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Recognition of Ark Volunteers

**For the year 2011, Ark volunteers
logged a total of 1,809 hours!!!**



The work of The Ark could not be accomplished without the devotion of the ministry's volunteers who give of their time and talent to make a real difference.

**Thank you to ALL of our wonderful volunteers.
You make The Ark "unsinkable!"**

Interviewer Volunteers:

Sarah Slappey
Barbara Leissner
Donna Wade
Sally Randall
Joan Duffett
June Gnann
Paula Hollis
Lisa Fowlkes
Lyn Hahn
Roger Swagler
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Intake Volunteers:

Sandy Wooley
Sheila King
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Sub Volunteers

Louise Fleming
Clairelis Baxter



Save the Date . . .

**20th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge
"Swing Fore Hope"
Saturday, August 11, 2012**

Start thinking about your ideal foursome! We are anticipating another exciting challenge this year at the UGA Golf Course along with some great prizes.



**Who will win the
2012 Congregational Challenge????**



The Dove

MESSENGER FROM THE ARK

Borne by God's Promise to a Place of Hope

FEBRUARY 2012

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Support The Ark through Tickets Fore Charity

The Ark is participating with the sell of tickets to the Nationwide Athens Classic to be held at the UGA Golf Course on April 30 through May 6, 2012.

The Ark participates by selling tickets to the tournament through Tickets Fore Charity, a fundraising opportunity benefiting The Ark and other Athens area non-profits. The Ark will receive 100% of the money raised from your ticket sales.

Buy your tickets today to experience the best professional golf, all while positively impacting the lives of those in need right here in the Athens community.

**For more information and to order tickets
visit The Ark's website at www.athensark.org.**



**Order your ticket(s) TODAY
and choose The Ark
as your benefiting charity**

*18th Annual
Entrée of Hope* 
**It's more than a meal . . .
It's caring and giving.**

The 18th Annual Entrée of Hope will take place all day on Tuesday, April 24th. Entrée of Hope is a one day fundraising event where participating restaurants contribute a percentage of that day's sales to The Ark and the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank.

Proceeds will enable The Ark to continue to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, prescription medicine and other basic needs for individuals and families who can document a recent loss of income and the Food Bank to provide a week's worth of groceries for a family of four, four times a year.

We encourage groups of families and friends to get together for a fun night out with an important purpose. The list of participating restaurants will be available in March.

**If you're unable to dine out on
Tuesday, April 24, but would like to
support this cause in helping those in
need, you can mail a tax-deductible
contribution to The Ark.**

VITA Program

The Ark is gearing up for the tax season and will be referring “neighbors” to the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program offered by Georgia United Credit Union in partnership with UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences. The VITA Program will offer free tax help to low to moderate income individuals and families. Volunteers are certified by the IRS to prepare basic tax returns and will assist our clients with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit which they might be eligible for. By referring our neighbors to this service we will save neighbors the cost of tax preparation.

Notes from Noah . . .



“Notes from Noah” are single case examples of the work of The Ark highlighting the importance of our ministry in the community.

The Ark’s assistance was a true blessing. I have been employed with a local business for two years. Due to pregnancy complications I missed a lot of hours from work. The Ark was able to help my family with groceries by giving me a referral to the Athens Area Food Bank and with money towards our rent to avoid eviction. The Ark’s help was so appreciated during our time of need.

Anonymous Ark Neighbor (Dec ‘11)

Total Financial Aid Given In 2011

Type of Assistance	\$ Amount	# Served	% of Aid
Utilities	22,487	216	64%
Housing	10,819	83	30%
Transportation	512	15	1%
Medical/Dental	1,356	41	4%
Other	236	2	
Total	35,410	357	



■ Utilities ■ Housing ■ Transportation
■ Medical/Dental ■ Other

Upcoming Events . . .

- February 20 Ark Board Mtg @ 4:30pm
- March 19 Ark Board Mtg @ 4:30pm
- April 16 Ark Board Mtg @ 4:30pm
- April 24 Entrée of Hope - All Day**
- May 21 Ark Board Mtg @ 4:30pm
- June 18 Total Delegates Mtg @ 5pm
- July Christmas in July**
- July 16 Ark Board Mtg @ 4:30pm
- August 11 Fellowship Golf Challenge “Swing Fore Hope”**
UGA Golf Course @ 8:30 am
- Sept 17 Total Delegates Mtg @ 5pm



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21st Annual Gift of Hope

Thanks to all who honored a friend, colleague or loved one with a Gift of Hope donation. This years event raised over \$18,000 which will enable The Ark to continue serving our “neighbors” in need with rent, utilities, prescription medicine and other basic needs.

Special thanks to Dr. Steve Lucas, who again made his special appeal to the medical community.



Volunteers Needed

We need substitute volunteers to be on standby to fill in for our regular volunteers. Sub volunteer responsibilities include answering the phone, writing food bank referrals and interviewing of our regular clients.

Please call 548-8155 to learn more about how you can help.