

On October 3rd we asked for help to move into our new space and more than 30 of you came with open minds and hearts and were ready to work! And work we did, we had the entire food pantry moved into its new space before 10:30am. We have so many wonderful things going on right now and I wanted to start this up-date with a huge THANK-YOU for those who worked on that Compassion in Action Saturday and for those who made the move possible. Once again, Philip Beard and the City of Buford for so graciously donating the space, Art Skoczen of Keystone Estates for the remodeling and Atlanta Alarms for the new phone/alarm/monitoring system for our food bank. Mike McRee of Delta Graphics in Tucker provided our new signage throughout the co-op and we are grateful. Philip Randolph of Carson Media Group has finished our beautiful website and if you have not seen it, please go to www.northgwinnetcoop.org and check it out. You will be able to access our new co-op video from the site within the next week or two. The City of Sugar Hill provided the gifted Charles Parris to shoot and edit our video which is available to share with your groups/civic organizations/churches. It provides a wealth of information about who we are and what we do. The video also has powerful interviews with some of our clients who share what our services mean to them and to the community as a whole.Great stuff!

We wanted to share some up-coming events with you starting this coming Saturday.

S&S Ace Hardware is hosting their annual car show from 10-2pm in the Ace Hardware parking lot. All proceeds for the day are given to the Co-Op, so be sure to stop by!!

Smith Bath & Home is having a silent auction, sale and cooking demonstration and 20% of the sales for the entire day are also donated to the Co-op!! They are located at the new Buford Village, so please stop by.....they have a lovely store and it would be a great time to start your Holiday shopping!!

We have begun signing up families for Holiday Assistance and as of today have more than 150 families already on board to receive Holiday Meal Bags. The foods needed are listed on the home page of our website. We will also need \$15.00 gift cards for turkeys/hams to go with each bag. Please help me get these donated. It is a large expense for us to buy these cards and we would much rather see the money go to pay lights, heat, water and gas! We have begun our new FREE TUTORING program on Monday nights (with our new space) and it has taken off like a wild fire!!! I have put the call out for more tutors and you have, once again, stepped up! Our kids need help with school work and money for tutoring is just NOT a possibility for our families, so, for us to be able to provide this service, free of charge, is a huge help to our wonderful kids and families in our own community!!

We have been nominated for this year's "BEST OF GWINNETT" in the Charitable Organization category!! Lastly, COME SEE OUR NEW SPACE!! We have doubled in size and have so much news to share.....please come see how your support is working here in our own community!!