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UFG Back-2-School Bash 2012

Despite the sacrifices our veterans have made in service to our nation, many of them are returning home to face a dismal economic reality, including an estimated unemployment rate as high as 23% among south metro Atlanta veterans. As one small way to assist these veteran families, **Unity Foundation Group** organized the **Back-to-School Bash** on August 3rd to provide up to three-hundred Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Henry, and Spalding County

children of veterans with brand new backpacks--filled to capacity with school supplies--to help them get off to a great start in the upcoming school year.

Food, face-painting and other age-appropriate activities were offered throughout the day, which made this free event fun for the entire family (continued on page 2).



Children at this year's event enjoyed a number of activities.

Join us on **December 21, 2012**
for

Santa Supports Our Veterans

To provide toys to children of south metro Atlanta veterans. To learn more, please visit our website:

www.unityfoundationgroup.org

Sponsor Spotlight

Unity Foundation Group would like to thank our community partners for making this year's **Back-2-School Bash** a huge success:

Presenting Sponsors



Principal Sponsors



Major Sponsors



Honorable Mentions

- Clayton County Fire Department
- Living Word Full Gospel Ministry (Harvey, LA)
- McConnell Auto Sales
- NM Marketing
- Publix



Post 258
&
Families



UFG Back-2-School Bash 2012 (continued from page 1)

Several members of the Clayton County Fire Department attended this year's **Back-2-School Bash**, which was held at the American Legion Post 258 in Jonesboro. The children learned about the fire department's role in responding to medical emergencies; vehicle crashes; natural gas leaks; and building, vehicle, and other types of fires. They also learned about the fire truck and its equipment, and received safety tips from Sergeant Greg Campbell and his team.



Future Clayton County firefighters at **Back-2-School Bash 2012.**



Members of the Clayton County Fire Department delighted children at this year's event.

Our Mission Is to Serve Veterans and Their Families

Unity Foundation Group, Inc. ("UFG") is a tax-exempt (501c3) Georgia non-profit corporation that provides counseling, resources and transitional services that promote and support the positive spiritual, emotional and behavioral transformations of individuals and families in crisis. Through the **Transitioning Veterans to Civilian Life** program, UFG provides a range of much-needed support to active duty and retired military members and their families.

Working collaboratively with other area providers, UFG implements a diverse program that includes the following services:

- Full scale assessments
- Addiction recovery
- Job placement referrals
- Counseling

- Life skills training
- Social and recreational activities
- Educational support
- Case management
- Mental health links
- Clothing & food bank



Did you know?

Contrary to popular belief, veterans do not automatically begin to receive benefits when their military service ends. Instead, they must apply for those benefits--a process that can be complicated and frustrating.

It is estimated that the **Veterans Administration currently has a backlog of up to 1.2 million claims.**

Veterans sometimes need help finding VA facilities, as well as managing the application process--and, if their claims are rejected, they might also need help filing appeals.

Unity Foundation Group provides needed support to help our nation's military personnel and their families make the transition to civilian life.

Upcoming Events

Last year, **UFG** provided toys and other gifts to more than 300 children from disadvantaged families. We'd like to exceed that number this year.

In addition to the toy giveaway, food, face-painting, games, and other age appropriate activities also will be offered--including a visit from Santa, himself, making this **free** event fun for the entire family!

To receive toys, the veteran parent must attend the event with the child, as well as pre-register at the UFG website and present a valid e-ticket issued electronically by **UFG**.

Santa Supports Our Veterans

December 21, 2012
Time: TBD

American Legion Post 258
1480 American Legion Way
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

To learn more and / or register,
please visit our website:

www.unityfoundationgroup.org

As part of **UFG's Transitioning Veterans to Civil Life** program, the organization will begin offering **workshops** for veterans and their families in January 2013. Topics will include:

- Dealing with separation anxiety
- Dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Anger management
- Relationship building
- Job Skills & Education Training
- Spiritual Counseling
- Time management
- Small business development

To learn more, please check our website beginning in December:

www.unityfoundationgroup.org

How You Can Help

UFG is a tax-exempt nonprofit and depends on generous donors, like you, to offer the high-quality programs and services that have become synonymous with our name. Please visit our website @ www.unityfoundationgroup.org to make an online donation.

UFG relies on sponsorships to produce events like **Back-2-School Bash** and **Santa Supports Our Veterans**. Depending on the level, sponsors receive a variety of benefits, including:

- On-site business development opportunities
- Company logo on event publicity elements
- Acknowledgement in PSAs and other media broadcasts
- Prominent year-round recognition on **UFG's** website

Please contact **UFG's** executive director at LGEORGE@unityfoundationgroup.org to learn how your business can help sponsor an upcoming event.

