

# TRINITY DIRECT

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*Let Us Learn Together* Job 34:4

Denise Norris, Exec. Dir.

August is here and the first day of school is just around the corner. For many of you this means it is time to gather school supplies and shop for the perfect back to school outfits. At Trinity Community Ministries it means that our student volunteers will soon return to Trinity Table and Trinity House-Big Bethel. The residents of Trinity House-Big Bethel are particularly excited to see their old friends from Pace Academy,

Wesleyan School, Marist School, The Westminster Schools, and The Lovett School.

In addition to anticipating the return of our student volunteers, we are also looking forward to Trinity House-Big Bethel graduation and our semi-annual Honorary Board Breakfast.

### Graduation toward Independent Living

Learning is a way of life at Trinity Community Ministries. All of our residents are continually learning life lessons taught at Trinity House-Big Bethel. As each resident applies these lessons to his own life, he moves closer to becoming a productive, self-sustaining member of the community. Residents who have completed the program, achieved inde-



Former resident Robert Fisher with his fiancé at Trinity House-Big Bethel's 2006 Graduation

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### TRINITY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES' WAYS TO GIVE

1. Give Online at [www.tcmatlanta.org](http://www.tcmatlanta.org)
2. Volunteer with Trinity House-Big Bethel or Trinity Table
3. Mail donations to:  
250 Georgia Ave., SE  
Suite 305  
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## Sharing a Mission

### Trinity House-Big Bethel

Trinity House-Big Bethel is a 36-bed transitional house for homeless men recovering from substance abuse. Each year, this program successfully prepares individuals to become self-sustaining members of society with functional households, sobriety, and full time employment.

Volunteers serve dinner 5 nights a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday) through the T.E.A.M. program.

### Trinity Table

Trinity Table is the oldest large-scale soup kitchen in downtown Atlanta that provides meals on Sundays. Over 400 meals are served each week, over 20,000 each year. Additionally, a prayer request table and a social services referral desk are part of this ministry.

Every Sunday from 11:00am until 2:00pm, volunteers from over 70 churches and organizations feed the homeless and the hungry.

### OUR MISSION:

**Trinity Community Ministries exists to provide faith-based, transformational opportunities for people who are homeless and hungry and for volunteers.**

### Volunteering

For information on volunteering with Trinity House-Big Bethel or Trinity Table, visit our web site, [www.tcmatlanta.org](http://www.tcmatlanta.org), or contact Kathy Cannon at (404) 577-6651 or [tcmkathy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tcmkathy@bellsouth.net).

pendent living, and are thriving as full members of the community will be honored at Trinity House-Big Bethel's graduation ceremony.

Graduation will be held on Sunday, September 9 at Big Bethel AME Church. Please RSVP to Christine by email if you plan to attend (tcmchristine@bellsouth.net).

**Robin Loudermilk, Honorary Board Keynote Speaker**

Trinity Community Ministries' Honorary Board is philanthropic

networking at its finest. This Fall, we will host our semi-annual Honorary Board Breakfast at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Robin Loudermilk, president of Buckhead's Aaron Rents, Inc., will be our keynote speaker. This is one of Trinity Community Ministries' most exciting events. Trinity Community Ministries' Honorary Board is 80 member strong and growing. For more information on Honorary Board membership, please visit our web site at [www.tcmatlanta.org](http://www.tcmatlanta.org).



**Spring 2007 Honorary Board Breakfast**

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**Old Friends Visit**

Mr. Hobson Rice, his wife Louise, and son Paul visited us this past week at Trinity House-Big Bethel. Mr. Rice was one of our original board members. He shared with us his memories of when Trinity House was a shelter that housed 30 men. When he and other Board members realized they

had to address the drug use of their clients, they began the dream that is now Trinity House-Big Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice have been married for 59 years. They dine with us at Trinity House-Big Bethel twice a year.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Rice, Paul Rice, and DOOR intern Charlotte with Trinity House-Big Bethel residents.**

\* Indicates July 2007 new members

**Trinity Table**

We were pleased that nine churches and organizations were able to serve hot soup and sandwiches at the newly renovated Trinity Table in July.



**Trinity House-Big Bethel Film Class**

**THBB & HOSEA Feed the Hungry**

The residents of Trinity House-Big Bethel have been very busy lately. In addition to searching for employment, the men have been volunteering in the community and participating in classes offered at Trinity House. In July, our residents vol-

unteered with HOSEA Feed the Hungry. They helped prepare a festival for youth and the elderly. Residents participated in several new classes this July including a film class and relapse prevention courses.

guidelines were able to help us eliminate an applicants who were not serious about sobriety or would be unable to persevere in the program due to illness.

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**Intake Improvement**

We observed first hand the effectiveness of Trinity House-Big Bethel's new intake process this month as only two of four applicants entered the Trinity House-Big Bethel program. Our new intake procedures and

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**Trinity House-Big Bethel residents volunteer with HOSEA Feed the Hungry**

**T.E.A.M. Dinners**

The men of Trinity House-Big Bethel would love to see you! We currently have a number of dinner openings. Please see the list below and contact Kathy Cannon, [tcmkathy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tcmkathy@bellsouth.net), to volunteer.

**TRINITY HOUSE-BIG BETHEL DINNER OPENINGS**

- Thursday, August 9
- Friday, August 10
- Sunday, August 12
- Monday, August 13
- Tuesday, August 14
- Friday, August 17
- Thursday, August 23
- Monday, August 27
- Thursday, August 30

Please contact Kathy Cannon, [tcmkathy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tcmkathy@bellsouth.net), to volunteer to serve dinner.

**Staff Updates**

Charlotte, our D.O.O.R. intern completed her internship with us on August 3. She has been a valuable



**Peachtree Road UMC volunteers at Trinity House-Big Bethel with counselor Alfred and a Trinity House-Big Bethel resident**

member on our team and will be missed.

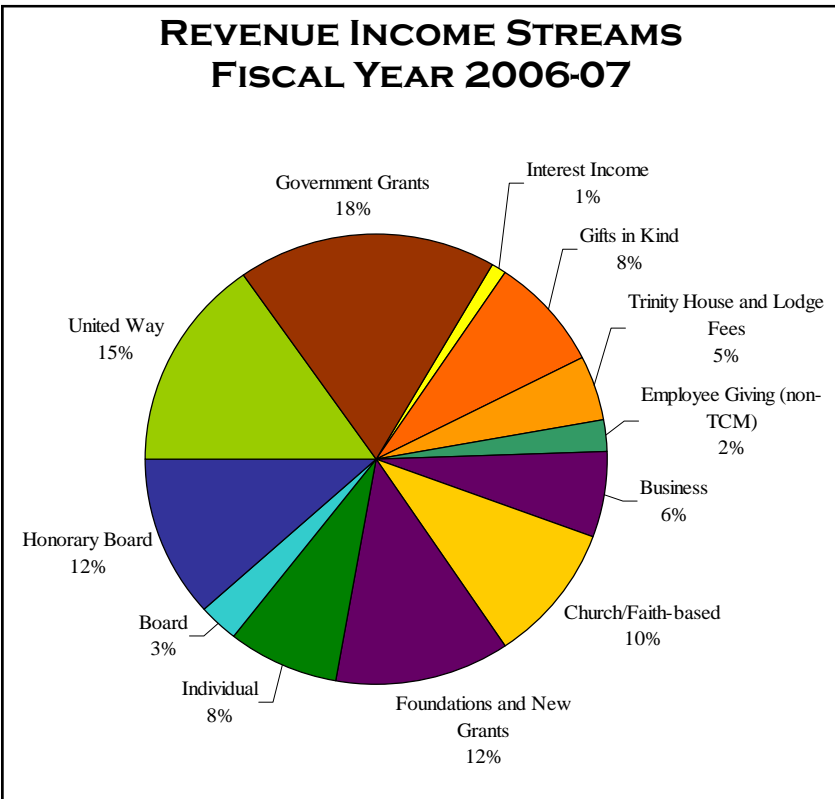
**Volunteer Activities Coor. Opening**

As Trinity Community Ministries continues to grow in response to the growing needs of those we serve, we seek dedicated, enthusiastic, new

staff members. We are currently seeking a Volunteer Activities Coordinator to host T.E.A.M. dinners at Trinity House-Big Bethel four nights a week, coordinate Trinity Table each Sunday, provide general administrative support, and assist the Volunteer Programs Manager, Kathy Cannon. Please refer potential candidates to Kathy Cannon at [tcmkathy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tcmkathy@bellsouth.net).

Blessings from all of us at Trinity Community Ministries!

*Deuse Woods*  
Executive Director



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