



Sweetwater Mission
2023
Year in Review



Served 61,409 Families



Served 211,716 Individuals



Served 83,049 Children



Served 29,983 Seniors



Served 5,000 Veterans



Distributed 4,454,719 Pounds of Food



The mission at Sweetwater Mission is to serve our community! And Serve Community is what we do every day of the year. Our community is our family, and we seek to assist each family member with love and kindness as we meet their needs.

Sweetwater Mission seeks to decrease food insecurity.

- We distribute food to the community at our facility for families once a month, averaging an estimated 130 pounds per family.
- We deliver food directly to the community in our Meals on a Mission to two locations each week. Sweetwater also provides the food for two satellite locations each week – First Presbyterian Church of Marietta and First United Methodist Church of Powder Springs.
- Additionally, we support two nonprofits, The Extension and LiveSafe, with deliveries of food every two weeks for their clients.
- SWM provides food at community events like United Military Care's "We Care" annual event for Veterans. This year we distributed 94,000 pounds of free food to over 3,700 Vets.
- Sweetwater Mission is at Policemen's Annual National Night Out and the Halloween Trunk or Treats events providing free food and drinks.
- Atlanta Braves Home Plate invited Sweetwater Mission to participate in their new initiative, and we served approximately 400 families with groceries, produce boxes, bookbags with school supplies, Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, and other giveaways.
- Our Children's Summer Food program provides extra food for approximately 6,000 kids from May through September each year.
- Let's Talk Turkeys is a program that provides Holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas every year. We give turkeys to our community, first responders, and the staff of WellStar Cobb Hospital every year. This year we're on target to distribute 10,000 turkeys.
- In 2023 to date, we have distributed more than 4.5 million pounds of food.

Sweetwater Mission collaborates with civic groups, businesses, police, firefighters, school social workers, and other nonprofits. Two mentoring groups use our facility for meetings, and one brings its resources to our community members.

- Four Corners is a youth mentoring group that works with youth from middle and high schools, changing the direction of these troubled young people every year.
- Force of 1 is a mentoring group that teaches financial literacy and the principals of entrepreneurship to teens.
- C.O.R.E comes to Sweetwater twice a month to give vaccinations and help clients sign up and/or renew food stamps, Medicare, WIC, TANF, and CAPS.

Sweetwater also assists with rental, utility, security deposit, first month's rent and extended stays for homeless families.

We can do all of this through sponsorships, grants, assistance from community entities, partners, and donors like you.





Cobb Community Foundation

Sweetwater Mission was presented with the first annual Howard Koepka Spirit of Collaboration award. The new award honors the life and collaborative spirit of the late Howard Koepka, a much-loved Community organizer known for asking everyone, everywhere, "How can we help you?"





At



Mondays and Wednesdays
9AM to 1 PM
6130 Hotel St, Austell, GA 30168

BEGINNING MAY 8,
5/8/23 5/10/23
5/15/23 5/17/23



VACCINES AVAILABLE

FLUZONE FLU VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINE

• \$50 GIFT CARD for those receiving a Covid-19 vaccine.

- Pfizer & Moderna
- 1st & 2nd doses
- Bivalent Booster
- Ages 5+ and up

REGISTER FOR COVID-19 VACCINE



Cobbvax.coreresponse.org

Pre-registration strongly encouraged

HEALTH OUTREACH

- TANF, WIC, SNAP, CAPS, & Medicaid application assistance via Georgia Gateway (the state government's web portal for accessing assistance programs).
- Resource coordination to provide linkage to resources offered by community-based organizations.
- Education around Covid-19, Flu, Narcan, and other health topics.

Coreresponse.org/georgia



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Sweetwater Mission takes food to the community with our Meals on a Mission Program. Our two locations are The Waverly in Mableton and the First Christian Church of Mableton. We are there once a week.



The line of people stayed steady from 5:30pm to 8:30pm for treats and free hotdogs at The Trunk or Treat at Legion Field 10/28/23 hosted by the Austell Police



United Military Cares annual “We Care” Event. Sweetwater there to sign Vets up for free food. Sweetwater Mission distributed 94,000 pounds of food for Veterans.





Could not accomplish anything without volunteers

IMPACT







Every year Sweetwater Mission sponsors a Community on the Move event. We invite local leaders with expertise on a problematic area in our community. The public are invited to attend.



COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE 3

"Putting the Mission in Action"

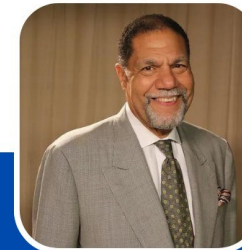
SAVE THE DATE



Shameta Jones-Harrell
Deputy Chief
Austell Police



Kim Scofi
Executive Director
United Veterans Care



Michael Murphy
Life Restoration Center

Topics :

- Crime Prevention
- Veterans
- Affordable Housing

Date :

- 📍 6130 Hotel St. Austell, GA 30106
- 📅 May 22, 2023
- 🕒 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Registration 770-819-0662 Ext. 25
tracy@sweetwatermission.org
www.sweetwatermission.org

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Sweetwater Mission truly appreciates all the runners, supporters, volunteers and the City of Powder Springs who made the 4/29/23 Spring Chicken 5K Run/Kid's Fun Run possible. The proceeds raised go towards feeding people in need around Cobb County, Fulton County and Douglas County. The "race to end hunger" was a big success and lots of fun.





Force of 1 teaching youth principals of entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy at Sweetwater Mission in the Spring and Fall.





December 3, 2022 - Sweetwater Mission hosted the Austell Holiday Festival featuring the Electric Parade, Lighting the tree and Santa. There was lots food, great music and a huge monitor so that we could watch the SEC Championship game. Great fun for the whole family!





“Let’s Talk Turkeys” is an annual program that provides holiday meals to our community. This holiday meal consists of a 10 to 12 lb. turkey with all the side fixings. We distribute the meal through our Express Line and Meals on a Mission. We also deliver to Wellstar Cobb staff, Veterans, National Guard, Cobb County Sheriff’s Dept., Precinct 2 Police and Fire Dept, Austell Police and Fire Dept., Austell Govt Employers, Marietta Police Dept near Civic Center, The Extension, and LiveSafe. In 2023, 10,000 holiday meals will be given to our community.





Debbie Ginocchio received the South Cobb Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year for 2023





Austell Seniors sponsor a can drive every year to help SWM

South Cobb BETA Club volunteering at the SWM Austell Holiday Festival



Sweetwater Mission appreciates our family members in the community



BETA Club at Annette Winn presenting SWM with a generous donation



Sweetwater Mission provides the food for two satellite food pantries - Powder Springs First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Marietta

SWM participates in Cobb Police National Night Out at both the Threadmill Complex and Jim Miller Park by providing snacks and water. Honoring our police and other first responders is important to SWM.





Thank you to the Atlanta Braves Home Plate Initiative for inviting Sweetwater Mission to participate in this event. SWM served approximately 400 families with groceries and produce boxes



Cobb and Austell Police volunteer to help on our Express Line. Our clients love it – Especially this guy getting an Easter Basket



First Annual Treat or Treat Festival for our surrounding neighborhood. Our neighbors enjoyed the bouncy house, Ice cones, candy and snack treats and lots of hot dogs. The staff had a great time.





Thank you, Nobia Frey Circle of
Marietta First UMC for your
Generous collection of Easter Baskets
For our wee clients.



Sweetwater is extremely proud of our Debbie Ginocchio named “Woman of the Year” by LiveSafe. This is a great honor.



Community

Community comes together to help
Those less fortunate in the effort to
Be stable and sustainable



Sweetwater Mission participated in
the Town Center Festival of Trees
for Cobb Nonprofits. Our tree is
“The Community Tree”. The
photos show how we collaborated
with others while serving in Cobb
County – Our Community.





Wellstar volunteers assisted prepacking food for the Express Line. SWM is so appreciative of all volunteers. We could not do all we do without the generous people who come to help. Thank you Wellstar!

All of the staff and volunteers



Judge Murphy and his entire court team came to Meals on a Mission on Friday, 11/17/23 to give turkeys and all the sides for Happy Thanksgiving meals to 400 families.



Three Amigos with turkeys
Judge Murphy, Oscar, Joseph





This is one of the classes for 4 Corners, a mentoring group working with students from middle and high school. Sweetwater Mission provides space for 4 Corners at our facility in Austell. The young people in these classes are not doing well in school and beginning to have problems with the community. Students attend classes in financial literacy, leadership, self-confidence, and communication. 4 Corners is doing an amazing job with these young people and we are very proud to have 4 Corners as one of our partners.

A heartfelt Thank You to all our Sponsors, Donors, Partners, Volunteers and Friends who help Sweetwater Mission serve OUR COMMUNITY!



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