

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.



M.T. was recently laid off from his job and needed financial help until his unemployment status would begin. M.T. and his family needed help paying their rent and two medications due to M.T.'s loss of insurance. The Ark was able to help M.T. pay for two prescriptions and, with the help of another local agency, pay the family's rent for one month. On behalf of M.T. and his family, we thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Events . . .

- April 19 Pastor/Secretary/Delegate/
Volunteer Luncheon
12:30 pm
Central Presbyterian
- April 27 Entrée of Hope
All Day
- August 14 Fellowship Golf Challenge
"Swing Fore Hope"
UGA Golf Course
8:30 am



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MESSENGER FROM THE ARK

Borne by God's Promise to a Place of Hope

FEBRUARY 2010

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*16th Annual
Entrée of Hope* 
**It's more than a meal . . .
It's caring and giving.**

Support The Ark through Tickets Fore Charity

The Ark is proud to partner with the Nationwide Athens Classic to be held at the UGA Golf Course on April 26 through May 2, 2010.

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 our 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 tickets today and let
The Ark be your
Benefiting Charity**

On Tuesday, April 27 several community restaurants will unite in joining Entrée of Hope to provide much needed financial support for the work of two local charities whose mission is to help those in need. Participating restaurants will donate 10% of the day's gross sales to The Ark and the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank.

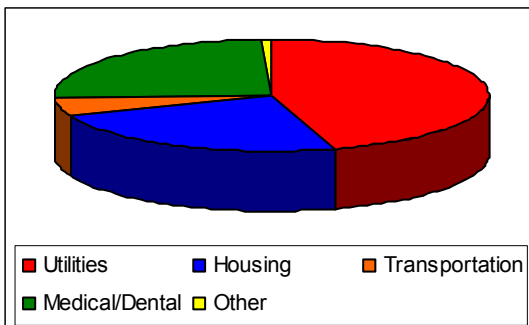
Money raised will enable The Ark to continue to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, prescription medicine and other basic needs for individuals and families who can document a recent loss of income and the Food Bank to provide a week's worth of groceries for a family of four, four times 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 27, but would like to support this cause in helping those in need, you can mail a tax-deductible contribution to The Ark.

Financial Aid Given In 2009

Type of Assistance	# Served	\$ Amount	% of Aid
Utilities	187	18,859	48%
Housing	97	13,825	36%
Transportation	23	511	.013%
Medical/Dental	103	5,330	14%
Other	3	300	.008%
Total	413	38,825	



19th 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 \$33,000 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.

Jubilee Fund . . . Short-term, no interest loans

The Ark is known for its emergency financial assistance in cases of loss of income or unexpected necessary expenses. With the creation of its Jubilee Fund in partnership with the Georgia Federal Credit Union, The Ark has created a platform to respond to more than just a client's immediate needs. The Jubilee Fund will provide small, short-term, no interest loans to clients who meet strict criteria and demonstrate the ability to repay. Typically the loans will be less than \$1,000 although the amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

With the involvement of the Georgia Federal Credit Union, participants will have the opportunity to become more fully integrated into the economic financial mainstream. The Jubilee Fund will operate in the manner of a revolving-loan fund. As funds are repaid, they become available for new loans.

FUNDRAISERS



GIFT OF HOPE:

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Red Petrovs Mother
by *Laura MacArthur*

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Jim Marshall Parks
by *Richard & Mullendore*
Athens Pulmonary
Denise Sims
Stephen & Linda Lucas

Jessie Barnett
by *The Ark Board, Staff & Volunteers*

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Cathy Dorman
by *Laura MacArthur*

GIFT OF HOPE—SPIRIT OF GIVING
\$33,942

Save the Date . . .

Entrée of Hope



Tuesday, April 27th

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

Contributions January 2010

CONGREGATIONS

Campus View Church of Christ
Central Presbyterian
Church of the Nations
Community Alliance Church
Covenant Presbyterian
First Baptist of Athens
First Presbyterian
St. Stephen's Parrish
Tuckston United Methodist
Winterville First Baptist

INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZATIONS/

Mr.s Charles Parham
Virginia Duensing

Pastor/Secretary/Delegate/ Volunteer Luncheon

April 19th

12:30 pm

Central Presbyterian Church

The Ark will hold its annual Pastor/Secretary/Delegate/Volunteer luncheon on April 19th at 12:30 pm at Central Presbyterian Church. This is our opportunity to thank our supporting congregations along with their delegates and volunteers for their continued support.

Along with great food and fellowship, we encourage all delegates, pastors and secretaries to attend. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about The Ark.

Please note, the luncheon will take the place of our Quarterly Total Delegate Meeting.

19th Annual Gift of Hope Contributors



Rainbow (\$1,000 and above)

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Stephen Wilde
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Centurion Poultry

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Alan & Laura Moore
Elsie Nadler
Carl & Kathryn Nichols
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Susan Paul
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Gary Person
Brenda and Tom Poss
Don & Sally Randall
Linda Ritter
Gerald and Linda Smith
Jane Parks & Randy Staton
Pat Tinga
Mary Lu Twill
Jim and Marcia Verbrugge
Nancy & Gary Walton
Carol Warren
Fred Young
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Athens Pulmonary & Allergy
First Presbyterian
Northeast Cardiology
Ga. Power Credit Union

Ark (\$1-\$99)

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Ken and Gaylene Campbell
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Stephen Corn
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Recognition of Ark Volunteers

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. A core group of 15 people, three per day, work as volunteers at the center welcoming and interviewing neighbors. 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.

**Remember, professionals built the Titanic,
but VOLUNTEERS built the Ark!**

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



Intake Volunteers:

Sandy Wooley
Sheila King
Brenda Glasscock
Judy Price
Diana Pearson

Interviewer Volunteers:

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

Sub Volunteers

Louise Fleming
Hank Raichle

Save the Date . . . 18th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope"

Start thinking about your ideal foursome! The Ark's 18th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope" is scheduled for **Saturday, August 14th**. We are anticipating another exciting challenge this year at the UGA Golf Course along with some great prizes.



Who will win the Congregational Challenge. Covenant Presbyterian won the trophy last year.