

### Fighting Hunger



In 2016 Terry Powell, the Founder of StreetWise, had an idea. He wanted to help feed the Auburn kids that were not getting food for the weekend. He asked Janice and Taylor Clay if they would help. Every Friday, Janice, Taylor, and their trusty volunteers meet the school buses and greet over 135 kids from elementary to high school age. The kids are welcomed with a smile and a genuine interest in asking how their day was, then they hand them a large hand packed lunch bag of healthy snacks for the weekend.

What some people do not know is that the school provides kids food during the week, but most kids do not have food during the weekend. The weekend lunch program to help fight hunger for kids has been going strong for years with the guidance of Janice and Taylor.

Why do they do it...well, it is not just handing out weekend lunch bags, as Janice will tell you, it is an opportunity to make a difference. They know the kids by name. They know if they have done their homework. They also know if the kids have studied and passed a test. It is a unique opportunity for Janice, Taylor, and the faithful volunteers to let these kids know about God, and that Jesus loves them unconditionally.

### How great are our Partners!!

What to do with pallets of fireplace logs? Sounds like an odd question, and one we would find an answer to. StreetWise is blessed with so much from local Grocery Stores we partner with, we decided to reach out to community organizations to share the blessings we have received. Where did the logs go along with a playset with a clubhouse, swings, slide, and climbing wall? We partnered with **Camp Amplify**. Their mission is to serve less fortunate children through weeklong, overnight, summer camps. **Home of Hope** is a nonprofit residential care facility which provides services and customized "Life Plans" for homeless children from 0-17 years of age along with their young mothers. We donated over 500 pounds of garden soil for their gardens. **HomeFirst Gwinnett** provides families with access to services and options so that they and the more than 1,000 other kids who are identified as homeless in Gwinnett County Public Schools can have a brighter future. StreetWise donated over 500 pairs of socks to HomeFirst. We also received furniture, mattresses, etc. that were donated to **Mission 1:27**, a ministry instrumental in transforming people's lives. One program among the many they have, is setting up apartments with new furniture and household items for families that were homeless.

StreetWise exists because we are committed to helping people who are struggling, who are low income to poverty level, to get the help and care they need to rebuild their lives and function independently. Rebuilding lives does not just come through handouts; it comes through commitment and involves a process. StreetWise Georgia is a hand up and committed to meeting needs, demonstrating commitment, and building independence. Your generous donations help us do all of this and help our local community organizations. If you donate to StreetWise, we thank you! And please tell your family, friends, neighbors, local businesses about all the exciting things happening at StreetWise and we welcome them to join us.



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### Summer Canned Food Drives Kick-Off!



It is summer and that means kids are out of school and families are needing more canned food and dry good items than before. For a family of four we give them over 27 pounds of canned and dry good items. StreetWise serves over 600 families per month. We are running extremely low on the necessary items that we provide to our clients. We would love for you, your family, friends, organization, or company to have a canned food drive for StreetWise. Email us at [Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org](mailto:Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org) and share your canned food drive ideas and dates with us. You or your organization would collect the donated items from the shopping list located at [www.streetwisegeorgia.org/2020/08/17/canned-food-drive/](http://www.streetwisegeorgia.org/2020/08/17/canned-food-drive/), and then contact us to coordinate a drop off date. Every donation helps a family in need within our community. Be a part of our mission to fight food insecurity!



## Books! Books! Books!

Did you know that StreetWise has a Library? We do! It may not be as big as the Gwinnett County Library or even the Lawrenceville Library, however we do have books! We have books from children's literature, young adult, non-fiction, Christian, and Bibles. The books are available to our Clients and Volunteers to keep or share. If you have books that you would like to donate, email us at [Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org](mailto:Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org).



## Bonnie Moore Our New Volunteer Coordinator

Bonnie went to Sunday School class with Vicki Davis, a long time StreetWise Volunteer. Vicki was always talking about StreetWise and all the wonderful things we do. Vicki had planted the seed! Bonnie decided that when she retired from Emory Healthcare, she would follow her heart and said she was going to volunteer at StreetWise.

Thinking she was only going to volunteer one or two days a week, it quickly became three and four days a week helping the Staff with office administration, volunteers, and Event coordination. StreetWise recognized and embraced her gifts and passion and knew she would be an awesome Volunteer Coordinator and Staff addition.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are a critical component to everything we do at StreetWise. Volunteering is not just for Mobile Food Pantry and Special Events. We have positions open during the week, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. serving our clients. You cannot do heavy lifting? We still have a volunteer position for you! We need helping hands from warehouse, food and produce room, clothing room, office administration to driving our truck or van. Contact us today at [Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org](mailto:Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org) and become a StreetWise Volunteer!

## Clothing Drive for Back To School

We are getting kids ready to go back to school! We need 4-year-old to 18-year-old kid's clothes and shoes. We are running extremely low on boy's clothes. StreetWise will have our back-to-school shopping day for our clients to get their kids ready to head back to school with confidence. Clients will shop for clothing with a Volunteer Personal Shopper on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dive into your closets! If you have new or gently used clothing that you would like to donate or would like to Volunteer email us at [Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org](mailto:Volunteer@StreetWiseGeorgia.org).

## Pat Powell's Corner

God has blessed StreetWise with amazing volunteers and partners, without whom StreetWise would not exist. On any given day you can walk through the doors of StreetWise and see His hand at work in the energy and commitment of dedicated volunteers, and the far-reaching influence of our partnerships with local ministries and businesses. At StreetWise, our volunteers are known as Ambassadors because each one of us has a mission to follow God's commandments. *"Therefore, we are Ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."* **2 Corinthians 5:20**. And our many relationships with partners who share God's calling allows us to help so many more of God's children with not only their physical needs, but the unconditional love of Christ. As He commanded, *"let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."* **John 3:18**. Our group of Ambassadors here at StreetWise would love to have you join the family and serve with us.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

StreetWise now has [Online Prayer Requests](#) to connect you with one of our Prayer Team Members! Share your prayer of concern or joy with us, we are here to listen. Click on the Online Prayer Request QR or go to the StreetWise website, click on About, and then Prayer Requests! to submit your request. A StreetWise Prayer Team Member will contact you or add you to our Prayer Book. We welcome you to share the link with those in need of prayer.

