# REAL LIFE CENTER

Real help. Real hope.

## OPENING DOORS FOR CHANGE

When you are in a tough situation, you long for change. You question when it will happen. You may be paralyzed with fear. You wonder if you are walking the road alone. At the Real Life Center, we have the privilege of helping families cope with the unexpected financial, emotional and spiritual hardships of life, such as job loss, health issues, death or divorce. What sets us apart from other organizations is that we commit to walk alongside our families for one full year helping them through the trials of life and providing a catalyst for change. "Through the encouragement and resources of the Real Life Center, I slowly got back onto my feet. It was a life saver!" Monica S.

#### YOU CAN BE A PART OF PROVIDING HOPE!

Volunteer • Accept & sort donations • Be a financial partner • Distribute food and clothing to families • Work in our warehouse, stores or orchard • Donate your gently used items • Offer a food or clothing drive • Assist with resume writing • Donate your expertise or skill set



### Real Life Center Programs

Food Pantry • Bread Room • Clothing Closet
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
Goal Setting and Accountability
Financial Assistance and Counseling
Educational Classes • Career Help
Professional Counseling & Life Coaching
Extensive Network & Referral
General Assessment Counseling

### 2017 Highlights

- ✓ Provided 11,160 services to 3,697 unique individuals.
- ✓ Distributed 533,769 pounds of food.
- ✓ Handed out 8,768 articles of clothing.
  - ✓ Offered 63 educational classes.
- √ 98.6% of families contacted via phone achieved stability after the first 3 months.
- √ 81.1% of families contacted via phone achieved > 50% of their personal goal.
  - ✓ Volunteers gave 19,495 hours.

# Real Life Center: Providing Necessities for Living Equipping People for Life







#### Our Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard

Our orchard started in 2011 and is housed on 3 acres of Dogwood Church in Tyrone. Planted in the orchard are 140 apple trees, 55 peach trees, 300 blueberry bushes, 135 blackberry vines, 35 grape vines, and more. In 2015, we started a half acre vegetable garden producing fresh tomatoes, corn, watermelon, bell peppers, squash, zucchini and jalapeno peppers in the summer, and collards, turnips, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, radishes and kale in the winter. All produce is distributed seasonally to the families of the Real Life Center. Since fresh fruits are hard to come by on a limited budget, the orchard and garden have been a huge blessing to our families.

#### Our Real Life Stores

Thanks to an overflow of generosity from our community, we opened two upscale thrift stores in Tyrone and Fayetteville. Our stores provide a fun place for individuals and groups to come together and serve, and a great place for customers to enjoy wonderful bargains on clothing & accessories, home décor, household items and furniture. All proceeds, after expenses, go back to the Real Life Center to invest in helping our families. 400 N. Glynn Street, Fayetteville GA 30214. Phone 770.719.0880

992 Senoia Road, Tyrone, GA 30290. Phone 770.632.3590 Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm