

# Stabilizing Families. Transforming Lives

Winter 2016

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# 14TH ANNUAL SPRING CHICKEN RUN

## A Race Against Hunger

5K Run/Walk    1 Mile Run/Walk    Tot Trot

Macland Presbyterian Church    3615 Macland Road, Powder Springs

## March 19, 2016

Thanks to our 2016 title sponsor:



**You can go The Extra Mile  
by collecting pledges!**  
[SpringChickenRun.com/pledges](http://SpringChickenRun.com/pledges)



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**Register at [SpringChickenRun.com](http://SpringChickenRun.com)**

## 2015 A Year in Review

A big THANK YOU to our hard-working volunteers and generous community partners for another great year! Our core programs assisted families with basic needs, and our new education and job-readiness initiatives helped move them towards self-sufficiency.

To continue improving our client services we opened our new full-service market style pantry offering our families the ability to choose the food they will most enjoy. We remodeled and enlarged our waiting area to accommodate more people in a pleasant environment. Phase One of our new training center was completed, allowing us to offer more education opportunities.



# caring

# sharing

**2015**  
highlights



**15,211**  
families  
served



**983,672**  
pounds  
of food



**103,618**  
clothing  
items

## Kid's Home Initiative Expands to Douglas County

Sweetwater Mission is proud to once again be selected by United Way of Metro Atlanta as they expand their Kid's Home Initiative Program. Last year our program exceeded the goals set by United Way for housing families with homeless children in the Cobb County School System.

This newly expanded initiative targets homeless children attending Lithia Springs High School and its feeder schools in Douglas County.

**United  
Way**



The Kid's Home Initiative addresses the overall health and well-being of homeless families in a series of steps. Working closely with a Case Manager, the family receives assistance with stable housing along with education opportunities to promote self-sufficiency. As the lead agency in Douglas County, Sweetwater Mission is building a coalition of community partners that will work together to help families thrive!



Atlanta Braves Foundation  
Bi-Lo Winn Dixie Foundation  
Cobb County Employees Friendship Club  
Lockheed-Martin AERO Club  
Publix Super Market Charities  
Sprint Foundation  
Wells Fargo Foundation



## Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, April 12th

In Celebration of  
National Volunteer Week  
Our Volunteers will be  
Invited to a Special Luncheon  
Watch for your invitation!

Thanks to Our Community Partners:



**VOITH**

**daltile**

**Walmart**  
Save money. Live better.



**Davita**



# helping



## Community Worship Service

March 25, 2016  
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm  
Austell Presbyterian Church  
5895 Love Street

Please join us for this special service consisting of seven sermons delivered by seven local pastors from a variety of denominations. Each sermon topic is based on one of the last words spoken by Christ from the cross.

Special music interludes allow worshipers to come and go as their schedules permit. We hope you find the time to make this ecumenical community worship service a meaningful part of your Holy Week.

*From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.  
Matthew 27:45*

## The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help

*The gift of a beautiful Easter Basket can make a big difference in the life of a child!*



Every year we give Easter Baskets along with a resurrection storybook to hundreds of children in our community. This special gift program is sponsored by donations and every contribution is important. This can be the perfect project for your small or large group. We ask that you please securely wrap all baskets in cellophane.

For more information contact Barb at 770-819-0662 ext 19 or [barb@sweetwatermission.org](mailto:barb@sweetwatermission.org).

*Please Deliver your donations by Monday, March 14*

**2015**  
highlights



**\$102,617**  
in homeless  
prevention

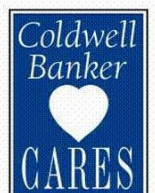


**181,790**  
pounds of  
fresh produce



**19,072**  
volunteer  
hours

Thanks to Our Community Partners:



# giving

**Preventing hunger and homelessness  
has been our mission since 1968.**

We help stabilize families by providing basic needs and transform lives through education and creative employment opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our mission through prayer, volunteering, in-kind gifts, monetary donations and foundation giving.

Learn more about us at  
[www.SweetwaterMission.org](http://www.SweetwaterMission.org)



**Volunteers are Always Needed!**

Contact Barb Cogliano at 770-819-0662, ext. 19  
or email [Barb@SweetwaterMission.org](mailto:Barb@SweetwaterMission.org)



*Thank You WellStar Health System  
for printing this newsletter*

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16*



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