2010 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

TO EXPRESS THE LOVE OF GOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH PRACTICAL ACTION IN THE GREATER GREENSBORO AREA.







GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010, 2:30 PM | NEWBRIDGE BANK PARK

"If it wasn't for this kitchen, I wouldn't have a place to eat."

That was the sentiment expressed by 59 year-old Yong Suggs when asked about Potter's House Community Kitchen, one that she says is shared by the more than 400 people who receive a hot meal there daily. "Potter's House is a big break for people in Greensboro – nobody is going hungry."

Ending hunger in Greensboro is clearly a reality thanks to Potter's House Community Kitchen, and in larger part, to the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk which provides funding for the kitchen. Of the nearly \$200,000 received last year through our CROP Hunger Walk, 25% stayed in Greensboro to provide for the hungry in our community. The other 75% went to Church World Service (CWS) to provide assistance around the world as the need arises.

An example of the great work of CWS is their response to the earthquake in Haiti, where children are back in classes now, in a standing and safe building that CWS helped purchase. "Despite the multiple challenges of implementing programs in the post-earthquake environment, CWS has accomplished much, and continues to work to address unmet needs," said Aaron Tate, the Haiti earthquake response coordinator for Church World Service.

From the immediate hours after the quake and ongoing — including the distribution of hygiene, school and baby kits, tents, wheelchairs, medical kits and other supplies — CWS efforts have directly assisted at least 41,750 individuals so far; CWS is also working as a member of the global ACT Alliance, which has provided assistance to 341,000 Haitians.

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is one way that we can express the love of God to people in need through practical action both in the greater Greensboro area and around the world. CROP is making a difference in the life of Ms. Suggs and countless others like her, but we need your help to continue our success! That's why we are inviting you to join us for the 30th Anniversary of the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk where we will join together as a Community Responding to Overcome Poverty. With a goal of \$300,000, we hope that everyone will join in whether they walk or sponsor a walker. Every contribution is needed and appreciated.

CROP KICK-OFF RALLY AND FOOD FOR ALL CONCERT AUGUST 28TH 1-5PM | CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THANK YOU TO OUR CROP SPONSORS

We rely on corporate and individual sponsors to help subsidize the costs of the CROP Walk. Recognition on the back of the T-shirt gives visibility to products and services, recognizes the commitment to community, connects to communities where employees live, and develops camaraderie among employees in the walks.

We would like to thank our CROP Sponsors for their continued support.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE INVOLVED?

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the 2nd largest CROP Hunger Walk in the nation, please contact Christine Byrd at byrd@guministry.org or call 271.5959 ext. 339 or visit us online at www.greatergreensborocropwalk.org. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter! All can be accessed through the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk website.

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2010 SERVING GREENSBORO TOGETHER RESULTS

Nearly 150,000 meals have been served this year in Potter's House Community Kitchen thanks to the generosity of the Greensboro Community and to the support of Serving Greensboro Together which raised nearly \$24,000 to help fund Potter's House.

From the single mother who was able to enjoy a nutritious meal with her children instead of worrying about what she could scrape together to eat and whether there would be enough, to the construction worker struggling to make ends meet who came up short at the end of the month, to the disabled Weaver House resident who is waiting for his disability to be approved so that he can get back on his feet, your generosity is touching the lives of those in need and allowing them to see God's love in their lives.

So, whether you dined out at a participating restaurant, or you are a restaurant owner who donated proceeds, know that you are making a difference in your community, you are positively impacting the lives of others, and you are helping to end hunger. Thank you.

1618 Seafood Grille Acropolis Restaurant Anton's Arigato Japanese Steakhouse Baskin Robbins (Battleground Ave) Bender's Tavern Bert's Seafood Grille Bianca's, An Italian Eatery Bill's Pizza Pub (High Point Rd) Bill's Pizza Pub (Oak Ridge) Bill's Pizza Pub (Randleman Rd) Binh Minh Bistro Sofia Bonnie Kay Seafood Brixx Woodfired Pizza Buffalo's Pub & Grill (Battleground Ave) Buffalo's Pub & Grill (High Point Rd) Captain Bill's Seafood Restaurant Center Grove Grill & Soda Shop Cincy's Downtown Country Kitchen East Coast Wings & Grill Elizabeth's Pizza (Battleground Ave) Elizabeth's Pizza (Bridford Pkwy) Elizabeth's Pizza (Groometown Rd) Elizabeth's Pizza (Lawndale Dr) Elizabeth's Pizza (Quaker Village) Elizabeth's Pizza (Summit Ave) First Carolina Deli **Fishbones** Fishers Grille Ghassan's Green Valley Grill Ham's (Brassfield)

J. Butler's Bar & Grill (High Point Rd) J. Butler's Bar & Grill (New Garden Rd) Jack's Corner Mediterranean Jam's Deli Juice Shop Smoothies (Grandview Ave) Juice Shop Smoothies (Lawndale Dr) Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse Leblon Brazilian Steak House Libby Hill Seafood (Cotswold Terr) Libby Hill Seafood (High Point Rd) Libby Hill Seafood (Randleman Rd) Libby Hill Seafood (Summit Ave) Liberty Oak Restaurant & Bar Lox, Stock & Bagel Lucky 32 Southern Kitchen Maria's Gourmet Catering Maxie B's Mayflower Seafood (Randleman Rd) M'Coul's Public House Midori Japanese Restaurant Mikhael's Café & Catering Monesi Brazilian Buffet Mykonos Grill Oakcrest Family Restaurant OPA! Greek Cuisine Papa John's Pizza (Battleground Ave) Papa John's Pizza (E Cone Blvd) Papa John's Pizza (New Garden Rd) Papa John's Pizza (S Holden Rd) Papa John's Pizza (Spring Garden) Papa John's Pizza (Stanley Rd) Papa John's Pizza (US Hwy 220 N) Pastabilities Pavilion Penny's Restaurant Pollo Pizza Pasta Port City Java Positano Italian Restaurant Print Works Bistro Rio Grande Riva's Trattoria Saffron Indian Cuisine Sakura Ichiban Sapporo Fantasy Japanese Steak House Singha Thai Restaurant Smith Street Diner Spring Garden Bakery & Coffee House Stamev's Barbecue (Battleground Ave) Stamey's Barbecue (High Point Rd) Sticks and Stones Taste of Thai Taste of Troy Restaurant Tate Street Coffee House Tex & Shirley's Family Restaurant (Friendly Center) The Bistro The Coffee Break The Green Bean Tokyo Grill (Lawndale Dr)



for Greensboro Urban Ministry













Wall Street Deli and Catering

Yum Yum Better Ice Cream

Undercurrent

Village Tavern

Villa Italian

Wok-N-Roll

Ham's (E. Cone Blvd)

Herbie's Place

Ham's (High Point Rd)

Hogan's Groovy Gourmet

Imperial Koi Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar

STEPHEN MINISTRY



On Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m., we will begin our 2010 Stephen Ministry training class. Stephen Ministry training combines good psychology and good theology to prepare people to offer Christian caregiving to the guests and clients we serve at Greensboro Urban Ministry. We will meet each Tuesday evening from 7:00.-9:00 at Grace Community Church (643 W. Lee Street) through March 2nd. Some of the topics we will be covering include listening skills, confidentiality, crisis intervention, working with the poor, and dealing with addiction, along with many other topics.

When you have completed your training as a Stephen Minister, you will be commissioned into an active caring ministry working under supervision. You will be able to offer effective and caring ministry to those we serve. Think and pray about this opportunity for service. I look forward to hearing from you.

For questions, contact Rev. Frank Dew, fdew@guministry.org or 336-271-5959 ext. 327.



WEAVER HOUSE: A BEACON OF HOPE

By Michael Strong

Mention the Weaver House Emergency Shelter and you'll likely hear varying descriptions of its services and staff. Some say the program doesn't offer enough services. Many consider the staff too strict. Others praise Weaver House and say it provided exactly what they needed when they needed it.

During my tenure as shelter manager I've heard all of that and then some. But more importantly, I've been around to bear witness to what, exactly, Weaver House provides for the community it serves. I can tell you unequivocally that Weaver House provides a program that is consistent in its scope. For example, through the North Carolina A&T nursing interns, the Congregational Nursing and Social Work intern program at UNC-Greensboro and the A&T Social Work program, Weaver House clients are being connected to a wide array of services designed to help improve their quality of life. What's more, former military men and women are being referred to the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, or MCVET, in Baltimore. Additionally, a strong provider network has been developed between Weaver House and agencies like Bridgeway Behavioral, Caring Services in High Point, the Salvation Army, Greensboro Housing Coalition, Greensboro Housing Authority, and the Interactive Resource Center (IRC). And the recent success of the WE! (Winter Emergency) shelter is another shining example of the care clients are shown, the help they're offered and the way community resources are shared with them at Greensboro Urban Ministry and Weaver House.

Of course, it's easy for me to brag about Greensboro Urban Ministry and Weaver House, but the accolades sound far better coming from an actual client who knows firsthand just what we're about. Recently, we received a letter of thanks from a former guest. It reads:

Dear Mr. Strong,

I saved my money in hopes that a better situation would arise and stayed at Urban Ministry until you had done all you could and couldn't do anymore for me. Then I moved on to the Salvation Army, where I met an older gentleman in a camouflage uniform.

The man told me I wasn't too old to rejoin, and he told me not to go see a regular Army recruiter but instead to go see a National Guard recruiter on Franklin Boulevard. I took his advice and was told I could rejoin. After 16 years, at age 50, I was sworn back into the military on Jan. 11, 2001! As a Vietnam veteran and now an Iraqi veteran who plans to retire May 2010, I can truly say that you, your staff and others affiliated with Greensboro Urban Ministry and Weaver House were a big part of my recovery and in helping me fight to win this nation's freedom. Thanks and God Bless.

The Weaver House offers its guests a firm foundation for stability, a clean, healthy environment and a spiritually based atmosphere where they can sort out issues and get themselves together. Weekly 12 Step meetings, daily prayer services, Stephen Ministry mentors, and prayer breakfasts all support the Greensboro Urban Ministry's mission "to express the love of God to people in need through practical action in the Greater Greensboro area."

(Michael Strong has taken a position as Intake Outreach Coordinator with the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training in Baltimore. We wish Michael the best in his new career.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EVENT	DAY	TIME	WHERE
CROP Kick Off Rally & Concert	August 28	1-5 pm	Christ UMC 410 N. Holden Road
Stephen Ministry Training	September 7	7:00 pm	Grace Community Church 643 W. Lee Street
Play for Hope	September 10	8:00 am	Bryan Park 6268 Bryan Park Road
Fall Grocery Store Food Drive	September 24 & 25	All day	Participating grocery stores
Festival at the Mount	September 25	3-8 pm	Mt. Pleasant UMC 5120 Burlington Road
30th Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk	October 17	2:30 pm	NewBridge Bank Park Downtown Greensboro
William Mangum Honor Card Lunch	November 4	11:30 am	Christ UMC 410 N. Holden Road
Feast of Caring	November 18	5-7 pm	First Baptist Church 1000 West Friendly Avenue



FUNDRAISING AT-A-GLANCE

Friends of Greensboro Urban Ministry donated money for artist William Mangum to keep his pants off. Somehow, Bill managed to collect over \$1,000. On March 30, *Skirt!* magazine held its second anniversary fundraiser at Refs Sports Bar and Restaurant. Thank you, Bill, for being a good sport!



On April 29, Jim Grote (left), CEO and Donatos Pizza founder, served pizza at Potter's House. Donatos donated pizza to feed 300-400 people as part of the Urban Ministry's mission to the community. Betty Brown (center) is our new Director of Food Distribution. Mike Aiken (right)



American Express donated a check for \$1,242 when they completed their participation in the Spring Food Drive. In addition to the check, they collected 1,056 pounds of food and their employees sorted the food in our Food Bank.

UPCOMING EVENTS



PLAY FOR HOPE

SEPTEMBER 10

Bryan Park

Registration forms now available for the second annual WMSUMC Golf Tournament.

Proceeds benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry and The Salvation Army

Contact: Elizabeth Montgomery, West Market Street UMC emontgomery@wmsumc.org or 336-275-4587

FESTIVAL AT THE MOUNT

SEPTEMBER 25

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

Enjoy an afternoon and evening of GREAT bluegrass music featuring North Carolina's own, The Grass Cats. A mouth-watering barbeque chicken dinner will be sold at 4:30 p.m. This event is FREE!

Donations to benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry's Partnership Village are encouraged. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets. No coolers or pets.

Contact: Joy Cobb, 336-707-2507 or jcobb@mountpleasantumc.org festivalatthemount.org

LEADERSHIP GREENSBORO SENIORS SEMI-ANNUAL GROCERY STORE FOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

Leadership Greensboro Seniors, an active group of retired and semi-retired senior citizens, will conduct its semi-annual food drive to benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry and the hungry in our community. Volunteers from over fifty congregations in the city are collecting the food at participating grocery store locations throughout Greensboro.

Since its inception in 1992 the drive has grown dramatically both in terms of volunteer congregations and participating stores, as well as in the amount of food collected. This past spring, for example, over 86,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected and distributed to needy families through Greensboro Urban Ministry. Over the past year, 22,670 men, women, and children were assisted with emergency food!

When you shop at your favorite grocery store, plan to purchase one of those items which are listed on the flyer you will receive at the store. The following stores are participating in the September food drive: Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Lowe's Food, Compare, Bestway, and Earth Fare.

We are in special need of tuna, beef stew, peanut butter, canned fruit, dried milk, and oatmeal.

Attention State and Federal Employees

You can designate your pledge to Greensboro Urban Ministry through the State Employees Combined Campaign (charity code 1511) or the Combined Federal Campaign, or the City/County Employees Campaign (charity code 6070).

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY RECEIVES A FOUR STAR RATING!

Greensboro Urban Ministry receives a four star rating! Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. The majority of the 5,500 charities on their site have three and 4-star ratings meaning that we are good stewards of donors' contributions. Visit our website, greensborourbanministry.org and click on the Charity Navigator logo to review our four star rating.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE

Volunteers to help tutor/mentor school-aged children from 3:00pm-5:00pm. A minimum six month commitment during the school year is required.

Church group to provide Worship/Bible Study for approximately 70 children on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights

PATHWAYS CENTER

Groups to provide a breakfast, brunch or dinner meal to approximately 35-45 residents including children who reside at the Center.

WEAVER HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER

Groups to provide a dinner meal for approximately 100 guests living at the shelter. Volunteers to help register guests/clients, provide a listening ear/support and dispense toiletry items as needed to residents living at the shelter.

PROGRAM WISH LIST

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

New T-shirts/undergarments for men/women, diapers, Pampers, Ensure, baby formula (Enfamil with Iron), school uniforms (khaki's, blue/black pants, short/long sleeve white polo shirts), hand sanitizers, Lysol/Clorox disinfectant wipes, feminine hygiene products, and bathroom tissue

POTTER'S HOUSE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

New white kitchen cloths, non-perishable food items

PATHWAYS CENTER

Large hygiene items for families: deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizers

WEAVER HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER

Powdered laundry detergent, Ziploc Storage Bags, Lysol/ Clorox disinfectant wipes, hygiene items (lotion, deodorant, soap, razors, powder) indoor games (chess, checkers), reading glasses, towels

"Ultimately, the only way to experience the richness of life is to live in an attitude of gratitude: to appreciate what you have and what you can give.

The best way to ensure your happiness is to assist others in experiencing their own"

Anthony Robbins

YOU ARE INVITED

TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH PEOPLE IN NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

- Prepare and serve meals to the hungry
- Help manage shelters for single adults and families
- Lend assistance in the clothing bank
- Interview clients applying for emergency assistance
- Receive, sort, and distribute food donations
- Mentor and support people in crisis situations
- Offer group meals, children's activities and tutoring

Want to volunteer? Contact Gail Gore-Lewis (336) 271-5959 ext. 305 or Jamie E. Bryant ext. 304. Visit our website at greensborourbanministry.org.



"I am making a difference."

Ginny Snider surveys Potter's House with her ever-present, joyful smile. A volunteer for the last 18 years, Ginny is the Team Leader at Potter's House Community Kitchen on Wednesdays. "I am making a difference. A little difference, but a difference," says Ginny, who feels the need to return the blessings that she has experienced in her life.

MARCH - JULY 2010 MEMORIALS



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Becky Sanders
Apartment for 5 months
In Memory of Bruce Sanders
Jim & Susan Krasula
Apartment for 2 months

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St. Johns UMC
Single for 1 month
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POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE

Mt. Pleasant UMC

Helen Davidson
1 month
In Memory of Martha & Fred Montgomery
Bob Green
1 month in Memory of Alice Green

	WEAVER HOUSE BED	POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE	CHILD CARE	PATHWAYS APARTMENT	PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE SPONSOR	
					SINGLE FAMILY	
DAY	\$5	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$4	\$5
WEEK	\$25	\$50	\$60	\$65	\$25	\$39
MONTH	\$100	\$150	\$240	\$250	\$100	\$153