some 130 Southern Baptist churches throughout the metropolitan area. One of our primary purposes is to bring member churches together to carry out cooperative Christian ministries that will transform the community in which we live.

Association ministries listed in this guide are funded by monthly gifts from member churches, by gifts to the annual BBA & Helen White/Evie Eubank offerings, and by individual contributions. These ministries are changing lives, and you can be a part of this Kingdom work either as a hands-on volunteer, by supplying necessary materials, or both! Additionally, we have included information about other ministry opportunities in the Birmingham community.

As you read through the pages, you should be able to find several projects that fit your desires to minister in the Birmingham area. BBA also has other ways to serve that come up throughout the year. We will be happy to arrange for a representative to speak to your church or group about these ministries and events. Call the Associational office for additional information or to arrange for a presentation. And most of all, pray that you will find the place of service God is calling you to fill.

## **WMU Helen White / Evie Eubank Offering**

Upon her retirement in 1986, Ruth Helen White found herself embarking on a second career. As director of our Caring Hands medical apartments ministry, Helen helped the BBA provide furnished lodging to critically ill patients and their families. She served in this ministry with a soft-spoken demeanor and a kind heart until her death in 2001.

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Caring Hands Medical Apartments Ministry  
CareNet Connection  
The Center at Central Park  
Disaster Relief Ministry  
Food for Friends  
Green Springs Ministry Center  
Literacy Missions  
Metro Changers/World Changers  
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## Adopt-A-Station



### *Encouraging our firefighters & police officers*

Birmingham Baptist Association began a recognition program honoring our firefighters and police on September 11, 2006—marking the fifth anniversary of so many of them giving their lives in service as the U.S. was attacked—and the ministry has become a year-round opportunity. Churches, Sunday School classes, families, or other groups are encouraged to adopt a police or fire station near them, and offer them thanks and encouragement. This ministry can be adopted as an annual Sept. 11 event or ongoing project.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Please register which station you are working with at the BBA office, so that we can direct these services to as many sites as possible.
- Take cookies and refreshments to your station — on Sept. 11 or throughout the year. Remember, there are generally three shifts per station (designate items for each shift).
- Have children's groups make thank-you cards
- Have adult classes write notes of encouragement
- Find out the needs within your station
- See about arranging a Bible study
- Ask for prayer requests from the personnel
- Take meals to feed your station members (especially workable at fire stations)

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## Alabama Raceway Ministries



### *Evangelism at Talladega Speedway.*

Alabama Raceway Ministries is sharing the love of Christ with people attending race events at Talladega Speedway. Each year, in the spring and fall, Birmingham Baptist volunteers distribute free refreshments to the fans and invite them to attend worship services throughout the race weekend. This is done in cooperation with Alabama State Board of Missions, Russell Baptist Association, and Calhoun Baptist Association.

### MATERIAL NEEDS:

Individually wrapped cookies or Little Debbie's® that won't melt in the heat. (Only store bought/wrapped items will be accepted by those attending the races.)

Individual packages of chips, crackers, or nuts.  
Individual bottles of water.  
Individual bottle/cans of soda or sports drinks.

**Donations should be brought to the BBA Building:**

Spring race: April 15-17, 2011

**Donation deadline: Thursday, April 14, 2011, 2 p.m.**

Fall race: October 21-23, 2011

**Donation deadline: Thursday, October 20, 2011, 2 p.m.**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

People to participate in worship services at the racetrack sites. May be volunteer religious performers of any kind: drama teams, choirs, chalk talks, etc.

Ministers to present a devotional/sermon.

Lay people who want to share their witness with people expressing an interest in learning about Jesus.

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**Baptist Campus Ministries**



*Reaching college students for Christ*

Baptist Campus Ministries, in partnership with Baptist churches and associations, ministers to college and university students in order to reach students for Christ, grow faithful disciples, prepare students for Christian leadership, and involve students in mission service and education.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Encourage UAB students in your church to get involved in BCM to help reach, evangelize, and disciple university students in order to fulfill the purpose of BCM.

Provide a meal for our graduate lunch on Thursdays at noon.

Teach conversational English to international students on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30 when school is in session. (BCM will provide training).

Provide Bibles in native languages for international students involved in conversational English.

Provide English Bibles for outreach and evangelism.

Provide refreshments for a study break during finals.

Provide bottled water for outreach events on campus.

Provide publicity about your church for display at the Baptist Student Center.

Learn about BCM opportunities at Birmingham-Southern College by talking with Craig Hawkins

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**Baptist Health System**

*Ministering physically, mentally and spiritually.*

The BHS Mission: As a witness to the love of God revealed through Jesus Christ, Baptist Health System is committed to enhance the health, dignity and wholeness of those we serve through Integrity, Compassion, Advocacy, Resourcefulness, and Excellence.

Established in 1922 by churches of Birmingham Baptist Association, Baptist Health System is today one of the largest health care systems in Alabama. This not-for-profit BBA agency owns and manages four hospitals—Princeton, Shelby, Walker, and Citizens Baptist Medical Centers—and holds a minority interest in Trinity Medical Center.

To fulfill its mission, BHS provides superior health care in a manner that adheres to the Biblical vision of health as wholeness. This includes providing spiritual care to those we exist to serve through spiritual offerings such as Chaplaincy, Leadership, Education, Assistance, and Relationships.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Ministering at the bedside of patients in our hospitals can be a blessing to volunteers as well as patients.

Assembling boxes of medical equipment and supplies to be shipped to third world countries where they will be distributed free of charge.

Through its Congregational Health Program, BHS partners with individual congregations to offer a spiritual dimension to health and wholeness outside the hospital setting.

These and many other opportunities offer tremendous blessings for those who wish to be part of a health care ministry.

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**CareNet Connection**



*Groceries, furniture, and transportation for seniors*

CareNet Connection is connecting a caring community. This new ministry resource center, located in Fulda, was created by BBA churches to meet needs of those in the community, connect them with local churches to be lead to Christ and to grow in their faith. By matching the talents, gifts, and skills offered by concerned community members with various needs in our community, people are being helped, while others receive the joy of being used as God's instruments of service.

CNC seeks to help those in need by connecting the unchurched to a local church through a ministry project, to connect churches to other churches by cooperative training and mission projects, and to be a ministry resource center where information can be shared about available resources. As Christians contact us for possible mission projects we can share local opportunities that really need their help.

In its ongoing ministry, CNC is currently organizing ministry teams for managing a food bank and furniture donation center. Future plans include starting a weekly Bible club for a largely Hispanic group of

children in a Fultondale mobile home park, and after school tutoring.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Organize and distribute items from our Food Bank ministry.
- Provide and drive a van or truck to deliver furniture items.
- Assist in an after school tutoring program for children in the Fultondale area, and pray for the development of this new ministry.
- Be one, or help involve others you know, to be on a connection point team of 6 to 8 who provide encouragement to one family.
- Tell us of agencies or resources you know of that could be added to our database to help us help those in need.
- Assist us in Fund Raising and Financial Development Programs that will help to build this much needed CNC Ministry for the future.
- Tell us about employment opportunities for job seekers who live in the northern area of Jefferson County.
- Share with us additional volunteer opportunities that you feel a calling to, and we will seek to connect you with where that need is.

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**Caring Hands**



*Medical Apartments ministry.*

Each year thousands of people come to our city to receive medical treatment. Birmingham Baptist Association's Caring Hands Ministry provide safe, economical apartments for patients and families to stay in during their medical time of need.

Our BBA Medical Apartments are 15 fully furnished apartments on the seventh floor of the UAB Townhouse building.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Adopt a family to whom you can minister while they reside in an apartment.
- Make goodie bags for the families in the apartments. Include snacks and items such as: long distance phone cards, gift certificates for local restaurants or Wal-Mart, gum, crackers, pens, notebooks, stamps, note cards, etc.
- Bring a group to visit the Medical Apartments. Bring your Sunday School class or missions group to the apartments to meet the families and see the apartments.
- Make fruit baskets for the families.
- Plan lunch or dinner for the families.
- Plan a dessert/devotion party for the families.
- Volunteer to wash linens.
- Make homemade goodies for the families.
- Volunteer to buy medicine for a patient.
- Volunteer to buy groceries for a family.
- Send cards of encouragement to the families.

**MATERIAL NEEDS:**

- Quarters (preferably rolled) for laundry
- Make laundry goodie bags for the families: 1 paper lunch bag – include in it a ZipLoc® bag with 1 scoop of laundry detergent and 1

- ZipLoc® bag with 8 quarters and a dryer sheet.
- Pots and pans, coffee pots, toasters, casserole dishes
- Irons
- Vacuum cleaner bags (Hoover Type A)
- 30-gallon black garbage bags (heavy duty)
- Kitchen trash bags (heavy duty with handles)
- Plastic wrap, aluminum foil, ZipLoc® storage bags, plastic food storage containers
- Coffee (decaffeinated and regular)
- Sugar, creamer
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Canned meats, fruits, and vegetables
- Paper products (toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, paper plates, cups and napkins)
- Preemie baby items to make baskets for new moms
- Canned drinks and bottled water for Bible Study
- Monetary contributions are needed for families who can't afford to pay their entire stay.
- New International Version Bibles
- Mops and brooms
- New towels and washcloths
- New kitchen dishcloths and dish towels
- New full-size sheet sets
- Pillows

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**The Center at Central Park**

*Helping the West End community*

The Center at Central Park was created in July 2008. The Center is located in Central Park Baptist Church to develop ministries for the Central Park and Ensley neighbors. A ministry of Birmingham Baptist Association, The Center strives to partner with God and others of like faith to continue His work as we assist individuals and families in their spiritual physical and educational growth.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Tutoring and assisting teachers during the school day
- Tutoring adults to help them pass the General Educational Development Test. Passing the test is widely recognize by colleges, training school, and employers as equivalent to a high school diploma.
- Summer Bible School
- Women's Job Corps
- Christian Men's Job Corps
- Bible Study teachers
- Help adults and students improve reading skills
- Work with senior adult programs

**MATERIAL NEEDS:**

- Office supplies
- School supplies
- Children's books that your children no longer read
- Slightly used board games. Be sure all parts are with the game.
- Slightly used puzzles that have all pieces
- Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target, Books-A-Million, etc.
- Funding to purchase textbooks and teacher materials from Amazon or educational catalogs

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## Congregational Health Program

*Improving health in the Church body*

The Congregational Health Program at Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, Samford University, is committed to forming partnerships with churches that are seeking to develop health ministries promoting health and healing from a whole person perspective—body, mind, and spirit.

Congregational Health ministries help reclaim the church's role in ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people. Recently, there has been a lot of research on the relationship between faith and health. Congregational Health ministries help people discover that relationship and how their faith can promote health and healing.

If your congregation is interested in developing a Congregational Health Ministry, please contact:

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## Disaster Relief



*Bringing help in an emergency*

Birmingham Baptist Association is on the cutting edge of disaster relief efforts. We have taken the lead in several local efforts: providing training and certification for volunteers, logistical support, temporary housing, food, clothing, and recovery services.

BBA disaster relief volunteers and units have also served in other cities and states, including New York City, Florida, south Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- First Response Unit
- Scene Assessment
- Chainsaw Operation
- Mud Out Services
- Clean up and Recovery
- Shower Unit
- Water Purification
- Emergency Food Preparation

Disaster Relief can provide you with an exciting opportunity to help people immediately after natural disasters such as tornados, hurricanes, and windstorms. Our volunteers also assist people with recovery services. These can include cleaning and disinfecting after a flood, sorting through belongings, finding temporary housing, and all the other things that go into "picking up the pieces" and getting back on with their lives.

Disaster Relief can be a rewarding way to minister to people in times of tremendous need. *You need to be trained to participate in disaster relief work crews. Please register for the next training class—before the disaster happens!*

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## Evangelistic Block Parties



*Reaching out to your community*

Your church can be involved in hosting an evangelistic block party in your community. Evangelistic block parties have been a great success throughout the United States in the last few years. It is a great way to make an impact in your community and to identify needs of individual families.

BBA has a self-contained feeding unit (Loaves and Fishes Unit) that your church can reserve for this event. A meal is normally provided at the event, but clothing and food are also distributed to those in need.

BBA Staff can come to your church and provide block party training and information in conjunction with The Alabama Baptist State Convention and the North American Mission Board. *Reservations are needed for use of the Loaves & Fishes unit.*

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## Food For Friends



*Feeding the homeless at Thanksgiving*

Holidays are times to show special care to others. Birmingham Baptists want to reach out to those in need. We are doing this by feeding our friends. It also helps those who work all year in the shelters to have a few meals that they do not have to cook.

Anything you can help provide will be greatly appreciated. Financial donations for security, paper products, and some food items would be helpful. Any of the items with the exception of clothing and hygiene kit items may be brought to the site. Non-perishable items may be brought to the Association office during the week prior to the project. We want to put the hygiene kits together at the BBA so they will be more uniform to give to our friends. Please share this list of needs with your church members, mission groups and youth group.

**Meals:**

Homemade biscuits (pre-cooked), Cornbread (pre-cooked), Bacon, Homemade vegetable soup or chili, Crackers, Cereal (individual serving boxes), Grits (5 lb. bags of quick grits)

**Winter Clothing (L-XXXL sizes best):**

Good used/new clothes (must be on hangers), Shoes, Coats/sweatshirts/pants, Cotton work gloves, Socks, Toboggans, Underwear/Thermal Underwear (new, for men and women) , Ponchos, Backpacks (new or used in good condition)

**Hygiene Items (trial sizes of each in a gallon-size resealable storage bag):**

Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Washcloths, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss, Brush or comb, Note pad & pen, Rain poncho

**Project dates:**

Thanksgiving weekend—November 23-27, 2011. Bring non-perishable items to the BBA office by the Monday preceding Thanksgiving. Bring perishable food items to the feeding site AFTER 1 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

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**Loaves and Fishes Feeding Unit**



*Feeding neighbors in times of disaster or celebration*

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up from heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves...They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 6:41

This unit has been provided by the gifts of the member congregations of the Birmingham Baptist Association. Its primary purpose is to be mobilized for disaster response, community/church events and block parties. Training for use of the unit will be provided by the BBA.

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**Metro Changers**



*Adopting a local house to renovate*

Metro Changers provides Birmingham Baptists—and our entire community—opportunities for those interested in a ministry of refurbishing houses for low income residents of Birmingham. Cooperating with the City of Birmingham, the program is contracted to receive grant funds that provide building materials for pre-approved projects. Volunteers do not have to pay anything. Projects can be customized for an individual wanting to volunteer over a series of months, 200 church members volunteering for a day, or anywhere in between.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Each Metro Changers project can be designed to the needs and the skills of those who volunteer — churches, Sunday School classes, civic organizations, families, etc. All the costs for materials are covered by grant funding. Projects are pre-screened; materials are delivered to the site; trash is removed; all you have to do is show up ready to work.

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**The Ministry Center at Green Springs**



*Services for the poor & multicultural communities*

The Ministry Center at Green Springs, founded and led by several BBA churches, is a Christian nonprofit 501(c)3 that reaches out to those in need and to Birmingham’s multicultural community. We offer aid to ease the effects of poverty by seeking to address the human, social, and spiritual needs of people. Within close proximity of the Center many languages and cultures are represented. We offer a place for ethnic churches to meet and we offer programs to help immigrants and refugees become active members of their communities. We seek to embody the servant model of ministry by reaching out to people in love.

Ministries: Food and emergency services—food pantry (Wednesdays), referrals for clothing/furniture, case management, Share the Joy of Christmas Party. Multicultural ministries—facilities and assistance for ethnic churches and communities, English as a Second Language classes (Mondays), outreach Bible studies. Other services—financial education and financial advice, counseling.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Assist families in the distribution of food
- Pick up food at the food bank for The Center
- Provide Christmas gifts for children
- Provide refreshments for ESL Monday nights
- Provide childcare or backup care for babies through age 3 on Monday nights for ESL families
- Assist in an ESL class
- Become a trained volunteer to teach ESL

- Teach parenting classes and advise clients on financial matters
- Paint or provide other building improvements
- Remodel the nursery area

**MATERIAL NEEDS:**

- Food: nonperishable staple items, personal items, paper products and cleaning supplies
- Clothing donations to Goodwill designated for The Ministry Center at Green Springs
- Monetary donations for food purchases, ESL student books and Bibles, automatic ice maker, color printer; new roof for education building

**For more information contact:**

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 2230 Green Springs Hwy (35205)  
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 rfly43@mindspring.com  
 bbaonline.org/greensprings

**M-POWER Ministries—overview**

*Long-term, local missions activities*

Mission to Provide Opportunities with Empowering Results: M-POWER Ministries was established in 1997 as a local faith-based social services ministry agency by Birmingham Baptist Association, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, and South Avondale Baptist Church. Community partnerships with the agency continue to grow, and today M-POWER provides vital education and health care ministries, many available nowhere else.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Adult literacy
- Christian Women's Job Corps
- Free medical clinic
- Income tax assistant

**For more information contact:**

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 www.mpowerministries.org

**M-POWER Literacy**

*Adult literacy*

M-POWER operates the largest adult literacy program in Alabama. We provide volunteers with 16 hours of training before matching him or her with a pre-screened adult learner. The pair meets 90 minute per week at a time and place of their choosing.

**For more information contact:**

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**M-POWER Becoming!**



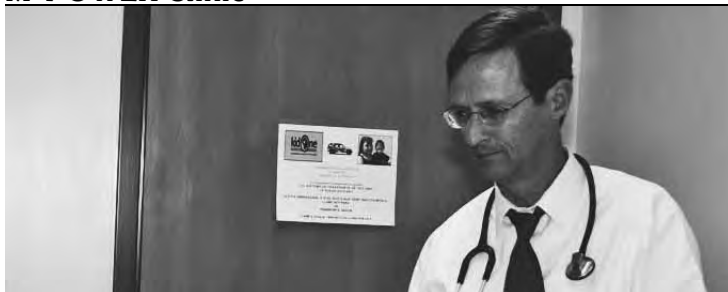
*Giving women skills for life and work*

M-POWER's Becoming! program is the only Christian Women's Job Corps project in Jefferson County. The program provides education, mentoring, computer skills, work readiness training, counseling, and life skills classes. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors, instructors in traditional academic subjects, seminar leaders on topics that might be of use to our clients, including: interview skills, resumé writing, public speaking, customer service, etc.

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**M-POWER Clinic**



*Free medical and dental care*

The only free medical clinic in Jefferson County. Through the M-POWER Clinic, volunteer medical professionals provide free acute medical and dental care to 2,000+ patients annually. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed to staff the Clinic.

**For more information contact:**

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**M-POWER Income Tax Assistance**

*Helping tax payers complete their forms*

M-POWER provides free tax help to qualified tax payers during each tax season. Volunteers receive extensive training before working with clients. Familiarity with basic tax forms is advised, but volunteers need not be accountants or professional tax preparers.

**For more information contact:**

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### Season of Our Savior



#### *Spreading Christmas cheer to those in need*

Each year during the holiday season Birmingham Baptists want to make an extra effort to touch someone in need of the gospel message through the giving of gifts. This year BBA offers you and your church or group three ways to share hope during the Season Of Our Savior.

#### CAKES AT CHRISTMAS:

Cakes are accepted by local shelters, care centers, and inmates of local penal institutions. Ideally, the cakes should be in bakery-type boxes since they have to be stacked and stored. Cake boxes are available at the BBA. Please call as soon as possible to let us know how many cakes your group will contribute. *Gifts to purchase cakes from a bakery may also be designated. Online donations accepted at [bbaonline.org/cakes](http://bbaonline.org/cakes).*

#### STOCKINGS AT CHRISTMAS:

Stockings should be approximately 15 to 18 inches long, and six to seven inches wide. They can be homemade or bought. Fill them with nuts, candy, color books, crayons, or small toys (no fruit, please). They do not need to be elaborate. If a choice is to be made, use less expensive stockings and put more inside. Please attach a note specifying whether the stocking is for a boy or girl. Also note the age: Birth-2 Years, Age 3-5, Grade 1-3, Grade 4-6, or Teen. A printable set of stocking labels is available on the SOS page of our web site (address below). If you have additional unfilled stockings, please bring them.

*Delivery to BBA: Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

*Sorting Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

*Pickup by agencies/shelters: Thursday, December 8, 2011*

#### For more information contact:

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 bbaonline.org/events/sos

### Sharing the Word



#### *Bible collection & distribution ministry*

BBA started this ministry in 2009 as a need arose for hundreds of Bibles to use in the local prison ministry and several other evangelism projects of BBA. Bibles are needed year-round; they can be new or used. We seek to collect enough for churches to use in mission projects. Bibles may be delivered to the BBA office during office hours, or they may be taken to any BBA event (in manageable quantities).

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Organize a Bible collection drive in your church, Sunday school class, WMU. People can bring extra copies from home, find good sales, etc. Churches can clear out their classrooms and lost & found.

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### University of Alabama Hospital



#### *Assisting patients and their families*

Chaplaincy ministry: In 1975, the Alabama Baptist Convention and Birmingham Baptist Association said "yes" to the opportunity of cooperating with the University Hospital in supporting a Baptist chaplain. Presently, Dr. Danny Watkins serves as staff chaplain for the Department of Pastoral Care. The commitment began and continues to provide Pastoral Ministry in the context of the University Hospital where so many persons are dealing with crises and where so many are away from their home communities.

There are several ways to become personally involved in ministry at University Hospital. Listed below are needs that could be met by you and/or your church.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- Work with cancer patients and their families in the Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Serve as a liaison between staff and patient's families in the Day of Surgery and Intensive Care Waiting Rooms
- Operate the computer as well as give general information to the public at the information desk
- Work the cash register, stock shelves, and wrap gifts in the hospital gift shop
- Teenagers can volunteer during the summer in various departments of UAB Hospital and the Kirklin Clinic (must be at least 14 years old and have completed the eighth grade)
- Learn new skills, develop new interests, make new friends, and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from helping others by becoming a volunteer at The University of Alabama Hospital. The Department of Volunteer Services needs men and women to offer their skills and expertise in areas throughout the hospital. Free parking is provided. For more information, call volunteer services at 934-4270.

#### For more information contact:

Danny Watkins, Staff Chaplain

Department of Pastoral Care  
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dannyw@bbaonline.org

## World Changers- Birmingham



### *Supporting housing rehabilitation volunteers*

World Changers is a coeducational missions project of missions education and missions involvement. Participants learn missions firsthand by becoming personally involved in missions. World Changers stresses “hands-on” involvement through participation in home construction and renovation work.

World Changers mobilizes Christian young people and adults to work together to provide free labor to renovate, repair, and rebuild housing where residents are unable to do so themselves.

Birmingham Baptist Association will be cooperatively sponsoring six World Changers projects in 2011: March 14-18; June 11-18, 20-24; June 27-July 1; July 11-15, 18-22. The project will be funded through the Jefferson County Planning and Development Commission and the city of Birmingham.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Enlist people in your church, Sunday school, or WMU group to adopt one or more of the teams coming to Birmingham to work.
- Prepare and deliver lunches to a crew on their work site.
- Volunteer as a construction crew chief. A crew chief has some knowledge of construction skills and can lead a group of 10-13 students and adults to complete an assignment.
- Pray for groups before and during their stay in Birmingham.
- Transport construction materials to and between work sites.
- Loan ladders, scaffolding and other construction tools needed (These items will be replaced if damaged, lost or stolen.)

### For more information contact:

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## Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries

### *Shaping lives of children, families every day*

For over a century, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries has protected, nurtured and restored lives through Christ-centered services. The prayers and support of Alabama Baptist churches help us care for thousands of children and families. We celebrate each time our services lead another person to a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

What started as a small home for children in Evergreen in southern Alabama has grown to be the state's most diverse child and family care ministry. Much of the agency's growth has been in the Birmingham area and has been greatly due to Children's Homes partnerships with Alabama Baptist churches and associations. Many changes have

occurred to improve and increase services to meet client's various, complex needs, but the core commitments to love children and youth and to bring them to Jesus Christ have remained central.

In Birmingham and nearby communities, we have: foster care families, group homes for girls, professional counseling, family care for single mothers and their dependant children, and family training workshops.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Applicants to become foster parents.

### For more information contact:

Dr. Louise Green  
Director of Special Services  
PH: 205.945.0037  
lgreen@abchome.org  
www.abchome.org

## Alabama CASA Network

### *Advocates for neglected, abused, and abandoned children*

Imagine - you've been beaten, neglected, and locked in a closet by someone you've loved and depended upon, your parent. A person you don't know has taken you to a big building full of strangers. You haven't seen your mommy since yesterday. They say, "You won't have to go back home." You're six years old and right now your closet doesn't seem so bad.

The mission of Alabama Court Appointed Special Advocates Association Network is to ensure that every abused, neglected and/or abandoned child in Alabama has a competent, caring volunteer appointed to advocate for the child's best interest in court.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Become a CASA Volunteer. You can help bring a child to a safe place. You can be a stable force in a child's life. You can be a child's "voice" in court. Sign up for 40 hours of classroom training to be a CASA Volunteer
- Volunteer to assist with special events and/or fund raisers
- Volunteer to assist a CASA office with general clerical work a few hours a week
- Participate in the "Light of Hope Walkathon" in April (National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month) (This is a great opportunity for youth groups)
- Supply printing services

### For more information contact:

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acasanet@bellsouth.net  
www.alabamacasa.org

## Alabama Teen Challenge

### *Faith-based solution for the drug epidemic*

The mission of Alabama Teen Challenge, Inc. is to provide youth, adults and families an effective and comprehensive faith-based solution to drug and alcohol addiction and other life controlling problems.

Since its founding in 1958, Teen Challenge has a well-established track record, and is recognized as one of the largest and most effective faith-based substance abuse recovery programs in the country. More than 2,000 men and women graduate annually from our one-year residential recovery programs in the United States alone.

Local centers tailor programs to meet the contextual needs of their respective communities and generate operating funds from local individuals, churches, community organizations, businesses and their own work programs.

Most of the residential programs are for adults, some for teens, and the prevention programs target teens and adolescents. Typically one year in length, it offers an environment of therapeutic support and spiritual formation. The program, in which entry and enrollment is always voluntary, requires discipline, responsible decision-making and accountability. Students receive instruction in the fundamental tenets of Christian living, and participate in daily devotions, chapels, church services and outreach activities. Those enrolled in the program are taught how to translate creed into conduct; faith into practice; and doctrine into daily living. Throughout their one-year experience they are equipped with functional tools – life skills, including job skills, to assist them in re-entering society as productive and healthy people.

The Residential Program has several programs with which you might help.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Peer to peer mentoring and coaching
- Life skills classes, money management, parenting, anger, social skills, relapse prevention
- Education, GED classes, literacy, study skills, computer classes
- Career planning, job skills training, employment behavior, resume writing
- Spiritual instruction and support
- Exercise, music, drama, recreation, social activities
- Reentry assistance, housing, transportation, job search assistance
- Referrals

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 PH: 205.590.3001  
 blackey@alabamateenchallenge.org  
 www.alabamateenchallenge.org

**The Amelia Center**

*Comforting grieving children, parents, and families*

Mission: To provide individual grief counseling, grief groups and grief education to children, parents and families grieving or anticipating the death of a loved one; and to offer professional education and training in grief counseling models.

Vision: That all grieving children, parents and families in the greater Birmingham region have access to a caring and compassionate environment that fosters hope and healing.

Individual and family counseling is available at no set fee to children, teenagers and adults in accordance with our scope of services. An intake session is provided to determine client goals and determine client readiness for group meetings. Clients are then assigned to a group meeting and/or follow-up sessions are scheduled as needed.

Group meetings are offered at no set fee for children, teenagers and adults in accordance with our scope of services. Regular group meeting times are available for the following groups: Bereaved Parents (Compassionate Friends), Children's Group, Teen's Group and Parenting the Grieving Child (Offered in conjunction with Children's and Teen's Groups). Other groups may be offered as needed, including: Traumatic Loss, Survivors of Suicide, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, etc. The Amelia Center also plans special events such as Grief in the Holidays and National Children's Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil.

Critical Incident Stress Management is provided to schools, businesses and communities in accordance with our scope of services. A team of counselors and trained volunteers offer grief and crisis counseling on-site at no set cost for any organization within our five county service area. A counselor is on-call 24 hours a day to receive crisis calls. A fee will be charged to cover costs incurred to travel outside our service area.

Education, training, workshops and consultations are made available to schools, businesses, faith communities and other organizations for a fee to cover expenses.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Group Facilitators - Assist the staff with the adult and children's groups.
- Critical Incident Stress Management Team - Respond to schools, churches and the community during times of crisis or tragedy.
- Office Support - Assist with the Media Center, answering the phone, and other general office work.

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**American Red Cross Blood Services**

*Hosting a church blood drive*

The Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Blood Services Region provides blood to hospitals in Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. These hospitals rely on the Red Cross around the clock for blood products, as well as for expert technical and medical support.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Sponsor a Blood Drive: American Red Cross blood drives are hosted by volunteers — businesses, churches, community organizations, schools, etc. — in an effort to maintain an adequate blood supply. To be sure of meeting our lifesaving goal of 600 donors per day, we work weeks and months ahead of time to identify who will host the blood drives and to determine how many donors to expect at each blood drive. New blood drive hosts are always needed, especially at holiday time. We need you!

**What a blood drive sponsor does:**

- Offers a suitable location.
- Assists the Red Cross staff with the recruitment of donors from their group or community.
- Schedules donors for their donation appointment.

The American Red Cross does the rest: A Red Cross representative works with you every step of the way as you plan and organize your blood drive.

We'll help you determine how many donors to expect, and reserve the skilled collection staff you'll need to guarantee a successful drive. We bring the blood drive to you (setting up the equipment and taking it with us when we leave). We'll confidentially screen donors and collect blood donations that are then sent to Red Cross for testing, processing and distribution. We'll schedule volunteers to greet donors and serve refreshments.

Whether your organization is large or small, you can make a difference. In fact, small groups and businesses can easily participate by sponsoring a day at one of our donor centers.

**For more information contact:**

Ann Smith, Community Relations  
 PH: 205.918.3270  
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 smitha@usa.redcross.org  
 www.alacgc.org

**American Red Cross Disaster Services**

*Developing church shelter teams*

Mission Statement: The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people

prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

The American Red Cross depends on volunteers, who constitute 97 percent of our total work force, to carry on our humanitarian work:

Every year, the Red Cross is there for hurricane, earthquake, and other disaster victims — including 150 families forced from their homes by fire every day.

175,000 volunteers worked to prevent, prepare for and respond to nearly 64,000 disaster incidents last year.

Over 15 million Americans turn to us to learn first aid, CPR, swimming, and other health and safety skills. Last year, more than 230,000 people volunteered to teach those courses.

Among our emergency services for the men and women of the armed forces is the delivery of urgent family messages — one every 22 seconds.

Over 24,000 volunteers serve as chairs, members of boards of directors, or on advisory boards for local Red Cross units - chapters, Blood Services regions, and military stations.

Don't wait another day to find out how good it feels to wear the Red Cross emblem and participate in one of the above mentioned programs and services!

#### Volunteer Opportunities

The American Red Cross, Birmingham Area Chapter is seeking partnerships with churches to develop Disaster Relief Shelter Teams. An American Red Cross Shelter Team consists of trained volunteer personnel who will activate a temporary shelter for disaster victims utilizing their church facility. Church Shelter team members will have total responsibility for opening, operating (for the necessary time period), and closing their own church facility following a disaster. The facility will be designated as an official American Red Cross disaster relief shelter and expenses will be paid by the American Red Cross. All Shelter Team members will be required to complete brief two-hour Red Cross training that may be conducted on-site at your church.

#### For more information contact:

Lori Rogers, Volunteer Specialist  
PH: 205.944.2928  
www.redcrossbirmingham.org

### **Better Basics**

#### *School literacy programs*

Better Basics is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 with a goal of supporting literacy in Birmingham area schools. For students who struggle to read failure is familiar. Volunteers can turn failure into success by spending one hour a week helping children. We have two programs for volunteers: Reading Intervention Tutoring and the MORE program (Motivators of Reading Enrichment).

#### Volunteer Opportunities

The Reading Intervention volunteer tutors a second or third grader once a week in the school for about forty-five minutes with materials provided by Better Basics. The tutor encourages the child by spending time with him/her reading and helping build the child's self-esteem. It requires a once a week commitment from October through May and completion of a one hour training.

The MORE (Motivators of Reading Enrichment) volunteer motivates and rewards student for reading books. The volunteer visits the fourth grade classroom once a week to reward the students for successfully reading books from the MORE library. The students complete a simple book report, which the volunteer grades from a key and then issues prize books and other incentives, including T-shirts, candy, ribbons, and certificates. It requires a once a week, one-hour commitment from October through March and an hour training session.

#### For more information contact:

Sandra Edwards, Volunteer Coordinator

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www.betterbasics.org

### **Brother Bryan Mission**

#### *Providing long-term men's shelter ministry*

The Brother Bryan Mission is an inter-denominational Christian shelter for 65 homeless men. Established in honor of Dr. James A. Bryan — an extraordinary minister of the gospel who made a profound effect on Birmingham in the early part of the 20th century with his acts of love and kindness to the poor and the needy. Started in 1940 with six beds, it was the first shelter in Birmingham. It moved to its current location in downtown Birmingham in 1981.

It is a long-term facility where men may live up to two years and receive the essentials needed for daily living (food, clothing, toiletries and shelter in a clean Christian environment). Chapel services are conducted nightly with assistance from local churches. Narcotic and alcoholic meetings are held weekly for those who struggle with substance abuse. A one-on-one training program is available to improve reading and writing skills. Brother Bryan serves tenants two full meals (breakfast and dinner) and a snack each day.

The men who live at the Brother Bryan Mission are required to maintain jobs outside the mission. This helps them to rise above homelessness and gives them back a much stronger sense of self worth. Our goal is to help these men heal spiritually, physically, and emotionally and become "changed lives."

#### For more information or a speaker for your group, contact:

Steve Brown, Executive Director  
1616 2nd Ave N (35203)  
PH: 205.322.0092  
FX: 205.322.7820

### **Chalkville Youth Services**

#### *Youth correctional facility*

The Chalkville Youth Services is a part of the State Division of Alabama Youth Services. The purpose of the programming is to provide an in-house treatment program for adjudicated juvenile delinquents. Churches and individuals can have a witness through scheduled volunteer activities and the donation of the following items:

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Groups are needed to visit and fellowship with the boys and girls, to adopt a cottage, and to give parties (birthday, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc.)

#### For more information contact:

Faye Ethridge  
PH: 205.680.8554

### **Champions For Life**

#### *Prison evangelism events*

At the urging of his friend Billy Graham, 4-time NFL Pro Bowler Bill Glass founded Champions for Life in 1972. Since then, Bill Glass and teammate volunteers have been providing Christ's message of hope and grace to those incarcerated in prison. Athletes, entertainers, and musicians share their own testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ in a non-stop stunt and music-driven evangelism event. Their talent will establish the credibility that goes along with their portrayal of the gospel message. Our teammate volunteers move in at the presentation's end and engage inmates in a dialogue about the gospel. Volunteers are trained to share their faith, equipped with the necessary tools and given the opportunity to implement their Evangelism and Discipleship skills.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Prison Ministry to Men, Women and Youth.
- Youth Ministry through Public and Private Schools.
- At-risk Youth Ministry through the Juvenile Justice System.
- Community Ministry to Youth, Families, Individuals and Churches.

**For more information contact:**

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**Child Evangelism Fellowship  
 of Greater Birmingham**

*Bible clubs services*

Child Evangelism Fellowship® Inc. is the world’s largest mission agency ministering to children. Last year CEF® reached nearly 4.9 million children in over 150 countries! CEF is a Bible-centered, worldwide organization composed of born again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, disciple them in the Word of God and establish them in the local church.

The local chapter, CEF of Greater Birmingham, is involved in these ministries:

Weekly after school Good News Clubs® in public schools and in neighborhoods, Summertime 5-Day Clubs®, CEF Mailbox Club, www.wonderzone.com, Teacher Training Classes. Church seminars are available to churches that desire their teachers in Sunday School, Children’s Church, or club programs to sharpen their teaching skills. Topics such as Discipline in the Classroom, Teaching a Bible Lesson, and Leading a Child to Christ are available in addition to other topics.

CEF Press®: This is the publishing ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. CEF Press develops, produces and distributes a variety of publications for the purpose of helping you evangelize children. To order materials or to receive a free catalog call 1-800-748-7710 or visit www.cefpress.com.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Praying for the year-round ministries of CEF Hosting or teaching a Good News Club® (after school hours) in your home, in a public school, or in a daycare, etc.
- Hosting a summertime 5-Day Club® for a week at your home, or helping us get club locations in homes, daycares, churches, recreation centers, parks, YMCA’s, etc.
- Helping 1 or more weeks with transportation of 2-3 summer missionaries to teach the 5-Day Clubs in your area of greater Birmingham

**For more information contact:**

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**Children’s Hospital**

*Helping children and families in need*

The pastoral care team provides comfort and guidance for patients, their families, employees and staff at the hospital. There are several ways to become personally involved in ministry at Children’s Hospital. Listed below are needs that can be met by individuals or ministry action groups in your church.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Persons interested in working on a volunteer basis are needed to work in several areas. Contact Volunteer Services at 939-9695.
- Toy Library- The Toy Library depends on the community to keep

the shelves full of toys and games. You can help through a toy drive sponsored by your Missions Organization or church. (Due to infection control issues, we cannot accept used dolls or stuffed animals.)

Simon: The Loving Lion Ministry- The Simon Ministry features the giving of cuddly, stuffed lions to trauma patients and intensive care patients. The sponsor of the lion is identified on a tag attached to the lion. Also, a storybook is given, which tells a heart-warming story of how community life is strengthened by the wide difference in the gifts each of us brings. We envision a day when this ministry will grow to where we will give Simons to all our patients, hospital-wide. We invite your church to be involved in reaching this goal and becoming a sponsor.

Make premie gowns (patterns are available through the Children’s Hospital Pastoral Care Office)

**For more information contact:**

Pastoral Care Office, Children’s Hospital  
 1600 7th Ave S (35233)  
 PH: 205.939.9090

**Children’s Village**

*Home for abused boys & girls*

Children in the foster care system are victims of the greatest tragedy a person can suffer - separation from loved ones. Broken relationships can be devastating to an adult, but tragic for a child. This is especially true when family relationships are severed, because the family unit is where relationships are learned. Children’s Village accepts the challenge of providing “family relationships” for each of its children.

Children’s Village is a haven where loving care is provided to children who are victims of broken relationships. The home is licensed by the State of Alabama to care for neglected and/or abused boys, 6-17 years of age. Children’s Village is a family-style support system designed to build self-esteem and encourage a sense of self-worth, while providing a training ground for the development of acceptable habit patterns and effective human relations skills. This is achieved as Children’s Village becomes the “extended family” for each child in residence, offering a loving, stable, and attractive home; efficient and consistent care; life-skills training; character building; and lots of love.

Not everyone can bring a foster child into his/her home and not everyone has a desire to adopt, but there is a way to show you care. Help us raise our children here at Children’s Village with your personal service as a volunteer. Our very survival depends on the generosity of others.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Lawn maintenance
- Tutors
- Mentors
- Relief parents

**For more information contact:**

Sonya Williams, Executive Director  
 PH: 205.925.0074

**Community Kitchens of Birmingham**

*Feeding the hungry 365 days a year*

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor... you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you” Luke 14:13-14

Community Kitchens of Birmingham is a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding anyone who is hungry. Since 1980, Community Kitchens has served the hungry, homeless and working poor without regard to situation or condition. Those who are in need of a warm and nutritious meal will find our doors open 365 days a year.

It is sometimes hard to imagine that there are people in Birmingham

who go hungry each day. A recent survey of Jefferson County reported that there are 80,000 families who are unsure of where their next meal will come from. Community Kitchens provides a much needed service to those who are hungry by serving over 112,000 meals at our two locations. These meals help nourish the body and spirit of those in need.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Weekend Volunteers:** (We depend entirely on volunteers to run our kitchens on the weekends!) Groups or families of 4-10 work best! Volunteers usually spend about 3½-6 hours working on the weekends. Choose one of the following ways to volunteer:  
 Plan, purchase & serve your own menu  
 Cook and serve food we provide  
 Heat and serve food we prepare for you (This option is great for scout troops and youth groups)

**Weekday Volunteers:** Come assist our staff with meal serving and clean-up. Volunteers normally spend 1 ½ to 2 hours on weekdays.

**Office Volunteers:** Throughout the year we have different projects that we need help completing. If you have skills with databases, bulk-mailing, publishing/design or other business skills please call to see how you can help. Some projects can be done from your home or business.

**For more information contact:**

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**Discovery Clubs of Alabama**

*Partnering churches with inner city schools*

Mission: To teach Biblical truth to children in public schools and to present the gospel message to as many elementary age children as possible, giving them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Discovery Clubs of Alabama, Inc. is a service organization that assists churches in conducting after-school Bible clubs in inner-city schools, beginning in the second grade. Children respond to the Gospel message through songs, crafts, games, prizes, memory verses, engaging Bible lessons, and loving teachers and volunteers.

A church is asked to sponsor one grade at one school by providing the teachers, volunteer mentors, and one church supervisor. Discovery Clubs of Alabama is able to provide the snacks, curricula, training, and organization. We also make the arrangements with the interested schools and continue to oversee the success of the ministry.

To ensure and maintain the stability and growth of individual clubs, Discovery Clubs of Alabama, Inc. pays a stipend to teachers and church supervisors.

Birmingham is our "Jerusalem." We must go to these eager children -- not wait for them to come to us. Research informs us that a person's moral foundations are generally in place by the time they reach age nine and that, in most cases, people's spiritual beliefs are irrevocable formed when they are pre-teens.

For these children, we have good news! Happily, one need not travel thousands of miles or learn a second language in order to participate in a missionary opportunity, which is right here in our own neighborhood. The "fields are already white for harvest."

However, we need more churches to meet the many requests of principals to come into their schools and invest in the lives of these little ones.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

A church is asked to sponsor one grade at one school by providing the teachers, volunteer mentors, and one church supervisor. Discovery

Clubs of Alabama is able to provide the snacks, curricula, training, and organization. We also make the arrangements with the interested schools and continue to oversee the success of the ministry.

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**Family Connection**

*Fighting youth homelessness*

We are a nonprofit organization operating Project HOPE, a comprehensive service center designed to lessen the effects of and prevent homelessness in the adolescent population within Birmingham. The goal of Project HOPE is to conduct outreach efforts that address the immediate needs of runaway/homeless street youth and assist them in moving and adjusting to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements — becoming independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Project HOPE serves as a direct means of contact to deliver survival aid items through our Hope Mobile unit and provides day shelter counseling support for runaway and homeless youth on the streets (Hope House).

Hope Mobile is equipped with essential survival aid items such as food, clothing, blankets, jackets, and personal care items. Project staff travels to specific areas in the city that is frequented by the homeless population. While visiting these areas, survival aid packets are distributed to youth (up to age 21) on the streets and encourage these youth to seek refuge from the streets.

Runaway/homeless street youth may visit our Hope House day shelter (Monday - Friday). They have access to a hot meal, clothing, personal care items, shower facilities, laundry facilities, television programming, a place to rest, and a social worker. A social worker assists each youth in securing shelter placements, setting short and long-term goals and identifies ways to accomplish these goals.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Organize a collection drive at your church or office.

**For more information contact:**

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familyconnection-inc.org

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

*Christian sports ministry*

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is the largest interdenominational, school-based, Christian sports ministry in America with 900,000 coaches working on 50,000 high school campuses with about 6 million athletes. Another 45,000 college coaches are working with 450,000 college athletes while little league coaches all over the country minister to 20 million children between the ages of 6 and 12.

FCA has a long history of being used by God to impact millions throughout the years. Since 1954, FCA has challenged coaches and athletes to use athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. The organization accomplishes this mission through its four ministries: Coaches Ministry, Campus Ministry, Camp Ministry, and Community

Ministry.

Mission: To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

Vision: To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Assistance with FCA at local schools—with camps, events, and speaking opportunities
- Active leadership team involvement
- Assistance with FCA events such as Super 6 Coaches Luncheon or Alabama Sports Hall of Fame breakfast

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**First Light**

*A center for homeless women and children*

Our mission is to work with homeless women and their children to create hospitality in a safe and nurturing community, to encourage them to find hope, to seek opportunity, and to grow spiritually, thereby achieving their full potential.

First Light, Inc. is located in the heart of downtown Birmingham. It offers the only 24-hour emergency shelter for homeless women and homeless women with children in the area. In addition to meeting the basic needs of our guests, we offer individualized case management, a variety of fun and informational activities, 3 permanent supportive housing programs, and most of all, a place of acceptance where guests can begin to regain dignity, hope and independence.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Bringing and serving breakfast for 70 people. 6:30-7:30am M-F and 7:30-8:30pm Sat. and Sun.
- Bringing and serving dinner for 70 people. 6:30pm nightly.
- Staying overnight in the emergency shelter to distribute supplies and be on-call in case a guest needs something in the middle of the night
- Conducting group activities for the guests (i.e. game night, movie night, holiday party, arts and crafts activity)

**For more information contact:**

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**Gateway**

*Serving children & families in need since 1891*

Gateway is committed to preserve, strengthen, and enrich family life through quality services provided to families and individuals in need. Gateway is always looking for therapeutic foster parents in Jefferson and Shelby counties willing to open their hearts and homes to children in need.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Sponsor "Birthday of the Month" parties on campus (maximum of 50 residents at any one time)
- Teach crafts (quilting, sewing, knitting, etc.)
- Landscaping (flower beds)

**For more information contact:**

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**Grace House Ministries**

*Giving hope to girls in crisis*

Grace House Ministries provides a secure Christian Home for young girls from crisis backgrounds where girls are loved, nurtured, trained and encouraged to become mature godly women. This "House of Grace" reaches far beyond its walls-touching and changing lives one child at a time.

Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1989, Grace House Ministries is supported by contributions from individual donors, civic groups, churches, corporations and various fund-raising projects. Grace House Ministries provides a home for young girls who cannot live with their natural families because of situations such as extreme poverty, dysfunctional and neglectful circumstances.

Grace House Christian Home for Girls is currently licensed for eight girls by the State Department of Human Resources. Future plans for Grace House Ministries include the establishment of two additional group homes, scheduled to open in 2002, and a community clubhouse. This expansion will enable Grace House to serve an even greater number of children who need a loving family environment as well as provide outreach services to the community.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Ministry and mission-minded houseparent couples to live with, care for, and minister to the children who live at Grace Village Support Office assistance (M-W-F)
- Tutors, mentors from 4-6 pm, Mon-Thurs; Sat mornings
- Groups who can help with lawn care (mowing, trimming, hedges, leaf blowing, etc.)
- Volunteers to help with special events - Hats Off Luncheon on May 7, the holiday gift wrap at the Galleria, etc
- Groups who can help with handyman repairs to the homes (painting, carpentry, etc.)

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**Greater Birmingham Ministries**

*Emergency assistance & strengthening communities*

Greater Birmingham Ministries is a multi-faith, multi-racial organization heeding the faithful call to serve people, pursue justice, and build community. GBM has been carrying out a faith-based response to the prevalence of poverty in our community since its founding in 1969. GBM's activities include securing emergency assistance (food, clothing, rent, utilities) for low-income families, strengthening the capacity of communities and their partners to work toward beneficial change, and listening to and working alongside low-income neighbors and neighborhoods as they seek to improve their own lives and the life of the larger community.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Food Pantry: stock shelves, pack bags for Friday food distribution
- Clothes Closet: organize clothing and assist clients
- Community Garden: prepare, plant, harvest, weed, donate plants
- Holiday with a Heart: pack holiday bags with toys, clothing, and food for families in need
- VOTE for Birmingham: canvass your neighbors for our non-partisan,

issues-oriented civic voter engagement effort.

Join a GBM Work Group or Task Force:

- Direct Services: assist families and individuals in need
- Economic Justice: identify and address barriers that keep people in poverty
- Faith in Community: reach out to the community around us, building stronger relationships across lines of race, religion, and economic circumstances
- Constitutional Reform Task Force: collaborate with advocacy groups around the state to reform Alabama's outdated, inefficient 1901 constitution
- Education Task Force: advocate for students in the Birmingham city school system

For more information contact:

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## Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham

*Building houses, building hope*

Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain – Psalm 127:1 Habitat Birmingham is a non profit Christian housing ministry building quality, affordable houses and revitalizing existing houses in partnership with deserving, low-income families. Houses are sold at cost and financed at zero percent interest; houses are not given away.

Homeownership promotes family stability, self-sufficiency, civic responsibility, positive economic impact, neighborhood revitalization, educational achievement, career advancement, positive spiritual, physical and social needs and strong communities.

A family selection committee made up of community volunteers evaluates prospective homeowners for new construction using three criteria: (1) Need for quality, affordable housing; (2) Willingness to partner with Habitat Birmingham (minimum 300 "sweat equity" hours and 10 hours of homeownership education workshops); (3) Ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. No construction skills necessary, only a heart to serve. Professional site supervisors are onsite with volunteers to teach, demonstrate and lead. Volunteers start the workday with prayer and a brief safety orientation.

Participate in new house construction or home repairs including framing, painting and landscaping. Special events are available for congregations, women, professional homebuilders, holidays, and corporations.

Participate in a home repair program to take care of poor structural conditions or handicap access needs.

Help at the Habitat Outlet Store (a discount home improvement center of donated items) by sorting inventory, stocking shelves and general cleaning. Located at 7952 Crestwood Blvd. in Irondale (open M-F, 9-7; Sat., 9-5)

Prepare meals for volunteers.

Help answer telephone at Habitat Office.

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## Helpline Christian Outreach Ministries

*Providing for daily needs*

Helpline Christian Outreach Ministries, Inc. began in January 1990. It remains the 700 Club's Operation Blessing Outreach for the area. A Christ centered approach has been maintained in all of our activities. Our financial support comes from individuals and churches.

Our ministry demonstrates love, unconditionally, and compassion for each individual in need. We provide a "How Can I Help?" Christian training program. The intent of the "People Helper" training is to learn how to respond to the call of Jesus passed onto us to love, comfort and encourage the hurting and needy. Our policy is to provide our services to anyone regardless of race, sex, creed, religion or income level.

We provide support groups, clothing, blankets, emergency food on a walk in basis only, as food is donated to us. We provide financial assistance, as funds are available, to assist churches and ministries in meeting needs of the poor and needy. We are a Food Source Host Site for a once of month food program where food can be purchased cheaper than in grocery stores. This helps them with their food bill. We work with Operation Blessing International meeting needs of children through the Bless-A-Child summer, Back-to-School, and Holiday of Hope programs.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Manage our clothing closet, special projects

Help with donation items pick-up

For more information contact:

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## Hospice Complete

*Assisting hospice patients*

Hospice Complete is a private business in Birmingham, providing care to individuals for whom a cure is no longer possible. We have over 40 years of collective experience in the medical and hospice fields, with dedicated teams of healthcare professionals whose primary focus is on insuring the highest quality of care for our patients with a proven approach we call "A Family Approach To Hospice Care." We improve the quality of life for those individuals last months, weeks, or days and provide support for their loved ones. Volunteers provide various services to our patients and families.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Offer support or companionship

Provide caregiver relief

Read to a patient

Write letters to a patient

Make cards or crafts

Cook meals

Rake leaves or cut grass

Make flower arrangements

Run small errands

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## **IMPACT Family Counseling**

*Faith-based, professional counseling services*

The mission of IMPACT Family Counseling is to provide faith-based, professional counseling to at-risk youth and families. The programs that IMPACT offers strengthens family relationships, helps reduce abuse and neglect, and teaches positive coping skills so that at-risk youth and families will make better life choices that benefit themselves and their communities. IMPACT began as a grass-roots initiative, led by community leaders, John A. Williamson and C. Molton Williams, to intervene and prevent youth from entering a life of crime. The founders became inspired while visiting prisons because many incarcerated parents told them that they were concerned that their children were following in their footsteps.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Mentor a child, age 4 to 16, who has a parent in prison. Mentors must be age 19 or older and be willing to commit to meeting with a child for at least one hour, once each week, for one year.

### **Contact Information:**

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impactal.org

## **Interfaith Hospitality House**

*Providing families with shelter and services*

Interfaith serves those families not accommodated in most other shelters in the Birmingham area. Families live together while residents at Interfaith. The vision for Interfaith Hospitality House is to be an effective agency assisting homeless families in staying together in a permanent facility as they transition to self-sufficiency.

Our Mission: The Interfaith Hospitality House is a haven for keeping qualified homeless families together as a unit. It provides comfort and hope through temporary housing, supportive services and long term support counseling to restore the independent living capabilities of homeless families.

We serve families with minor children that have no permanent place to live: two parent families, single fathers with children, and single mothers with children (Single mothers must have at least one male child age 10 or older—several agencies will house single mothers with small children; however, mothers with older boys are very difficult to place.)

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Be a volunteer in: tutoring, providing transportation, leading children's activities, family support services, special events, and service advocacy
- Encourage your church to become an active sponsor
- Help families seek and keep work; and set-up their households
- Fax us information about employment opportunities our families might be able to fill in your business
- Contribute clothing and household goods

### **For more information contact:**

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## **The Jimmie Hale Mission**

*Ministering to the homeless, hungry, and hurting*

Since 1944 The Jimmie Hale Mission has been a shelter for the homeless, a rest stop for the weary, a feeding station for the hungry, and a sanctuary for the hurting. For many, the Mission has not been their last stop but the first step toward a changed life. Our purpose is to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the poor and hurting in Jesus' name.

Over last two decades, the Jimmie Hale Mission has grown considerably. What started as a storefront chapel now includes: Jessie's Place, an intermediate shelter for women and children; Shepura Men's Center, a shelter and recovery program for men; Royal Pines Center, a rural recovery program for men; Mission Possible Bargain Centers, fundraising thrift stores; and Stewart Learning Centers for education remediation and employment readiness, which helps men and women return to the workforce.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Serve or Provide Meals
- Conduct a Drive
- Lead a Chapel Service
- Lead a Bible Study Group
- Provide Childcare
- Tutor a Child
- Holiday Placemats (for kid volunteers)

### **For more information contact:**

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## **Kid One Transport**

*Transporting children to better health*

Kid One carries children and expectant mothers, with limited or no transportation, to medical care. Our vision is for every child in Alabama to live a long and healthy life. Our purpose is to bridge the transportation gap that prevents thousands of Alabama's children and expectant mothers from accessing much needed health care services, thereby ensuring a higher quality of life for each individual and family that we serve.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Administrative services: filing/sorting, mailings to constituents, data entry, research/fact-checking, outreach/advocacy
- Work health/community/school fairs, speaking engagements, public awareness activities

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## **King's Home**

*Homes for youth, women, and children*

Our Mission: "To serve God by providing Christ-centered homes and services in which compassion and competence combine to meet the needs of women, children, and families."

For over 30 years, King's Home —formerly The King's Ranch and Hannah Homes — has been home to hundreds of youth, women, and children seeking refuge, hope, and help from abuse, neglect, abandonment, homelessness, and other difficult circumstances. Today,

we provide residential group home services in sixteen Christ-centered homes, located in four different counties. Our first priority is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and the unconditional love of God with every youth, woman, and child we serve. Along with the opportunity for spiritual development, we teach the necessary skills and provide tangible services to help our residents heal from their devastating past, break the cycle of abuse, build healthy relationships, and become independent, productive members of society.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Tutors  
Group service projects

**For more information or a speaker for your group, contact:**

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**The Lovelady Center**

*A transitional home for women and children*

Located in Birmingham's old East End hospital building, The Lovelady Center is a 6-12 month transitional program serving over 350 women and 100 children. Each day, women's lives are changed as they break free of the bonds of substance abuse, domestic violence, criminal thinking, and many other issues. Comforted by the Christian warmth, love and compassion displayed at The Lovelady Center, our graduates once again have hope, strength and courage so that they can live their lives to the fullest.

In its unique and innovative structure, The Lovelady Center also helps reunite women with their children from foster care; at the same time, the resident is helped spiritually, mentally and emotionally by our wide range of classes. We also have a Post Secondary Education license from the State of Alabama so our women can become well-prepared to re-enter life as productive mothers, employees and citizens. Due to the strained economy, we are delighted to have an in-house job placement service that seeks desirable, long-term employment for residents of the Lovelady Center. Most importantly, however, we focus on the power of the Lord to change and restore lives!

**Volunteer opportunities:**

Painting, Gardening, Carpet shampooing, Pressure washing, Building bunk beds and/or bookshelves, Washing vehicles, Litter patrol around the building  
Serving and/or providing meals, Ice cream sundaes or other special treats, Reading to the children, Tutoring for children or adults (GED or literacy)  
Making bags for the intake department which will include basic hygiene items

**Contact information:**

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PH: 205.833.1064  
loveladycenter.org

**Meals on Wheels**

*Food ministry to homebound*

Meals on Wheels was established in 1976 and now delivers approximately 700 hot meals daily to elderly homebound citizens of Jefferson County. Most of the meals are delivered by a volunteers.

MISSION: To provide hot nutritious noon meals to the homebound senior citizens in Jefferson County. The delivery volunteer also does a safety check and, when indicated, refers the client to other services that

will improve their quality of life.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on routes of 10-15 stops throughout Jefferson County. You can volunteer daily, once a week, or once or twice a month. We also need substitute volunteers who cannot commit to a regular delivery date but can fill in as needed. Time involved is approximately 1-2 hours between the hours of 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM every weekday

**For more information contact:**

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**The Old Firehouse Shelter**

*Men's shelter feeding and night care*

The Old Firehouse Shelter is for homeless adult men. This shelter functions through four main programs:

1. Soup Kitchen: A lively part of our ministry. More than 200 men, women and children have lunch at the shelter seven days a week.
2. Day Program: This program gives personal help in areas relating to educational, social and professional needs.
3. Night Shelter: The shelter is provided for 45-50 men every night, more on cold nights. Supper and breakfast are prepared and served to the overnight guests.
4. Narcotics Anonymous: Meetings are held three days a week

Below are listed ways in which you and/or your group can be involved in this ministry:

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Soup Kitchen:** We depend on volunteers to cook, serve and clean up after the noon meal.  
**Day Program:** We are looking for caring volunteers who want to host guests and support the staff. We need volunteers to help in our laundry room, serve snacks and assist guests.  
**Night Shelter:** Overnight volunteers are the sole supporters of this program. There are two groups of volunteers each night. One group donates and serves the evening meal and the second group registers overnight guests and spends the night at the shelter.

**For more information contact:**

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**Olivia's House**

*Helping others overcome chemical dependency*

Olivia's House is a special treatment facility for women and their children. Olivia's House is a residential chemical dependency treatment center that offers comprehensive services ranging from medical services to an on-site child care center. Olivia's House offers 12-step groups, parenting training, living skills training, and other services.

A woman can bring three children into the program with her, ages newborn to ten years. They may reside at Olivia's House for one year, (the average length of stay is expected to be six months), if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Client must have an alcohol and/or drug problem.
- Client must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- Client must have legal and physical custody of at least one child that is ten years old or younger.
- Client must be self-motivated to enter treatment; she has to enroll herself.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Assistants in the Child Care Center  
Transportation Services Assistants

General Office Help: filing, answering telephones, etc.

For more information contact:

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PH: 205.833.5708

## **Pathways**

*A homeless shelter for women*

Pathways (formerly Bread & Roses and PATH) provides supportive services and housing for homeless women and children so that they can become self-sufficient and make their way back into the Birmingham community.

Mission: Ending Homelessness for Women and Children through Hospitality, Housing, and Hope.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Helping hands (individuals /small groups): to help prepare (or bring) and serve meals for our Day Center Program; to help with light yard-work or facilities upkeep; to be a positive model for our children by mentoring

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## **Project SAFE**

*For victims of domestic violence*

The Women's Support Group meets weekly in a safe location and at a time that is convenient for women who depend on public transportation. There is no cost for the group.

Information is presented in a non-threatening, discussion style setting to encourage self-determination and self-confidence. Each 90-minute session stresses safety and confidentiality and covers a variety of topics including but not limited to:

Dynamics of domestic violence, safety planning, help available, effects of domestic violence on children, parenting, non-violence techniques, personal responsibility, self-esteem

For more information contact:

Project SAFE  
PH: 205.254.6542

## **The Salvation Army**

*Working with the homeless and those in crisis*

The Salvation Army offers 22 programs that serve the homeless and those in crisis in the Birmingham metro area. Serving Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair Counties, The Salvation Army in Birmingham helps over 100,000 people each year.

Our Social Services programs include Homeless Prevention Program, Emergency Disaster Services, Housing Shelters, Transitional Living Apartments, Life Skills Training, Food Assistance and much more.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Social Services:**

- Serve meals
- Assist Desk Clerks
- Tutoring children
- Packing Food boxes
- Maintaining Shelter Playground

**Youth Services (must be over 21 and have background check):**

- Tutoring Youth
- Painting

Crafts Instruction

Life Skills Instruction

Sponsor holiday parties

**Disaster and Emergency Services:**

Assist with mass feedings and food preparation

Donate basic need items to disaster victims

**Angel Tree and Red Kettle Programs:**

Interview clients for Angel Tree Program

Collect gifts for Angel Tree recipients

Set up Angel Tree Warehouse

Distribute toys and gifts to Angel Tree families

Ring Bells at Kettle Stands

Encourage giving at Red Kettle stands

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## **Samaritan Counseling Center**

*Addressing crises and other issues*

Samaritan Counseling Center provides confidential counseling for individuals, couples, families and groups. It also conducts educational workshops/seminars and offers consultation to ministers, congregations and other professionals.

Some of the issues this ministry can help people address are family relationships, divorce recovery, stress, addictions, spiritual concerns, career changes, coping with crisis, depression, parenting, and anger management. Below are listed some of the Center's immediate needs.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Church and Community Awareness:**

Arrange for a counselor to share about Center services in Women's Ministry/WMU meetings.

Arrange for a counselor to share about Center services in Sunday School or weekly Worship Services.

Host a morning coffee or a luncheon for a counselor to share about Center services with several neighbors, friends, and/or church members.

**Central Office Assistance with Telephone:**

Lunch hour (Noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday)

Evening hours (5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday)

**Long-Range Promotional Needs**

Newsletter and publicity

For more information contact:

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## **Sav-A-Life East Pregnancy Test Center**

*Sharing God's unconditional love in unplanned pregnancies*

We are a ministry by women for women dedicated to sharing the truth about love, sex, pregnancy and abortion. We offer free, accurate and confidential pregnancy tests. All counsel is Biblically based and confidential. Test results and referrals are made as needed to enable mothers to carry their baby to term. Each SAV-A-LIFE affiliate is totally independent of the other, but abides by a common State-ment of Faith and Guiding Principles. Each raises its own support and trains their own volunteers from the community they serve. We are also affiliated with CareNet and the North American Mission Board.

This ministry demonstrates love for each girl – unconditionally,

right where she is – under-standing that an unplanned pregnancy often brings panic and fear, especially when none of the choices look good.

We promote abstinence through sharing the truth about ‘safe’ sex and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) as well as the freedom a life of sexual purity will bring. The Center does not provide or advise any other method of contraception besides abstinence until marriage – because abstinence works!

We make referrals for medical care, adoption, housing and professional counseling where needed. We also provide post-abortion help for those dealing with a past abortion(s).

Sav-A-Life East is a careful steward. Many often-used items (toilet paper/tissues, cleaning supplies) and services are donated rather than bought. These gifts have kept the average annual expenses under \$50,000 per year since we opened in 1991.

Sav-A-Life does not picket abortion clinics, or do sidewalk counseling.  
Sav-A-Life does not participate in rescues, as in Operation Rescue.  
Sav-A-Life does not lobby for political candidates.

**WE ARE NOT ACTIVISTS**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Because of the sensitive nature of our work, we use only women volunteers. Most work one four-hour shift per week. The Huffman Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Our Chalkville Center in Clay sees clients between Noon and 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. COUNSELORS are trained to share God’s unconditional love with the girl who has a positive or negative test. RECEPTIONISTS answer the phone and greet the clients with warmth and love. They receive on-the-job training. Volunteers say they ‘get’ far more than they ‘give’ through volunteering here.

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Other SAL Affiliates in Birmingham:

Shelby County (664.1667)  
Bessemer (426.2626)  
Gardendale (608.0100)  
Vestavia Hills (979.0302)

**Spirit of Luke**

*Faith & Medicine in the Black Belt*

Our Mission: To Serve, Educate, Empower & Direct

A Promise To Help (APTH) is a healthcare initiative/mission directed to the Black Belt region. Sponsored by The Spirit Of Luke Ministry, A Promise To HELP is a volunteer base organization whose goals are to assist in eliminating healthcare disparities in the underserved, underprivileged, and underinsured populations of the Black Belt region.

APTH was conceived in 2003 after a news article rekindled the fire that had motivated Dr. Sandra Ford to become a physician and the promise she made to help once she finished her training. Growing up and attending school in rural Alabama Dr. Ford experienced first hand the inequities of the healthcare systems in the Black Belt region.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Doctors, nurses, ministers, healthcare professionals, media specialists, counselors, social workers, business leaders, skilled laborers, community activist, and lovers of mankind are needed to offer their time, knowledge and expertise to the communities of the Black Belt region and to partnership with the agencies and organizations that are doing the work in the community.

Volunteer one day a month to man a clinic in the Black Belt region (leaving Birmingham at 6 a.m. and returning around 6 p.m.)

**For more information contact:**

Henry Ford, Executive Director

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www.spiritofluke.com

**St. Anne’s Home**

*Rehabilitation center for women with chemical dependency*

St. Anne’s was founded in 1964 as a halfway house for women suffering from alcoholism. It is now a residential rehabilitation center for the chemically dependent woman. They live here for as long as six months, not less than three. St. Anne’s has a program that enables the women to practice living sober and fulfilling lives so that when they leave they can have continuous sobriety.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Persons willing to answer phones, make copies for clinical staff, keep mailing lists updated in computer, etc. (One-half day per week).

Persons willing to sort through the many donations received and place in the designated places for said items, making sure that St. Anne’s staff knows the names and addresses of the donors.

Various other office chores, as needed.

**For more information contact:**

Delores Andrews

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**Threads of Love**

*Prayer, handmade items for premature infants, families*

Threads of Love sews, crochets, and knits to meet the needs of tiny premature infants and their families. This chapter, Heart of Alabama, was started in 2001 and is a ministry of Deerfoot Baptist Church. In 2005 the chapter delivered over 12,804 prayers, each with a beautifully handmade item. The ministry is about healing and binding hearts together – the hearts of parents at a time of uncertainty about their baby’s health, or when God calls an infant to Him at or shortly after birth. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God, in Christ is faithful.

We furnish Shelby Baptist, Princeton Baptist, Brookwood, St. Vincent’s Birmingham, Trinity, Children’s, Cooper Green Mercy, St. Vincent’s East, and UAB hospitals with handmade items each accompanied by a Christian prayer card to give to the family, all at no cost to the hospital or the family. We make knit or crochet hats, blankets, booties as well as hand sewn vests, positioning pillows and blankets for the babies as they are being cared for in neonatal intensive care units. We also supply handmade burial gowns for the tiny babies who go home to meet Jesus. The gowns are accompanied by a blanket as well as a bereavement prayer and scriptural Christian counseling literature. Though it is difficult to imagine or talk about the loss of a child this is a need that must not go unmet. Many of these babies are so small that a gown correctly sized cannot be bought. We feel blessed to provide memories for heart broken families, memories of a beautiful child of God, well dressed. By providing our prayers and handmade items, Threads of Love lets grieving and concerned parents know that God is with them and He cares.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Use your sewing, knitting, or crochet skills. We meet once a month to bring our items for delivery to the hospital and to get supplies. Work in your spare time to make the gifts.

Those who can’t sew can cut out patterns; others stitch on labels or place a prayer with each piece for delivery to the hospital. Some individuals use their knitting or crocheting talent with Threads of Love patterns and yarn for booties, blankets and caps. Those who make tatting can make trim, booties or hats for the babies.

Bible Schools can make sock dolls for pediatric patients and for the premature infants. We can include a note for the family of the recipient of the "Huggie Doll" or Lovie Doll explaining that a child who loves Jesus made the doll. The child promises to pray for the child in the hospital.

**For more information contact:**

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**Urban Ministry**

*Meeting community food, educational, and housing needs*

Urban Ministry, Inc. is an agency of the United Methodist Church whose mission is to serve the poor of Birmingham with programs of compassion and wholeness.

Our Compassion Programs include our Assistance Ministries (utilities and rent), our Community Kitchen (a hot, nutritious meal is served five days a week), and our Food Pantry (given to those who qualify up to four times a year).

Our Wholeness Programs include our Urban Kidz (working with 4th-8th grade children on homework help, tutoring, character development, and spiritual growth four afternoons a week during the school year and with Day Camps in the summer), the Joe Rush Center for Urban Mission (where we do exterior house painting for low-income elderly and disabled persons), and Kairos Prison Ministries (where we regularly visit inmates at the Donaldson Correctional Facility in west Jefferson County).

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Community Kitchen—We serve a free, hot meal five days a week (Monday-Friday) to all who come our way — over 25,000 a year. Volunteers regularly help Assistance Ministries Coordinator Belle Carlisle prepare, serve, and clean up following the noon meal. This work occurs between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm daily.

Food Pantry—Four days a week (not on Tuesdays) we distribute food to qualified clients, generally a 5-7 day supply of non-perishable items. Volunteers regularly help Administrative Assistant Phebe Booker in this process and, at other times, in the preparation of Food Boxes for distribution.

Children's Program—Urban Kids, our Children's Program, works with 4th-8th grade students from Hemphill Elementary School and other area schools in a program of tutoring, homework help, cultural enrichment, and character development. Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday afternoons (3:00-6:00 pm) to assist Children's Coordinator Becky Wadley.

Joe Rush Center for Urban Mission—Urban's signature program does exterior house painting for low-income elderly and disabled persons in our area. Volunteers regularly assist Site Manager Michael Young in the process of scraping, priming, and painting homes. We paint about 25 houses per year.

**For more information contact:**

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urban-ministry.org

**Vacca Youth Services Campus**

*Correctional facility for youth boys*

The Vacca Youth Services Campus is part of the State Division of Alabama Youth Services. The purpose of the campus is to provide a school for delinquent male youth between the ages of 12-18, committed by the Juvenile Courts of the State of Alabama. The programming seeks to rehabilitate these youth so they may re-enter our community as useful citizens.

Although the campus is closed to the public, you may witness through the following donations:

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Art and music teachers/instructors are needed  
Volunteers needed to fill in as substitutes when teachers are absent.

Christmas: Volunteer groups needed to "Adopt a Cottage" at Christmas which would involve providing Christmas gifts and food for 25 boys (ages 11-18). It is our hope that these boys can be shown the true meaning of Christmas through Christian organizations and churches by also providing speakers, music, and programs.

We also encourage volunteer groups to come out on campus and participate or organize a baseball game or any function that would include one dorm in an outside activity.

**For more information contact:**

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**Veteran's Administration Medical Center**

*Serving our veterans in need*

The chaplaincy program at the VA Medical Center provides pastoral care for America's heroes.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Visit patients that have no family or friends. Talk to them, read to them, etc.  
Sit with a family member that is alone and may be struggling.  
Distribute patriotic items to the patients.  
Facilitate weekend activities for the blind patients in rehabilitation.

**For more information contact:**

Chaplain Karen Long  
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**Watchman Fellowship**

*Providing information on cult groups*

Watchman Fellowship has been serving as a counter-cult mission since its inception in 1979, filling a critical need of ministry in the Church. Like Ezekiel, who was told to be a watchman to Israel, sounding the warning of approaching danger (Ezekiel 33:1-7), Watchman Fellowship sounds the warning of cultic danger to the Church. (Matthew 7:15-20)

There are three crucial objectives for effective ministry to the cults:

1. Alert the community to the presence of spiritual counterfeits so they will not be easily misled. (Matthew 5:14-16)
2. Awaken the Church to the spiritual dangers of the cults and equip believers to witness effectively. (Acts 20:28-31)
3. Carry the gospel directly to those in the cults, having a compassion for their need. (Jude 22)

Accomplishing the Objectives...

Educating the Community. Watchman Fellowship impacts local communities through educational conferences, mass mailings, and the media. An important aspect of educating the community comes through those who receive our training. Our goal is to leave behind trained believers to continue the work the area long after we leave.

Equipping the Church. Our foremost responsibility is to the Church.

Jesus warned his disciples to “beware of the false prophets”; how can they beware unless they are first aware? By equipping the Church we accomplish our other goals: equipping Christians to evangelize the cultist and to educate their neighbor against deception.

Evangelizing the Cults. Watchman Fellowship is actively involved in counseling and witnessing to those involved in cults. This is accomplished by a variety of methods such as mission projects, pre-recorded telephone messages, warning ads in local newspapers, and by one-on-one or small group visits. Much of the evangelism is being done in the homes of believers who have been trained by our staff to share their faith with those who are recruiting for the cults.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Help to complete mailings and projects

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**Winewood Christian School**

*Christian-based education for PK - 12*

The Winewood Christian School (WCS) mission is to provide and support academic development of community children in preference of, or in need of, parental controlled involvement in the education process. WCS is a parochial school that features traditional and non-traditional home education. We are intentionally not a registered private school.

WCS grew out of the observation that many of our Sunday School children that attended our local public schools, especially the males, were not reading at their appropriate grade levels. This harsh reality forced us to start a reading and tutoring program in our church just to be able to effectively teach the Sunday School lessons.

WCS is accredited by the National Association of Private Schools (NAPS), and is a member of the Association Of Christian Schools International (ASCI). The opportunities for witnessing for Christ in this venue are great!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Instruction of special needs children

Language instruction and development of all students

Math and Science instruction and development of all students

Math and Science tutoring

Technology support for Distance Learning Education serving families

living under stressful circumstance related to divorce, death, disasters, and abuse.

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