

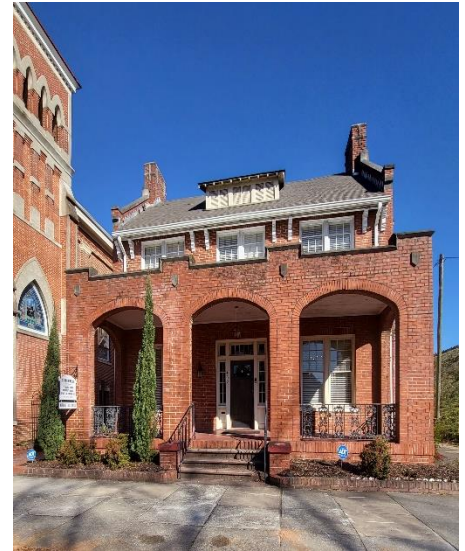
A Ministry of Hope to Families in Need

We've moved!

Augusta Urban Ministries' administrative office is currently in the office building of St. James United Methodist Church, 439 Greene Street, in the beautiful Olde Town district. We thank our friends at St. James UMC for graciously providing this space to us. We love our new office.

Our new hours of operation are
Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

We cannot accept furniture donations at this office. Donations can be made by visiting our website at augustaurbanministries.org



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- Easter Seals of East Georgia
- Knox Foundation
- La-Z-Boy Home Furniture Galleries
- Toys for Tots

Your financial support helps AUM focus on providing services to indigent families with children and individuals in crisis. With your help, we can continue to provide families in our community with the bare household essentials and the resources needed to become positive members of society, breaking the cycle of household poverty. We believe that the success of a child starts at home. If the home is unstable, so is the child, parent, and community. Every dollar makes a difference.

Join the 50/50 or give your best gift today!

What is 50/50? 50 people committing to give \$50.00 per month for one year to one of the designated programs:

- Furniture Bank
- Memorial Donation \$ _____
- Bike program (adults)
- 50/50
- Bike Rodeo (kids)
- 30/30
- General Support
- 20/20
- One-time donation \$ _____

Set a challenge of 30/30 or 20/20 with your civic group, church, family, or friends. All donations are tax-deductible.

****Send this portion back with your first club donation or click here for online giving.**

augustaurbanministries.org

**WHY ARE PARTNERS IMPORTANT TO US?
THE MINISTRY ANYONE CAN DO INDIVIDUALLY WILL
ALWAYS BE DIFFERENT FROM THE MINISTRY WE
CAN DO IN PARTNERSHIP.**

DANIEL BLACK

Helpful Information

In this economy, we have all come across someone in need. Here is some valuable information to share.

Food Assistance

Golden Harvest Food Bank
706-736-1199 ext. 3

Project Life
706-364-4043

Food Angels of the CSRA
food, baby food, formula, and baby items
706-430-3984

Rent & Utility Assistance

Salvation Army
706-922-8383 (Mondays only)

Resources for the Homeless

Garden City Rescue Mission
706-724-6360
Salvation Army
706-826-7933

Clothing


Project Life
706-364-4043

Substance Abuse

Dawn Center for Recovery,
Augusta, GA
706-460-9561

Domestic Violence

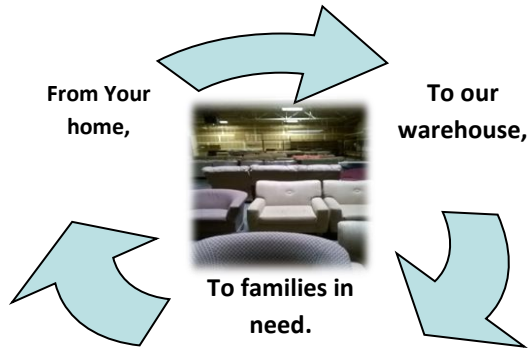
Safe Homes 24 HR Crisis Hotline
706-736-2499



Clear out the clutter and help a family in need.

- ❖ Couches
- ❖ Chairs
- ❖ Tables
- ❖ Dressers
- ❖ Beds, mattresses, and box springs
- ❖ Washers and dryers
- ❖ Refrigerators
- ❖ Stoves (free standing)
- ❖ Towels, bedding, blankets
- ❖ Pots and pans, dishes, bowls, and silverware

How does the Furniture Bank work?



THE AVERAGE VALUE OF ITEMS RECEIVED PER HOUSEHOLD IS \$800



With a referral from one of our partner agencies, families can shop in the Furniture Bank for essential household items for a minimal fee:

\$25 provides one family with a visit to the Furniture Bank.

\$30 covers the visit plus delivery. No family will be turned away because of their inability to pay.

Ann Woods (L), Melissa Wheeler (R) with Ashley Tate, General Manager of La- Z -Boy Furniture Gallery after delivery of over 70 furniture items donated following the company's Trade-In-Sale.



Every donation is a prayer answered.



Through donations gifted to the Furniture Bank Program, Tracy received beds for her two sons.

"They are very grateful for Augusta Urban Ministries' services. We appreciate your partnership and efforts to support the community."

Augusta Partnership for Children



This isn't your typical rodeo! A bicycle rodeo is a clinic to teach children the skills and precautions to ride a bicycle safely. Our rodeo includes a symposium of community resources, a free bike, helmet, and bicycle safety training. Want to help? We need new youth-size helmets, bike locks, bottled water, and volunteers.

Youth-sized helmets are needed!

Drop-off sites:

439 Greene Street, AUM Office
Richmond Hill K – 8, 3420 Julia Ave, 30906



May is Bicycle Safety Month!
Click here for more information about
National Bicycle Safety Month!

<https://georgiabikes.org/>

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

When?

Saturday, May 6th

10 am—1 pm

Registration begins at

9:30 am

Where?

Richmond Hill K - 8

3420 Julia Ave,

Augusta 30906

Bring your bike!

Bring your helmet!

Free bikes are

available on a

First-come first,

served basis.

Registration is

required.



The VITA Impact!

Last year, the **VITA** Program completed 61,000 returns statewide, thereby putting \$47.8 million dollars back into local Georgia communities.

2023

March: 25

April: 1

2024

Feb: 3, 10, 17, 24,

March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

For more information, call 706-667-9695 or 706-755-7244.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The VITA program assists low-income and elderly taxpayers with electronic tax preparation.

What are the benefits of VITA?

- VITA helps clients claim tax credits.

Tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) often need to be claimed, leaving up to \$6,935 on the table (depending on qualifications). Many other tax credits are also available that can only be claimed if taxes are filed.

- VITA saves Taxpayers' Money.

By utilizing VITA services, taxpayers do not have to pay high prices to have their taxes filed.

They can rest assured that all preparations were correctly completed, and they can maximize their benefits.

- VITA connects Clients to other Services.

VITA sites and volunteers can connect clients to financial resources such as bank accounts, financial education, or financial coaching.

Want to volunteer?

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax assistance to qualifying individuals. This IRS program is an excellent way to learn more about how to prepare taxes while earning real-world accounting experience.

No longer need your office supplies? We would love to have them!

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Though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will be joyful in God my Savior.

- Habakkuk 3:17-19

The Furniture Bank Needs You!

How can you support the Furniture Bank and help change lives in our community?

- **TELL A FRIEND** about the Furniture Bank. If every donor and friend of the Bank recruits a donor this year, we will have enough furniture to meet the community's needs.
- **PUBLICIZE** the Furniture Bank: in your church bulletin, in your break room at work, at your child's school, and in your civic club. We can provide donor tax receipts.
- Host a neighborhood furniture drive. Call our office for more details.



DONATE furniture, working appliances, pots and pans, dishes, household items, and bikes you no longer need. The Furniture Bank passes your donations on to people in the community who are referred to us by area agencies and churches.

In 2022 AUM provided furniture to 361 people in 137 households.

- ❖ **VOLUNTEER** to help us keep furniture and appliance stores stocked with posters and donation information cards.
- ❖ **Host a community furniture drive.**
- ❖ **Volunteer with the Bike Rodeo.**
- ❖ Join the **VITA Tax Team!**



REPAIR OR DONATE bikes for the Bike Program.

If you have a bike you no longer use, please consider donating it to our Bike Ministry. Bicycles are given to adults needing transportation to work, stores, job interviews, or doctor's appointments.

AUM provided 184 bikes in 2022.