

Midtown Assistance Center (MAC)

Since there will never cease to be some need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

The Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) is an interfaith ministry, which provides emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta to prevent homelessness and hunger during periods of crisis. MAC was founded in 1986 by several congregations, one of which was Sacred Heart. MAC is located in the basement of Sacred Heart's neighbor, Atlanta First United Methodist Church. It is supported by Midtown businesses and "Peachtree Corridor" congregations. Sacred Heart organizes food drives for MAC's food pantry, and provides MAC with financial support and a volunteer force. In 2008, Sacred Heart parishioners donated more than 700 volunteer hours to MAC!

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome at MAC. It is often difficult to find appropriate stewardship opportunities for children; however at MAC there is always something meaningful for them to do. Many of our youngest volunteers have been Sacred Heart parishioners. Through the guidance of their parents, children have collected canned food and winter coats in lieu of birthday gifts or for the occasion of a holiday party. The families bring the donated items to MAC's office and the children sort and stock the food pantry and clothing closet with some of life's basic necessities.

Adult volunteers meet with people seeking assistance, stock the food pantry, and organize the men's clothes closet which contains "gently-used" clothing.

Please call the MAC office at 404-681-0470 for more information regarding this subject or visit their web site at www.midtownassistancectr.org. For Facebook users, you can now become a fan of MAC on Facebook!

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