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**Volunteers and the 10,000 families they serve experience
Christmas as it is meant to be experienced - - all through the
NCC Annual Christmas Basket Program**

Memphis, Tennessee – December 12, 2007 – Neighborhood Christian Centers (NCC) is gearing up for the holidays in a very large way. With an order placed to Memphis Foodbank for over 48,000 packages of Roma noodles and 24,000 packages each of green beans, corn, tuna, macaroni and cheese, vegetable beef stew, Mandarin oranges, and pinto beans... “baskets” were packaged up last week by volunteers to be delivered to the poor just in time for Christmas.

Everyone involved experiences Christmas as it is meant to be experienced - - serving others and giving thanks! Volunteers make it all happen by assembling the “baskets” and getting them to who is in need, and recipients give thanks for what they receive.

Warehouse space, donated by Loeb Properties, is where volunteers assembled baskets last Saturday, at 2542 Broad Street. This Saturday, December 15, NCC Church Affiliates will pick up the assembled baskets there and distribute them to those in need.

“Our Church Affiliates tell us who all has needs and we fill those needs,” said NCC Compassionate Ministries Director Janice Hollowell. “Only through NCC resources and volunteers are we able to order so much food and assemble so many baskets, allowing recipients to get what they need in such a short time frame and in time for Christmas.”

NCC’s Annual Christmas Basket Program started years ago with NCC and Second Presbyterian Church, specifically Larry Jensen and Ralph Braden who are all still very involved. In addition to this program, many of the basket recipients are served throughout the year by NCC within various ministries.

Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Memphis, Tennessee, whose mission is to provide compassionate, Christ-centered ministry to the practical and spiritual needs of the city’s poor. Founded in 1978, NCC serves approximately 100,000 individuals each year, addressing the development of the whole person through educational tutoring, mentoring, college prep and assistance, arts/cultural activities, money management training, career guidance, Biblical teaching, and food/clothing/financial assistance.

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