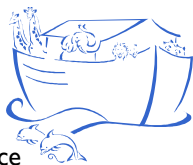


### Notes from Noah . . .

"Notes from Noah" are single case examples of the work of The Ark highlighting the importance of our ministry in the community. Initials are used to respect the client's identity.



*H.L. was being released from ARMC following a leg amputation. She needed a wheelchair for going home. The Ark rented one for her for a month through Care Medical.*

On behalf of H.L., we thank you for your continued support.

### Total Delegates Meeting

The Ark will hold it's quarterly Total Delegate Luncheon on Monday, January 26th at 12:30 pm at Buffalo's. This will be a regular business meeting where the 2009 budget will be approved.

### Upcoming Events . . .

February 15	Choral Celebration 3:00 pm Central Presbyterian Church
April 28	Entrée of Hope
August 8	Fellowship Golf Challenge
October 17	Gala Anniversary Banquet



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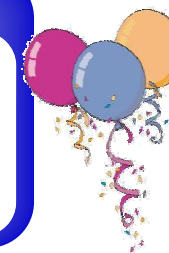
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## Celebrating 20 Years of service



January 16, 2009 will mark The Ark's

20th Anniversary. Twenty years ago, on Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, a group of twenty-four churches opened a new ministry in Athens call The Ark. The name was chosen because it reflected the group's mission of "borne by Gods promise to a place of hope". The goal was to provide a way for local congregations to provide emergency assistance to those in need.

A lot has changed in the past twenty years, but The Ark's commitment to providing rent, utilities and prescription medicine to "neighbors" weathering a brief storm caused by illness, lay offs, or reduced hours in their otherwise stable lives has held steadfast throughout the years.

The Ark will continue to weather the storms of welfare reform, energy crisis, unemployment, prescription medicine needs, the gasoline crisis, and most recently failing economy. Our ship—"borne by God's promise to a place of hope" will continue, with the support of our congregations and contributions from individuals, to sail the turbulent seas carrying our "neighbors" from a place of despair to a place of hope.

## 20 Years Marked in Song with a Choral Celebration

For twenty years The Ark has harnessed over 50,000 volunteer hours to make \$675,000 available in direct assistance to 22,000 individuals and families in crisis. We think these numbers deserve celebrating. To recognize this achievement and service to the community, choirs from participating congregations will participate in **The Ark's Choral Celebration** scheduled for **Sunday, February 15 at 3:00 pm at Central Presbyterian Church** in Athens. What better way could we say thank-you to the volunteers, supporting congregations and the community.

Please join us to celebrate this joyous milestone. Come see the "rainbow" of choir robes overflowing from the front of the church as we unite in our goal of helping those in need. A love offering will be taken to help with providing rent, utilities and prescription medicine for our neighbors.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the choral performance.

## Recognition of Volunteers

The work of The Ark could not be accomplished without the devotion of the ministry's volunteers. A core group of 15 people, three per day, work as volunteers at the center welcoming and interviewing neighbors. Ark volunteers have put in over 50,000 volunteer hours since The Ark opened its doors twenty years ago. It's a significant commitment, and it's not easy. It's hard work, and the hardest thing is saying "no". Our devoted volunteers come in with a fresh attitude and high spirits every time they walk in the door wanting to help and care about the people they serve.

**A special thanks to all Ark Volunteers.**

### Current Volunteers

#### Interviewer:

Sarah Slappey  
Barbara Leissner  
Donna Wade  
Sally Randall  
Joan Duffett  
June Gnann  
Paula Hollis  
Lisa Fowlkes  
Roger Swagler  
Chris Wilson

#### Intake:

Sandy Wooley  
Sheila King  
Brenda Glasscock  
Judy Price  
Diana Pearson

#### Sub Volunteers

Louise Fleming  
Hank Raichle  
Lou Reichle

## Feeding the Flock Cookbook

The Ark has published a cookbook to commemorate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The cookbook features favorite recipes from Ark volunteers and members of the community. Contact The Ark office to purchase. Cost is \$10.

**The Ark**  
United Ministry Outreach Center



Feeding the Flock

## VITA Program

The Ark is gearing up for the tax season and will be a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program site. 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 offering this service we will save neighbors the cost of tax preparation.

Program volunteers will be ready to help neighbors starting the end of January for four days. They will have four stations set up so we will be able to serve 24 appointments each day.

## Ark Choral Celebration

Sunday, February 15

3:00 pm

Central Presbyterian Church



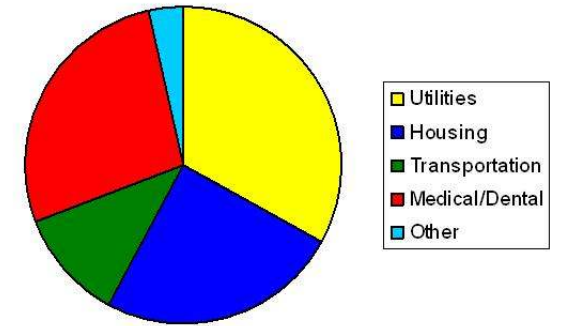
## 18th Annual Gift of Hope

Thanks to all who honored a friend, colleague or loved one with a Gift of Hope donation. This year's event raised over \$27,000 which will enable The Ark to continue serving our "neighbors" in need with rent, utilities and prescription medicine.

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

## Financial Aid Given In 2008

Type of Assistance	# Served	\$ Amount	% of Aid
Utilities	180	16,505	38%
Housing	135	18,639	42%
Transportation	62	1,802	4%
Medical/Dental	148	5,810	13%
Other	20	1,161	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>43,917</b>	



## FUNDRAISERS



### GIFT OF HOPE:

#### IN CELEBRATION OF:

Birth of Cora Flanagan-Dunakacke  
by Sarah Twill & Matt Sharpless

Marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Fisher  
by Sarah Twill

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Wendell Pollock (brother/brother-in-law  
Phil & Rhoda Pollock)  
by Laura MacArthur

Lizzie Harper (mother of Patty Brooks)  
by Laura MacArthur  
Sandy/Richard Wooley  
June Gnann  
Brenda Glasscock  
Louis/Rebecca Boyd  
Sheila/Mike King  
Chet Malanoski  
Diana/George Pearson  
Joan/John Duffett

## GRANTS

Episcopal Charities

## Contributions November—December 2008

### CONGREGATIONS

Athens Christian  
Athens Religious Society of Friends  
Campus View Church of Christ  
Central Presbyterian  
Chapelwood Methodist  
Church of the Nations  
Community Alliance Church  
Covenant Presbyterian  
First Baptist of Athens  
First Christian  
First Pentecostal  
First Presbyterian  
First United Methodist  
Holy Cross Lutheran  
Milledge Avenue Baptist  
Princeton United Methodist  
St. Stephen's Parrish  
Trinity Lutheran  
Tuckston United Methodist  
Winterville First Baptist

### INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZATIONS/ETC.

Doug/Barb Eza  
Virginia Parham



## 18th Annual Gift of Hope Contributors

### Rainbow (\$1,000 and above)

John & Patricia Wilson  
Lacy Camp  
Centurion Poultry

Mark Ellis  
William & Julene Fay  
Pat Stewart

Peter VanDyck  
Glen & Marlo Wiggins

### Dove (\$500—\$999)

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Hank Raichle/Virginia Carver

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Steve Wilde  
George Young

### Olive Branch (\$100-\$499)

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Athens Surgical Group  
John Barton  
John Butler  
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M'Nelle Causey  
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Carol Eichelberger  
Mary Erlanger  
Mark & Janis Firth  
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Lisa Fowlkes  
Bob & Brenda Glasscock  
Joan Hill  
Anita Holton  
Hugh & Mary Jenkins  
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Lowell Jett  
Sandra Keller  
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Rachel Murphy  
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William Orr  
Judy Parker  
Gary Person  
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Amanda Silver  
Gerald & Linda Smith  
David Sweat  
Pat Tinga  
Town & Country Garden Club  
Sarah Twill/Matthew Sharpless  
Jim & Marci Verbrugge  
Tom & Amy Wells  
Chris Wilson  
Richard & Sandy Wooley  
Young Harris United Methodist Women

### Ark (\$1-\$99)

Athens Janitor Supply  
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John & Lee Albright  
Sandy Baumwald  
Donald Block  
Elsie Bothwell  
James Brown  
Ken & Gaylene Campbell  
Charles & Pauline Clegg  
Margaret Davis  
John & Joan Duffett  
Novoy Edward

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Randy & Martha Elmore  
Mildred Epps  
Elizabeth Ferguson  
Lewis & Pat Frazar  
June Gnann  
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## 15th Annual Entrée of Hope



The 15th Annual Entrée of Hope will take place all day on **Tuesday, April 28th**. 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. Money raised will enable The Ark to continue to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescription medicine for individuals and families in need and for the Food Bank to provide a week's worth of groceries for a family of four, four times a year.

The good thing about Entrée of Hope is you don't have to put on a tux or run a marathon. All you have to do is EAT! Grab a group of friends, co-workers, family or a date and go eat out for breakfast, lunch and dinner at any

participating restaurant. It will be one of the most satisfying meals you ever eat. The list of participating restaurants will be available in March.

**Save the Date . . .**

*Entrée of Hope*

**Tuesday, April 28th**

*It's more than a meal . . .  
It's caring and giving.*

**Save the Date . . .**

**17th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge  
"Swing Fore Hope"**

Start thinking about your ideal foursome! The Ark's 17th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope" is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8th**. We are anticipating another exciting challenge this year at the UGA Golf Course along with some great prizes.



Keep in mind the Congregational Challenge. Chapelwood United Methodist won the trophy last year.