

**Sunrise Baptist Church
SunriseCares
Loving Large**

Matthew 25:40

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

**Amanda Nix &
Angie Trowbridge
Loving Large
Coordinators**

A special thank you to the following for their dedication as coordinator of specific aspects of Loving Large:

**Vicki Oder –
Communications
Carol Edge – Prayer Team
Patty Key – Evangelism
Team**

**Huanne Woodward –
Evangelism
Lisa Schwartz – Assembly
Team**

**Vicky Flowers – Crafts/
Sewing
Patty Peck – Music/Drama
Benny Peacock – Games
Cindy Whittle – Puppet
Team**

**Shari Ayers – Boys/Girls
Club
Molly Eggers –
Lawrenceville
Co-op**

**Barbara Wallis – Hospital
Lunette Minar – Pregnancy
Resource Center**

**David & Ellen Moore –
Apartments
Jerry Kennedy – Car Care
Janet Kennedy – Date
Night**

**Karissa Underwood – Date
Night**

**Angie Trowbridge –
Community Contact,
School Coordinator,
Assisted Living
Coordinator**

Loving Large was a huge task to undertake; however, God provided the right people, with the right skills and the right gifts at the right time to make loving Lawrenceville nearly effortless.

THANK YOU, Lord, for revealing needs in our community and for giving us the means and desire to meet those needs.

Thank you, Sunrise, for rising in unison to love Lawrenceville. It has been a blessing to see how members can come together, donate so much, and touch so many people in the community.

Prayer – Loving Large was bathed in prayer by a faithful prayer team. Gratefully, I say our prayer team is too large to name, but their prayers laid the foundation for everything else that was done.

Hospitals - A special thank you to Barbara Wallis for leading this effort.

"Ninety-eight - that's the number of care bags Jerry Wallace/Ron Cole's class, Edd and Barbara Wallis' classes filled to take to Emory Eastside and Gwinnett Medical Center. The bags were filled with items such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand cream, sanitary wash, combs, small notebooks, pens, and candy, etc. These were handed out to families who had loved ones in the ICU units. Barbara Wallis personally delivered a bag to a family who had a daughter in the ICU unit. The young lady's mother, silently looked at the bag, turning it around and around. She quietly said, *'There is nothing in this bag I don't need.'* So, thank you to all who participated in this drive. It will let those who are in very difficult situations know that *'SunriseCares!'* If you would like to continue Loving Lawrenceville through the hospitals, Barbara Wallis will receive these items in her Sunday School classroom.

Police, Fire & Animal Control Department – Thank you to the following Sunday School Classes: Steve Gibbs, Gary Thomason, Christopher & Peter Palli, Spanish Ministry class 1 & 2, Felix Williams, Jackie Garmon, Vicki Oder, for providing gift basket items. Baskets graciously delivered by Lucien & Bev James, Jerry & Huanne Woodward, Louis & Lucille Foy. L.R. Johnson, Chief of Police responded "Dear Friends, On behalf of my staff, I would like to thank you so much for the bountiful fruit and snack baskets we received! They are absolutely delicious and will be enjoyed by everyone! We appreciate you thinking of us as we go about our duties." The Animal Control staff was simply blown away that someone would remember them in appreciation.

SCHOOLS

Central High School – Thank you Mickey Glasco's class for the generous donation of breakfast items delivered to Central by Huanne Woodward and Bev James. Though we were originally told we were not allowed access to the teachers, due to the generous amounts given, the staff allowed us to interact with teachers.

Pharr Elementary – Willard Camp's SS Class is to be thanked for the items given to the teachers and paraprofessionals delivered by Angie Trowbridge and Amanda Nix. One teacher's response, "Thank you so much for the goodie bag that I received in my mailbox. This sweet little surprise made me smile and helped me make it through the day. I really did appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness."

Winn Holt Elementary – Thank you, thank you to Skip Gibb's class for the breakfast items delivered by Huanne Woodward, Gene & Mary Ann Pusen. A teacher's response, "To the wonderful members of Sunrise Baptist Church, thank you so much for the delicious breakfast you served at my school. Your thoughtfulness brightened my morning and warmed my soul."

Craig Elementary – Gene Joiner's Sunday School Class is to be thanked for the breakfast items delivered to Craig by Genny Collins, Jan Swenson & Anne Parker. The Assistant Principle's response, "On behalf of the faculty and staff of Craig Elementary School I want to extend my sincere thanks for our generous gifts. Our dining area has been beautifully painted and you honored us all with a delicious Monday morning breakfast. Thank you for your support."

Breakfast for Road Crew - Mario Amoretti Sr., Mario Jr., Fidel Mandujano Sr, and Amanda Nix delivered 55 biscuits donated by Chick-fil-A managers Mark Treadwell, from Pike Street and Tom Balsamides, from Scenic Hwy. The men and women we spoke with eagerly received our church information of services/ministries, allowed us to pray with them, and appreciated our recognition and the thoughtfulness of breakfast.

Sunrise Assisted Living – Thanks to our remarkable sewing team (Vicky Flowers, Leclorist Brown, Carmen DeMian, Toni Parker, Barbara DeVries, Mertie Coulter, Molly Eggers, Ellie Petty, Kathy Kirk) eighteen (18) sewn walker bags were delivered to this facility by Phyllis & Marvin Holland. On March 22 the youth prepared no-sew fleece blankets and spent over an hour visiting with the residents. Volunteers are needed for an ongoing ministry opportunity to serve dinner one or two days a week.

Laurel Grove Assisted Living – Again thanks to our sewing team, seventeen walker bags were delivered by Phyllis & Marvin Holland. On March 29 the children's choir visited and sang with the residents. Thank you to Angie Trowbridge and Joy Bryan for your time and dedication.

Quinn House – Thanks to all of you who participated in the care bag donation. Sunrise was able to bless the Quinn House with 72 bags for men, women and children.

Apartment Ministry – At Olde Salem Apartments on March 7, David & Ellen Moore were amazed to see so many Sunrise people show up to help with the cleanup of the grounds and painting of the clubhouse. Without the help of George Hale, Larry McFall, Charles Nix and several youth this service of love would not have been possible.

The first two Tuesday nights in March the homework helper team (Tiffany Merritt, Lyles and Lexi Prine, Shelby Ayers, Huanne Woodard, and Nora) invested time and laughter to build relationships.

On March 21, bridges were built, smiles were shared, friends were made, and Jesus was proclaimed at Olde Salem Apartments. The Hope class provided donations for food & supplies and on site involvement to minister to our neighbors through a carnival atmosphere. Larry & Vicki Mobley and Jim & Phyllis Crider cooked, Sherrie Joiner played keyboard, David & Ellen Moore and Salita Stone sang. Dale Crane ran sound. Others who helped make the day a success were Tiffany and Jamie Merritt, Crystal Durden, Gene Joiner, Charles Nix, Ryan Mulkowsky, Jae Akins, James Wall, Mario Amoretti Jr., Jose Osorio, Alexandra Rodriguez, so many youth, Patty Peck's Drama team, Cindy Whittle's Puppet team, Benny Peacock's Games team, and Vicky Flowers' Craft team. Thank you Hope class for taking ownership and making this day a success. For those interested in helping with a summer activity, please contact David or Ellen Moore.

Pregnancy Resource Center - A number of Bibles were donated as well as \$425 to purchase more. Thank you for loving large the Pregnancy Resource Center of Gwinnett. May God bless each Mom that will receive one of the Bibles. Please continue to pray for the work done there. Also, please look for information about the annual baby shower in May.

Boys/Girls Club – Thank you to John Hornbuckle & Rodney Massey's classes for donations and devotion to this mission field. Gene Pusen's perspective: "IT IS A BIG DEAL! My first impression of the inside of the Boys & Girls club, reminded me of a giant ant hill when I saw the

300 plus, assorted sized kids, moving in all directions at one time. What looked like chaos, was really a well structured division of ages, sex, and activities. The kids responded promptly to instructions from the staff, provided by whistle blows, the kids changed location, activity or assembled in military precision. The few staff members on hand sure welcomed the relief we provided. Talk about unsung heroes. The kids looked at them as Moms and Dads. We volunteers were at once accepted and appreciated. I was impressed with the respect most of the kids displayed. For an experience of a lifetime in just a few hours, when you get a chance, try it, you will like it." Thank you to the 45 adult and youth volunteers who made a difference at the Boys & Girls Club. Another organized event will be planned in the future. If you would like to be involved today Big Brothers & Sisters are needed. Contact Shari Ayers.

Lawrenceville Co-op – Thank you to the youth for distributing donation bags to our neighborhoods. Thanks to Lucien & Bev James, Jerry & Huanne Woodward, Bill & Leigh Jack, Kem & Sandy Williams, and Don & Susan Goff for weathering the elements for distribution and collection of bags. Sunrise, what a blessing!! A great big thanks to all who helped make the Lawrenceville Co-op food drive a success. Though it was a little wet on collection day, God's children came through and in a big way. 3,421 items were collected at Sunrise. The youth delivered the items on Sunday night. Linda Freund, Director of the Lawrenceville Co-op, graciously told them what goes on at the co-op. Though they are only open four days a week for 2-4 hours, they serve 1,100 families a month and distribute 40,000 items. This is just for the Lawrenceville and Dacula areas. Sunrise is one of eight churches that regularly give to the Lawrenceville Co-op. The most needed time for donations is in the summer because kids are out of school. What a difference one can of food from everyone, every week would make. Let's pray about partnering with this ministry at a Larger Loving level.

Evangelism in the Park – Wow, what a group of loving people (Jerry & Huanne Woodward, Lucien & Bev James, Cindy Allen, Ed Latham, Bobby Massey, Billy White, Mario Amoretti, Jr., Alexandra Rodriguez, Walter & Patty Key) supported by Joyce White. They ministered in Rhodes Jordan Park with the Celebration Choir on March 21. Then on April 4 they ministered at Tribble Mill and Ronald Reagan Parks. This team has plans to return to neighboring parks during the upcoming months. Contact Huanne Woodward or Bev James to participate.

Assembly Team – Thank you Lisa Schwartz, Lucien James, Ellie Petty, Kathy Kirk, Huanne Woodward, Bev James, Pam Godfrey Sylvia Mulkowsky, Elsie Concepcion, Barbara Wallis, Jessica Isaacs and Sara Townsend. Our deepest appreciation to the magnificent Assembly Team for the countless hours spent cutting, counting, sorting, stuffing, counting, folding, sticking, counting, stamping, stapling, counting, and basket filling. You made it happen. Thank you.

Thank you to the volunteers of **Mommy & Me** and **Date Night** (Karissa Underwood, Ed & Lunette Minar, Brent & Amanda Alexander, Vicky Flowers, Myka Flowers, Tasha Taylor, Jamie Merritt, Chuck & Ashley Cartwright, Bryan & Brie Briscoe, Cindy Whittle, & Patty Peck). We recognize all that you planned and prepared for our visiting families. And thank you for the relationships you built during those events.

Car Care - Thank you Linda Henderson and Angelo Terrell for preparing food. Lisa Schwartz, Ellie Petty, and Anne Parker, thank you for your availability to meet and greet. Gayla Lachmund, thank you for your creativity for the table, and Nancy Talbert, for displaying children's ministry fair table, Jerry Kennedy, Brent & Amanda Alexander, and teens participated and labored in the Car Care day in spite of the rain; your faithfulness provided the ministering to and salvation of a young woman.

Fast Food Friends – 72 cards distributed. One note, "Thank you for the gift card and the invite to Sunrise Baptist Church. I really appreciate it. God is awesome. I was feeling pretty blue today because I found my dog dead in the woods yesterday where someone had killed her. So, I thank you for the gift of God's love and a sandwich."

Mailman Appreciation – 59 cards distributed.

Newcomers Packets – 28 packets distributed.

To the members that provided **monetary donations**, thank you for the \$1,996.90 as well as all of the items brought in for the Loving Large tubs. You have generously loved Lawrenceville. We only wish that there was some way to capture and share all of the smiles and appreciation received from our community. We have been able to identify 8 visitors thus far that have joined us on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night because you touched their lives through Loving Large.

Due to the many people who volunteered to help with *Loving Large*, I'm certain some names were not included in this newsletter. We apologize for any omissions, but please know that your service and dedication is appreciated.