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Jeff Foxworthy Again Joins ROSWELL DAY OF HOPE to Unite Community Organizations, Churches and Businesses to Provide Support to Needy Families

15 Tons of Free Groceries, Health Screenings, Job Fair, and More to Be Provided to Thousands of Area Residents

ROSWELL, GA – In its third year, Roswell Day of Hope brings together local community organizations, churches and businesses to provide help and hope, many with life-changing stories, to thousands of families at this year’s event Saturday, April 16, 1-5 p.m. The City of Roswell continues to serve as one of the event sponsors, and the outreach will be held at Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill St. Free transportation to City Hall will be provided by shuttle buses running from Mimosa Elementary School on Warsaw Rd., making access to the event available to even more families. Some 5,000 guests are expected to attend.

More than 70 Roswell-area social service organizations, churches and businesses, along with more than 1,000 volunteers will participate in the city-wide outreach, offering free groceries, health and dental screenings, a job fair, a Kids Zone with games and activities for children, and live entertainment in this festival-like event.

Jeff Foxworthy has served as Roswell Day of Hope Honorary Chairperson since its inception. “The Roswell community shows its heart for neighbors in need through Roswell Day of Hope,” Foxworthy says. “The event is a real blessing to so many families, and reaches them right where they live with services that meet their immediate needs,” said Foxworthy. “I’m glad to be part of this community effort where people come together to offer their neighbors love, support and hope.”

Support and services offered at Roswell Day of Hope result in many life-change stories among families who attend. A homeless family receives a place to live, guests are diagnosed and start treatments for diabetes, men and women are interviewed and hired for jobs, and many more receive much-needed help and on-going connections with local social service organizations and churches. (MORE)

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Very often bare pantries are filled as free groceries are given to each family or individual who attends. Roswell Day of Hope provides the groceries through a partnership with Convoy of Hope, a national non-profit organization that provides emergency relief in cities around the world.

“Our community comes together each year for Roswell Day of Hope to help those less fortunate and it is a huge success,” said Roswell Mayor Jere Wood. “This event shows the caring and generosity of our residents and non-profit organizations. The people of Roswell make this a great community to live in and I know each year’s event will be even more successful.”

“Many people are not aware that 21% of the Roswell population earns less than \$35,000 annually, and the current economic downturn continues to increase the demand for our services,” said Barbara Duffy, Executive Director of North Fulton Community Charities. “The Roswell Day of Hope outreach is beneficial in meeting not only immediate needs, but important on-going needs as well.”

"While many in our community are struggling to make ends meet, the Roswell Day of Hope is a beacon of light amidst the uncertainty and vulnerability of today," said Georgia's United States Congressman Tom Price. "This is a wonderful partnership between the City of Roswell, area businesses, local churches, community groups, and generous individuals working together to provide a wide range of services to our neighbors in need. The Roswell Day of Hope is truly one of our community's finest expressions of charity and compassion."

Roswell Day of Hope begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, rain or shine. Free groceries will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No identification is required to receive services. A Volunteer Rally will be held for the 1,000 community volunteers who will serve at Roswell Day of Hope Saturday morning before the event, April 16 at 10 a.m., on the steps of Roswell City Hall. Volunteers can register for the event by calling 770-641-5606, or at www.hoperoswell.org.