

Happy Valentine

Let's Do Something Good!



Roswell Cares Service League's Volunteer & Meeting Events

Welcome to February!

February arrives with promises of love, renewal, and the anticipation of spring on the horizon. This month, let's cherish the moments with loved ones, celebrate our achievements, and embark on new journeys filled with hope and determination.



Let's create memories, pursue our dreams, and spread love wherever we go! Speaking of memories, we had a great time in January at Foster Care Support Foundation and CHOA at Scottish Rite. CHOA was busy, we had 20 kids and their families visit us and all the tables were full. Check out the photos below.





Upcoming events!!



Join us at our next

Meeting and a Meal

February 15 @ 6:15 p.m.

Pizzeria Lucca
96 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell, GA 30075

RSVP: gfwc.roswellcares@gmail.com

February 15 - Meeting and a Meal

Our next meeting will be at Pizzeria Lucca on February 15. We discussed making craft kits for adults while they are on dialysis, chemo or waiting at the hospital. I have supplies to make chickadee and rabbit kits for Easter, similar to the Gnomes we did with Scottish Rite. At the next meeting we will assemble kits, tag them and discussed where we want to deliver them.

We also need to discuss Simple Needs GA, future fundraising activities and service projects. Please join us if you can.



Are you attending our next Meeting and a Meal

LOCATION

96 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell, GA 30075

DATE AND TIME

02/15/24 6:15pm - 02/15/24 7:30pm US/Eastern

At the next meeting we will assemble craft kits and deliver them to a TBA charity. We will discuss this at the meeting.

I'll Be There!

I Can't Make It

February 24 - Volunteer at CHOA Scottish Rite

We are scheduled to volunteer at Scottish Rite in the Zone on February 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Let's meet in the lobby area around 1:00 to go upstairs as a group and set up for the craft. I may need assistance as I'd like to give the kids bobo balloons as a special prize. We will host a lollipop garden planter, spring crafts and musical bingo if there is interest. It's always a fun time. If you have other ideas, please let us know.



Can you attend the CHOA Event?

LOCATION

Scottish Rite

DATE AND TIME

02/24/24 1:00pm - 02/24/24 3:00pm US/Eastern

See above.

I'll Be There!

I Can't Make It



March 9th - North West District Meeting at the Atlanta Woman's Club



The North West District will be hosting its Annual Business meeting on March 9th at The Atlanta Woman's Club which is also Cimi home club. This meeting will celebrate the District clubs' accomplishments and present awards to clubs for their work in 2023. Club delegates will also have the opportunity to vote on bylaws, budget, and vote on a new administration for the 2024-2026 term. We encourage all members to attend this meeting to witness the District's business, meet other members from the 12 clubs within the District, and enjoy a personal tour of the club and its history with Cimi.

For more details, please visit the following link. <https://conta.cc/3ucpQch>

March 23th - Fundraising Event for Roswell Cares

Ladies, we need to fundraise in order to donate and/or purchase items for service projects. Thanks to Ashley DeSalvo Putnam we have the opportunity to host a table at this event and sell Bobo Balloons. I believe this could be a nice fundraiser for us and we will need help with transporting bobo's to the event. We will discuss the details with Ashley at the next meeting. Thank you Ashley for giving us this opportunity!



Can you assist us with this event

LOCATION

Smyrna Village Green

DATE AND TIME

03/23/24 6:00pm - 03/23/24 9:00pm US/Eastern

Selling Bobo Balloons

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

I have been in contact with Simple Needs Georgia.



She has invited us to visit their warehouse on a Saturday for a tour and/or help out - 10am to 1pm almost every Saturday accepting donations. We can discuss this at our meeting.

Below are lots of ideas for service projects. Several are higher priority than others.

Current top needs are (see below for details on some):

- Women's underwear (sizes 6-9 are most needed)
- Small appliances
- baby items
- school supplies (we have plenty of some; need others)
- New standard bed pillows
- new character backpacks (we can give you the character list if that helps)

She provided us with a few service project ideas:

- A few possibilities for our birthday program <https://simpleneedsgablog.com/programs/my-birthday-matters/>
- A new book drive. For their birthdays, each child receives 4-5 new books for their birthday (depends on their age/grade). We help kids up to age 18.
- A new backpack drive. We can use character backpacks as well as popular color backpacks. Our inventory right now is lowest for larger backpacks for high school kids (larger bottoms to hold more things). We also need a few themes; let us know if you want to do backpacks and I can let you know what we need (we track which themes are popular - and not).
- School supplies which we include with the birthday gifts. Gallon ziplock bags of: 5 pens, 5 pencils, box of crayons (24 or 36), box of colored pencils (10 or 12), box of markers (10 or 12), a deck of cards and a glue stick.
- No-sew fleece blankets. You would purchase 1.5 yards each of a pattern and matching solid fleece. If you decide to make these, we could send you instructions. Some people neglect to put the pattern the right way or don't cut off the manufacturer's edge (called selvage) and then we have to take them apart and start over. ?
- A drive for new underwear (kids through adult sizes since some teens wear adult sizes). There are some sizes we have plenty of so if you want to do this, we can let you know what those are.
- For Simple Household Needs - <https://simpleneedsgablog.com/programs/simplehouseholdneeds/> --
- You could do a drive for new or gently used essential household items –for kitchen/bed/bath. There are a lot of essential things someone coming out of homeless needs that can be purchased at the Dollar Tree or elsewhere. The list of what we offer to our clients is attached.
- Or a drive for gently used or new small appliances - toasters, crockpots, toaster ovens, DVD players, irons, coffee makers, microwaves, vacuums, floor lamps. Then there are some specific household items we are always low on. Those are: new kitchen trash cans (13 gallon) and gently used or new mattress pads and blankets (twin/full/queen/king).
- New pillows. We always need a lot of pillows!
- One more... we try to have small baby items on hand for clients. Right now, we are low on diapers size newborn, 1, 5 and 6 as well as boys' pullups. These items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree: Pacifiers, baby wash, Baby shampoo, Bottles, Bibs
- **Another option is our Comfort Kit program:**
<https://simpleneedsgablog.com/programs/duffel-bags/> You could put together bags of full-size toiletries (you can pick and choose from the list as you'd like). Or do a drive for toiletries that we need and we'll pull them together in the bags (we have bags). We also need 5-item bags of full-size toiletries for the school social workers. Those include shampoo, soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush and deodorant (can be purchased at the Dollar Tree if you'd like).

Truly appreciate your thinking of others and your desire to help your community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Brenda Rhodes, Founder

Simple Needs mission is to meet the simple needs of children, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need, while inspiring our community to do the same. While agencies focused on these vulnerable populations are doing great work, most focus on the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and job training. SNGA seeks to “fill in the gaps” by meeting other unmet, but important, needs. It is in these simple acts—bringing a tent to a person living in the woods, or providing birthday gifts to a homeless child—that we help connect people with the services that can improve their lives.

Let's place this on our ongoing Collection items: Candles, in particular, are one thing people experiencing homelessness need the most. They use them to see at night and to keep rodents away from their tents. I'll bet you have some candles in your house gathering dust! Please consider donating to our cause. Do you like to do after-Christmas shopping? Candles are often on sale at a great price! The best kind are pillar and tapered.

Keep your eyes peeled for a few gently used items or post this need in your neighborhood facebook or nextdoor neighbor. In March - I'd like to set a goal to collect 10 gently used tents, new pillows, tarps, backpack filled with new socks/underwear, candles, hygiene items.

Please review this website and let's put our heads together on what we can do - there are so many opportunities. <https://simpleneedsgablog.com/drives/>



Let's Collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald

Let's keep this on our
ongoing list. Pop Tabs
Program for Ronald

McDonald House. Collecting pop tabs is a fun and easy way to support Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. Pop tabs are recycled, and we receive the market value of the recycled metal. [Click here for more information.](#)



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This is on our list for a February or March project. It will be held on a Tuesday night after work and we will deliver it on a Wednesday.

Join us!

APPLY NOW



Membership Information: If you are currently not a member of our club and would like to join us, please [click here to complete the membership application](#). The annual fee to join our club is \$40.00 from June 1st to May 31, 2024 (1yr). This fee covers our international dues of \$15, State dues of \$10, District dues of \$3.50, the remaining amount will remain in the Roswell treasurer to be used for bank fees, and/or misc. administrative fees to secretary of state, etc.

Your membership not only includes membership to our club, but it also includes membership to our international organization, GFWC (www.gfwc.org) and our State organization, GFWC Georgia, (www.gfwcgeorgia.org). You will receive quarterly newsletters, invitations to State meetings such as our Annual Convention and Institute, a weekend of learning and more.

Members are also eligible to receive discounts - [click here to view them](#).

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