

"Forget Me Not" Holiday Dove Ornament

This year, give a gift that will touch hearts and help neighbors who are in need throughout the coming year. The festive ornament is artistically created from biodegradable and recycled fibers, seeds and plant material directly from nature. Shapes are approx. 3.5" x 3.5", comes with planting card and raffia tie.

Make a donation of \$5 per ornament and we'll send the ornament, along with a personalized card to your friend or loved one.

\$5 Donation



Environmentally Friendly Gift

Give today as a gift to hang on the tree and then it can be planted in the spring.

Donor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recipients Name _____

Recipients Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For multiple recipients, please list name and addresses on separate sheet of paper.

Mail to: The Ark, 640A Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601

Let's not forget our neighbors who need our assistance.



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The Ark

United Ministry Outreach Center

Athens Area Compassion Cooperative Receives Funding

The ACC recently received funding from the Plum Creek Foundation to start the community initiative Charity Tracker. Charity Tracker is a shared database system that provides local agencies and congregations a secure system for sharing assistance records, notes, alerts and household relationships. This database will help ACC track the assistance history of the people we serve, reduce or eliminate duplicate services and increase efforts to work collaboratively to share information and resources to help those who need it the most.

Currently there are 15 congregations and agencies who have agreed to participate and others anticipated to join. To learn more about this cooperative please contact The Ark.



Pictured (L to R) Paige Cummings, Athens Nurses Clinic; Dawn Aiello, Community Connection; Jim Rundorff, Plum Creek Representative; Lucy Hudgens, The Ark; Michael McGough, The Stable Foundation.

Thanks First Baptist Missions Team!!

On Saturday, September 24th, First Baptist Church Missions Team worked at several non-profit organizations with various projects. The Ark was one of many work sites, where they repainted the deck and walkway.

UGA Recycling = FUNDS

UGA sells over \$25,000 worth of plastic drinks at each game. More than half are left behind in the stadium as trash. As part of its Game Day Recycling Initiative, the UGA Athletic Assoc. is paying nonprofit organizations to collect plastic bottles for recycling after home football games. The Ark was selected as one of 20 local non-profits to participate in the recycling program. The Ark is looking for a minimum of 30 volunteers to help on our next assigned game day in November. Volunteers will help recycle a section of the stadium that has been pre-assigned to The Ark. Total commitment time ranges from 35 min -1 hour. Kids 10 and older are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer - and please feel free to bring spouses and friends! This is a great opportunity to give back in so many ways!

Gift of Hope

The holiday season is fast approaching and as we find ourselves reflecting and giving thanks for our many blessings, let's not forget our neighbors who need assistance.

The holidays are meant to be a time of joy and happiness, but families who struggle financially often find that the holiday season is a particularly trying time. Low-income families not only face challenges with winter holiday fare like gifts and food, but also the added burden of increased heat and utility bills. Their holiday list includes the more essential items such as paying the rent/utilities and purchasing food.

This year pay tribute to friends, family members and fellow employees with a heartwarming gift - A Gift of Hope. Your tax deductible donation will be distributed locally in the Athens area to provide emergency assistance for rent, utilities, prescription medicine and basic life necessities. An acknowledgement card will be sent to each recipient letting them know you have chosen to honor them through your gift to The Ark.