

## **Stories from Geo-Area 1 (South Cobb)**

### **The Power of Caring & Listening**

Orange Band Day - December 16, 2011 @ South Cobb High School

Orange Band Day is a special on-campus "active listening" event that provides students with a safe outlet to express their issues to caring adults from our community. Unite! Cobb Area 1 church leaders joined with other sector leaders to be active listeners to everyone they encountered. They wore an orange band to show they were a trained, designated listener. As active listeners we simply listened to whatever problem or issue a student presented without judgment or commentary; we just listened. This semi-annual event is an opportunity to show how much we care for the students by taking the time to listen to their concerns. It has proven to be an opportunity to build trust and open doors for more impact in our schools.