



# Central Presbyterian Church

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Timeline  
1858 - 2008



*“All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice...” - Erik Routley*

## Outreach & Advocacy Center



In 1984 the Food Pantry opened in the office of the Associate Pastor. By 1997 the Outreach Center was established, and in 2002 it was renamed the Central Outreach & Advocacy Center.



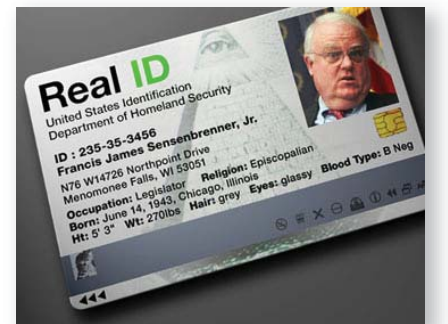
Each year almost **30,000** homeless and near-homeless people visit the OAC. In 2006 **960** households received **74,202** pounds of food from the OAC.



**860** guests received medical treatment through Central's partnership with St. Joseph's Mercy Care...**949** guests received eye exams...**1,084** guests were placed in treatment for addictions.



**2,617** Birth Certificates and identification cards were obtained for guests, making them eligible for employment and to receive certain government benefits.



**6,561** MARTA tokens and cards were issued for transportation to and from work or to receive medical treatment.

## Central Night Shelter

In the winter of 1980, Central Presbyterian Church offered its gymnasium to an ecumenical group of volunteers concerned about the growing problem of homelessness in Atlanta. Today the Central Night Shelter occupies spaces in Central and The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Every night from November through March, **90 to 100** homeless men are provided with a safe place to sleep, as well as dinner, and a sack lunch. The shelter is staffed each night with volunteers from more than **30** different churches, university groups, offices, companies, organizations, families, and individuals.



*At the Foot Clinic, more than **27,600** “soles” have been saved over **23** years.*

In 2000 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards were presented to the Central Outreach Center and Central Shelter Foot Clinic by Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and its Goizueta Business School.



# On Our Way Rejoicing

