



### Covid-19 and MDM

The Memorial Drive Ministries campus currently is closed. However, our partners creatively remain connected and providing services.

We invite you to come visit and get involved when the campus reopens.

Stay updated. Sign up for our [Memorial Drive Ministries newsletter](https://mdmATL.org) at [mdmATL.org](https://mdmATL.org) and like us on Facebook.

## A PLACE OF SANCTUARY, STRENGTH AND SERVICE IN THE GREATER CLARKSTON COMMUNITY

Located in the most diverse square mile in North America, Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM) is a church-based non-profit that fosters diverse worshipping communities, innovative social services, and transformative relationships.

Memorial Drive Ministries nurtures a safe, collaborative, and welcoming environment for the vibrant ministries that call the Memorial Drive campus, “home.”



## INNOVATIVE SOCIAL SERVICES

**The Greater Clarkston community is home to thousands of resettled refugees, people who fled persecution in their home countries and who have been invited to begin rebuilding their lives here in Georgia. Every week, resettled refugees and other community members come to the Memorial Drive campus for literacy programs, educational classes, recreational opportunities, job training, cultural events, and integration support. In these spaces of mutual collaboration, we are investing in the social capital of our neighbors and friends.**

### YOU CAN HELP.

Get to know the various ministries who call MDM, “home.” If you are inspired to take action, go to [mdmATL.org](https://mdmATL.org) and under the “Resources” tab, select, “How you can help.”



The mission of **Amani Women Center** is to educate and empower refugee and immigrant women with culturally sensitive tools that contribute to their overall well-being. We provide a sewing program, job placement, job education, middle school tutoring, youth group, and many other opportunities to work with the missions and ministries on the MDM campus. **The Sewing Academy** is an expansion of a social enterprise program by Amani Women Center (AWC) of Clarkston, GA. Refugee women participating in this program are in need of a safe space where they can continue making the products that they are already making as well as have an opportunity to acquire additional sewing skills.





An afterschool initiative of Shalom International Ministry, **Inspire** directly responds to the needs of refugee and immigrant youth in the Clarkston community. We offer middle school students a safe place to spend their evenings with healthy snacks, enrichment activities, and academic support. In addition, we seek to increase family involvement in student education. Many refugee and immigrant youth have experienced little or interrupted formal education. As English language learners, they face the challenge of

adjusting to middle school while also navigating a new educational system, a new language, and a new cultural context. [shalominternationalministry.com/inspire](http://shalominternationalministry.com/inspire)



**Just Bakery** of Atlanta is a non-profit organization that trains, certifies, and employs refugees at a living wage. We partner with our bakers to create diverse, life-giving community and economic security as they settle into their new homes and lives in the Atlanta area. [www.justbakeryatl.org](http://www.justbakeryatl.org)

**Refugee Family Literacy** (aka “Mommy & Me”) is a non-profit intergenerational school that simultaneously serves refugee women and their young children in Clarkston, Georgia. We offer ESOL classes for refugee women and an early childhood development program for their children, ages 0-5. [www.mommyandmefamilyliteracy.com](http://www.mommyandmefamilyliteracy.com)



At **Solid Foundation**, our mission is to educate, expose, and create a well-balanced child from Kindergarten through 12th grade. With a caring culture of trust and collaboration, we are committed to supporting the educational development of young minds that will catapult them into their destiny. [solidfoundationchristianacademy.com](http://solidfoundationchristianacademy.com)

**Global Growers** bridges the gap between the resettled refugee community and the Georgia agricultural community. On the front lawn of the Memorial Drive campus, Global Growers manages 30 raised bed garden plots that are used by community members and members of our onsite churches and educational programs. Thanks to Global Growers, our community garden is thriving, we are reconnecting with local soil, and we are practicing how to share its many gifts with one another. [www.globalgrowers.org](http://www.globalgrowers.org)



Thanks to a partnership with **Friends of Refugee’s** Youth Programs, the Memorial Drive campus was filled with students and children taking part in **Summer Camp** in June and July 2019. We saw campers swinging on the playground, passing a soccer ball in the gym, reading together in the lawn, and singing together in the courtyard. We’re always happy to host programs that offer safe space for growth and development.

## WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

Every Sunday, the name of the Lord is praised in numerous languages on the Memorial Drive campus. We believe that all people are made in the image of God, created to worship, and that worship happens best when it is conducted in the vernacular, heart language of the people.

Throughout the week, the campus is filled with the songs, prayers, and sermons of:



**Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of 100 members, representing the multi-cultural neighborhood in which the church is located. Our mission is “to be a

beloved community, grounded in prayer, where everyone can grow in faithfulness to God. We nurture the beloved community through engaging worship, radical hospitality, and partnering in Christian service in our community.” Sundays, 10:30 a.m. - [www.mdpc.atlpcusa.org](http://www.mdpc.atlpcusa.org)

**Mara Christian Church in America** gathers each week for worship and singing with a keyboard and guitar in the Mara Chin language. We rotate preaching responsibilities. Sundays, 11 a.m.



**Shalom International Ministry** is a Presbyterian New Worshiping Community with 50-75 members. Our mission is: “Grounded in God’s grace, Shalom is a cross-cultural ministry that seeks to witness to the promise of God’s holistic peace (shalom) embodied in Jesus Christ.

Following after Jesus Christ’s ministry, we seek to address the social, economic, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of the full person. Our ministry is oriented around the core values of Worship, Learning, Hospitality, and Healing.” Sundays, 6:30 p.m. [shalominternationalministry.com](http://shalominternationalministry.com)



**Zo Presbyterian Church** gathers weekly for worship, fellowship and outreach to the community. They worship in the Zo language. Sundays, 2 p.m.

## TRANSFORMATIVE RELATIONSHIPS



The **Ballin' Blazers** is one of the most active recreation groups that meets on the campus that keeps the Memorial Drive gym court busy with basketball and youth mentoring on weekday

evenings. Our mission is to provide a safe and productive environment that enables children to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. Every child who participates grows in strength and character. Participation is open to all boys and girls in the metro Atlanta area.

**Druk American Shito Ryu Karate Do (DASK)** is a unique form of martial arts that developed in the refugee camps of the Bhutan/Nepal border. Since being resettled in the United States, Bhutanese Americans have kept this art form alive and are now using it to teach discipline, respect, and integrity to a new generation of young people. The Memorial Drive gym offers DASK a great space for their karate lessons every weekend.



**Matina Dance Academy** offers instruction in international dance to children and students. We welcome participants of all experience levels and from across the diverse community of Clarkston. Classes are in the evenings and instruction is typically in English and Nepali.

**Memorial Drive Badminton** is in the gym every Sunday afternoon. This local community of badminton enthusiasts from around the world stays healthy and connected with one another by meeting regularly for exercise, fellowship, and fun on the badminton court.



Through a partnership with **Shalom International Ministry**, a **Girl Scout Troop** meets twice per month. Watch for Girl Scout cookies in the Spring.

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