Atlanta Chapter Motherhood Support

 Basic Needs

Grady Rockers

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Two days each week throughout the year, every Friday and Sunday; 104 times per year

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted: $1,100 Spent: $0\* They provide educational booklets (see response to last question) but there were enough in stock so they did not incur any expense this year.

**Partnerships**

Grady Hospital of Atlanta to be one of our Outreach Partners.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 115

Age range of clients served newborn babies, often premature

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 20

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Hold, nurture and feed newborns

**Program Description**

To help nurture and feed the newborn babies in the Special Care Nursery.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Our members provide a service to Grady Hospital, assisting the nursing staff with the newborns. We also provide a service to the families who cannot be at the hospital.

Since 2005, our members have held, nurtured, and fed the newborns in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at Grady Hospital. This weekly ministry is one of the most enduring outreaches. The chapter has participated in several special projects at Grady, fulfilling our mission “to find a need and fill it.” They provided rocking chairs and wheelchairs to transport moms to and from the special-needs nursery. They decorated the NICU Family Waiting Room and added a bookshelf of reading and coloring books for waiting siblings. Every Christmas, they donate layettes for new mothers bringing their newborns home for the holidays. They also provide educational booklets to new parents, outlining essential information for newborns being released from the NICU.

The Chairwoman schedules all CCSA volunteers to assist at Grady. She coordinates with the nurses at Grady to determine their weekly needs. Members go through the volunteer desk at the hospital and report the Special Care Nursery to hold and feed the infants. They usually work a three-hour shift.

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