

Every day, families across Atlanta face unexpected circumstances that prevent them from providing a safe, happy home for their children. They are hard-working people you encounter on a daily basis - servers, teachers' aides, health care assistants, bus drivers, etc. - and you can help!

For families with limited income, an unexpected illness, job change or similar crisis can drain their resources and lead to a downward spiral that ends in homelessness. BCM was created to help people in crisis, primarily the working poor, meet their immediate basic needs and make lifestyle changes that result in financial stability.

Each year, BCM provides food, clothing, rent and utility assistance, new worker support, life-skills training, money management education and mentoring to more than 8,500 people of all faiths who reside in 15 zip codes throughout metro Atlanta.

Sponsoring Churches

Buckhead Church
Cathedral of St. Philip
Christ the King Catholic
Covenant Presbyterian
Holy Spirit Catholic
Northside Church
Peachtree Presbyterian
Peachtree Road
United Methodist
Second-Ponce de Leon
Baptist
Trinity Presbyterian
Wieuca Road Baptist

Contributing Churches

Brookhaven Baptist
Buckhead Baptist
ChristChurch Presbyterian
Church of the Apostles
Morningside Baptist
Mt. Paran Church of God
Northside Drive Baptist
Northwest Presbyterian
Peachtree Baptist
Sardis United Methodist
Skyland United Methodist
St. Anne's Episcopal
St. Dunstan's Episcopal
St. James United Methodist
St. Luke Lutheran
Westminster Presbyterian



Nicole* and her three children have come a long way from their days living in a shelter after fleeing abuse. She will graduate from the Transitional Housing Program this month with a budget she can maintain and a full-time job with a home health agency. She also completed the Money Management Course and has paid off nearly \$3,000 in debt!

GET INVOLVED

Join BCM's team and help local families find life-changing hope and financial stability.

- ◆ Host a food drive
- ◆ Donate clothing
- ◆ Collect coats and other winter wear
- ◆ Donate toys to the Joyous Toys Store
- ◆ Volunteer: Training is provided and time commitments are flexible. These are just a few of the ways you can help:
 - Interview clients
 - Be a money management mentor
 - Help with administrative tasks
 - Serve as a personal shopper at our thrift store, Buckhead *THRIFTique*
 - Bag groceries with friends or family
 - Help with fundraising or special events planning

Questions? Contact Jessie at (678) 399-8411 or jessiemodlin@bcmatlanta.

* All stories and photos are actual BCM visitors, but photos are not of the person featured in the adjacent recap and names have been changed.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

To learn about volunteer opportunities, see photos and more, connect with BCM on social media.



BCM PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

- **The 70/30 Project** stabilizes working families who are at high-risk of homelessness. This program is unique in Atlanta because it combines financial assistance, education, financial mentoring and personalized case management. Last year, 14 families graduated from the program, collectively retiring over \$48,800 in debt.
- The **Money Management Course** teaches participants everything from decision making and goal setting to how to budget and improve their credit. During the 20 week course, students alternately attend classes and meet one-on-one with financial coaches.
- The **Transitional Housing Program** assists homeless families' transition to financial stability by providing an apartment, money management education and customized support services. In 2011, 15 families graduated and moved into permanent housing.
- **New Worker Support** helps people start new jobs by purchasing uniforms and covering transportation costs until they receive their first pay check. In 2011, 124 people went back to work with BCM's help.
- The **C. Spencer Godfrey Food Pantry** distributed over 18,000 bags of groceries and more than 3,000 snack bags to people in need in 2011.
- **Buckhead THRIFTique** provides free and affordable clothing to the community and opportunities to volunteer. Last year, this thrift store distributed over \$110,000 in free clothing to individuals in need.



Kim* and her husband work full-time, but even their modest way of life was threatened when she had to call in sick because of food poisoning. As an hourly employee at a clothing store, Kim was not paid for the days she missed. BCM helped them pay the power bill so they could stay cool this summer.

year BCM prevented homelessness for 1,680 local workers and their children.

BUCKHEAD THRIFTique

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DONATE OR SHOP
Mon - Sat, 10am - 4pm

Alicia's husband lost his job and, while he looks for work, she struggles to support her four children and one grandchild on her salary as a Marta bus driver. She came to BCM for help paying her rent, but counselors also realized she did not have any money for



Christmas gifts. Through Joyous Toys, Alicia's children will share in the excitement of unwrapping presents on Christmas morning.

DONATE TODAY!!

BCM's 2012 budget is \$2.4 million and 84% of donations directly benefit our clients. The remaining 16% is used prudently to provide critical management support to the ministry. BCM depends on individuals, foundations and businesses for 67% of our annual budget, while churches, government grants, interest, fees and our thrift store provide the remainder.

Thank you for your interest! We hope you will consider donating to BCM in the future.

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