



# SHARING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

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## Upcoming Events

**Thrift Store Sidewalk Sale**  
(Weather Permitting)  
Saturday, May 7 @ MCC  
Saturday, June 4  
Starts at 9:00AM

**Highland Park Food Pantry**  
Saturday, May 21  
Saturday, June 18  
10:00AM – 11:30AM

**Takin-it-to-the-Streets**  
Friday, May 20  
Friday, June 24  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

*For more events and updates make sure to check us out online at [www.the-noc.org](http://www.the-noc.org).*



### NEXT CLASS COMING UP

Jobs for Life is a unique job readiness training program that empowers students to be successful at work and life. The 16 classes run for 8 weeks and each student is assigned a mentor (Champion).

We are looking for a few Champions as well as instructors for our upcoming class which we hope to start by the middle of May. The classes provide extraordinary times for our students and Champions as they permit God to work through them to provide hope and practical help to those seeking productive employment and a more meaningful life

If you are interested in becoming a Champion or instructor, contact us at [thenoc.rva@gmail.com](mailto:thenoc.rva@gmail.com), call (804) 321-3182.

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## TAKIN IT TO THE STREETS

Spring is here and we're geared up for our TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS events once again!

WOW! Can you believe it's that time again? These events have been so incredible in the past years and we're looking for the same this year. So come on out and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and the best part, fellowshiping with friends and neighbors. The Dates Are: Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Thank you in advance to this year's sponsors: Family Life Church, Chosen Generation Ministries,, St. Giles Presbyterian, Area 10 Church and MCC.

## Community Partner of the Month



### JESUS AND A BASEBALL CAMP

base  
and outfield skills.

On a warm and sunny day, Gayton Baptist Church led the **Spirit of Baseball Camp** for the sixth year. Divided into six teams by age, participants were instructed in batting, running, bunting, pitching, throwing, infield,

Over 100 people volunteered to show the kids a great day of baseball, hot dogs, and fun. Each participant received a hat, shirt, ball, glove, and a Bible at no charge. As you might guess, much planning, thought and time goes into the camp. Fields are scheduled. Volunteers are recruited and screened.

A fourth grader at Overby-Shepperd Elementary School, Dallas was listening intently as Brother Gary Foreman of Abundant Life delivered a thought provoking lunch time message about Jesus. When Gary called forward those who wished to make a decision for Christ or simply to pray for a moment, **Dallas answered the call.**

Seeing that Dallas wanted to talk, Butch Johnson, Director of the Northside Outreach Center, offered to speak with him. Butch asked him if he understood the point of Gary's demonstration. Assured that he did, Butch asked Dallas if he wished to accept Jesus. **And he did.**

But, that isn't the end of the story. It turns out that Dallas' mom was standing nearby. Butch introduced himself and found out that she had been hoping for something just like this! Because she must work on Sundays, Dallas' mom is unable to take him to church. Butch made the offer to take Dallas to Mechanicsville Christian Center by bus on the next day. **Once again, Dallas accepted.**

After a great experience in Sunday school, Dallas is excited to keep going and to get involved with the Urban Rangers and other programs at the NOC.

We can only believe that a change in Dallas has happened and he is beginning an incredible **life in Christ!**

So, do we make a difference? Is it worth it? Just ask Dallas Snipes.



### HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### Building Expansion Update

*Psalm 127* Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

We are believing that NOW is the time for the Lord to build the house. The plans are in place, the general contractor has been selected and we are waiting for financing from the bank to launch the project. Many of us gather to intercede on behalf of Richmond continue to pray that the Lord is watching over our city so that our labor is not in vain.

This is a 9000+ square foot building expansion which will allow us to have a community church, expand our thrift store and learning center as well as add new programs such as adult literacy and job preparation classes, and a pregnancy resource center.

thank  
you!

*As always, thank all of you for your donations and volunteer hours throughout the year. The success of the Northside Outreach Center is built on the efforts of people like you. Because of you so many people are served through our Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Takin-it-to-the-Streets, Thanksgiving Outreach, Community Christmas Store and our other ongoing ministries that impact the lives of many. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donations and hands on service.*