

Faith & Values

Furnishing Fresh Starts for Gwinnett Families

Katrina victims moving to Atlanta refugees ... apartment fire victims.... abused women starting over ... single moms trying to make ends meet. These are the stories of real families who were beneficiaries of free furniture provided by Movers and Shakers Furniture Ministry, Inc. This locally-based ministry exists to "share the love of Christ with individuals and families making a fresh start". In the past five years, volunteers have delivered furniture to more than 250 families in Gwinnett and surrounding areas.

Movers and Shakers partners with Norcross Cooperative Ministries, Drake House, House of Hope, several other community ministries and various churches in the North Atlanta area. The ministry allows its partners to focus on what they do best. These partners identify the needs of their clients and contact Movers and Shakers to provide furniture. Often these families have been sleeping on the floor at night or sitting on the floor to eat meals. Furniture is only provided to clients of partner ministries.

Movers and Shakers meets the physical needs of families in crisis thanks to the generosity of furniture donors and volunteers. Two Saturdays per month, all through the year, volunteers load up at 8 a.m. After making one or two deliveries, they meander through Gwinnett and North Fulton counties making prearranged pickups of donated furniture. These donations are then warehoused and inventoried for future deliveries.

The volunteers who drive trucks and move furniture love working with Movers and Shakers! It takes no advance preparation and requires no long-term commitment, but makes a significant difference and is very rewarding. As a side benefit, they have fun driving around in trucks and figuring out how best to load the assortment of furniture they pick up. Adult small groups, families, high school groups and dads and teens working together make up the volunteer pool.

Churches currently involved with the ministry include Peachtree Corners Baptist, Dunwoody Baptist, Victory World Outreach and Perimeter Church. Other churches are encouraged to join in. Movers and Shakers gives churches



Movers and Shakers volunteers get furniture to needy families.

a simple outlet for service, a source of furniture for families in need and a unique service experience for small groups, youth groups and families.

Items needed are gently used sofas, armchairs, tables and chairs, dressers, beds, mattresses and box springs clean and in good repair. A complete list of what's needed and what's not is available at www.atlmoversnshakers.org.

How can you help? Visit www.atlmoversnshakers.org to sign up as a volunteer, arrange for a furniture pickup or make an online financial contribution. Contributions may also be mailed to Movers and Shakers Furniture Ministry, Inc., PO Box 4811, Alpharetta, GA 30023. Movers and Shakers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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