

North Georgia Interfaith Ministries, Inc.



2017 Annual Report



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A message from the Chairman

This past year has been a great year for Jeremiah's Place. We refined our policies and procedures and ensured that we were legally compliant in all areas. We revised our informational brochure and distributed our first NGIM Annual Report. In addition, our annual fundraisers, both the Spaghetti Supper and First Night Dahlonga continued to prove to be signature events for us and crucial cornerstones in our overall fundraising plan.

I look forward to see how God will move in 2018. He has been incredibly faithful to this ministry. It is clear that He is at work in mighty ways with NGIM. It is both a privilege and humbling to jump in where He is already working. My prayer is that you will seek to find your place in this ministry as well!



Apartments are decorated, cleaned and made ready for tenants by local churches.



Fiona McDaniel
Executive Director

Become an NGIM Advocate

- Contribute financially
- Donate needed items
- Volunteer
- Serve on committees or serve on the Board of Directors
- Participate in fundraisers and other events

From Our Executive Director, Fiona McDaniel

Over the past two years NGIM has grown its programs and services in ways we never thought possible. We learned that a community of collaborators can make the impossible, possible.

This year we focused on developing and increasing our core services. Our transitional housing facility, Jeremiah's Place, which can house up to 6 families at any given time, stayed at or near maximum capacity throughout the year.

We also offered economic empowerment classes to adults in the community. We worked with community partners to provide school supplies to our children, clothing, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas dinner and presents to open on Christmas morning. The work is endless, but so is our dedication to helping homeless families in our community.

Since December 2015 NGIM has touched more than 161 lives (77 Adults, 84 Children, 47 Families total) through our programs, services and classes.

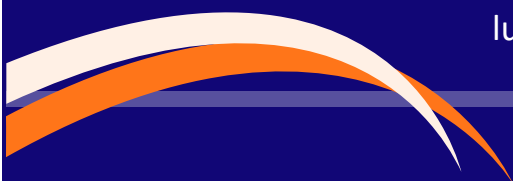
We gratefully acknowledge our donors, volunteers and community partners for your support throughout the year. This annual report and all the good news contained within, is a tribute to making things possible and your continuing commitment to NGIM.

From all of us and those we serve, thank you.

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“We were driving up a gravel road near Camp Wahsega when we saw a man coming down the road toward us. He was stumbling along, and something seemed wrong. We stopped to check on him, and found out he was homeless and had not had food or clean water for two days. He was living in a tent in the woods about a mile away. We got some food and water, made sure he was warm, and put him in touch with some transitional housing. His name is Casey.”

There are many like Casey in our region — homeless men, women, families, living in the woods, under bridges, in their cars. Often, an emergency creates the situation that causes the homelessness. Situational homelessness is far easier to address than chronic homelessness. If we can intervene, provide the conditions for people in this situation to regroup, and help them correct whatever is causing their situation, then we are more likely to stop the cycle of chronic homelessness.



North Georgia Interfaith Ministries, Inc., (NGIM) works with churches and county partnerships to aid in homelessness prevention by offering life-skills workshops and referrals to partner agencies and to serve the homeless in Lumpkin County . NGIM currently serves situationally homeless people by providing transitional housing, counseling services, and basic life-skills training, helping them become self-sufficient and productive citizens.

NGIM provides its services to homeless women and families at Jeremiah's Place, a four

-acre campus in Eastern Lumpkin County with six apartments, administrative offices, and maintenance facilities. Jeremiah's Place opened for service in December 2015.

The ministry of NGIM is funded completely by private donations and sponsors and two annual fundraisers — First Night Dahlonega and The Spaghetti Supper.

There is clearly more to do for the homeless in our region. We are not able yet to directly help single homeless men. There is also likely a need to provide assistance to homeless college students. These are areas of concern to the ministry and focuses of future efforts.

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Facilities Update

Several upgrades and improvements were made over the course of 2017 as a result of generous corporations, community groups, students, and churches. First, a corporate donation from BB&T enabled NGIM to update the Heat and Air equipment for all units.

Jeremiah's Place was also able to transition from city water to a well due to a donation by Prime Wells and Pumps. This change dramatically decreased our water bill each month. A protective shed was built to enclose and protect the well equipment.

Safety and security has also been improved. Security lights and cameras were installed on the property to improve the safety of the residents in Jeremiah's Place.

Finally, a host of volunteers contributed to improving the aesthetics of Jeremiah's Place. A group from Dahlonga United Methodist Church supplied planted flowers around the office area and painted the foundations of the units. Students from Lakewood Baptist Church stained picnic tables, and students from the University of North Georgia stained the decks for all the units.



Jeremiah's Place, Units 3 and 4

Our Staff

North Georgia Interfaith Ministry, Inc., has two full-time employees and several part-time employees.

Our Executive Director is Fiona McDaniel, a person with years of experience in benevolence ministry and local and federal social programs. Fiona is in charge of the day-to-day operation of the ministry, and interfaces with other agencies and ministries in the execution of our mission.

Our Facilities Manager is Carl Gibson, who oversees the safety and condition of the buildings and grounds at Jeremiah's Place.

Tom Slavicek is the ministry's Event Coordinator. He oversees and coordinates our major fund-raisers, First Night Dahlonga and The Spaghetti Supper.

Janet Miller is our bookkeeper.

We are blessed with several regular volunteers who help manage the day-to-day workload. These people include Doreen Dunlap, Administrative Assistant, and Jen Tarnowski, Volunteer Coordinator.



Carl Gibson

Funding NGIM

NGIM is funded in three ways: With donors, (corporate or individual, regular or one-time donations), fundraisers, and grants.

Most of our funds come from donations. The Spaghetti Supper (held in April) and First Night Dahlonga (held on New Year's Eve) are our two fundraisers, and they make up approximately half of our annual funds.

Grants will make up an increasing percentage of ministry funds, but currently contribute to a small percentage of our annual need.

No government funds are sought or accepted.

To become a regular donor, visit our website at www.lumpkincountyhomeless.org



First Night Dahlonga Fundraiser

NGIM Fundraising Results

Bill Poitevint, Executive Board Member, chaired our third-annual Hearts for the Homeless Spaghetti Supper. This annual tradition in the community, supporting Jeremiah's Place, was held in April at three locations: Dahlonga Baptist Church, Dahlonga United Methodist Church, and St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Over 800 meals were served collectively at the venues as well as through carry out. We were blessed to have had dozens of volunteers helping out at each location including set up, cooks, bakers, servers, clean up, and more.

For the fourth year in a row our North Georgia communities were treated to a family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration in the City of Dahlonga, thanks to the wonderful well-known performers and volunteers who donated their time and talents to support Jeremiah's Place. Co-Chairs Susan Bridgforth and Tom Slavicek worked with numerous contacts throughout the year, in addition to city officials to bring together what has become a Dahlonga tradition. Several downtown businesses and churches, along with the Dahlonga Visitor's Center, sold tickets in advance for a \$10 suggested donation. The venues where performances took place from 7pm to 11pm were the Dahlonga Baptist Church, Dahlonga United Methodist Church, St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church, and The Holly Theatre. In addition there were outdoor performances at Hancock Park and on the Square. The highlight of the evening was the Golden Nugget Drop at midnight where over 1,300 revelers celebrated the entry of the New Year.

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Financials

REVENUES

Donations	\$ 39,004
Sustaining Members	10,470
First Night Dahlonega	41,184
Spaghetti Supper	15,082
Grants	-
Misc. Income	1,614
In-Kind Donations	64

Total Revenue \$ 107,418

EXPENSES

Transistional Housing	\$ 20,663
Administrative	68,606
Fundraising Expenses	-
First Night Dahlonega	4,319
Spaghetti Supper	2,719
Other Fundraising Exp	13
Total Fundraising Expense	7,051
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TOTAL EXPENSES 96,320

Net Assets Beginning of Year 327,845

Net Assets End of Year 338,943

ASSETS

Current Assets	106,730
Fixed Assets	
Facilities	
Land	54,040
Transitional Housing	178,682
Total Facilities	232,722
Total Fixed Assets	232,722
TOTAL ASSETS	339,452

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	47
Other Current Liabilities	462
Total Current Liabilities	509
Total Liabilities	509
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	327,845
Net Assets	11,098
Total Net Assets	338,943
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	339,452

Financial Contributors to NGIM

Many in our county have contributed to NGIM, financially, with donated material and equipment, and with their labor. The ministry works only because of people giving — there is no funding from Local, State, or Federal governments for our programs.

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Sustaining members are those individuals or organizations who contribute monthly to the ministry.

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Partnering Churches

Our Partnering Churches assist the ministry by “adopting” apartments at Jeremiah’s Place, and take care of cleaning, decorating, and minor maintenance when their apartment is unoccupied. Their efforts ensure that incoming tenants are greeted with a clean, cheery, and well-stocked apartment.

Bethlehem Baptist Church*
Dahlonega United Methodist Church*
Yahoola Baptist Church
Concord Baptist Church

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church*
Dahlonega Baptist Church
St. Luke’s Catholic Church

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11



Dedication of Jeremiah's Place, December, 2015



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Serving the homeless in Lumpkin County and beyond