

# God's Love in Action



## Serving Greensboro Together

HELPING TO END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

1 IN 4 CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDER THE AGE OF 5 WILL GO HUNGRY AT SOME POINT THIS YEAR.

- "Food Hardship: A Closer Look at Hunger" (January 26, 2010). Food Research and Action Center.

In a community with such a wealth of agricultural resources it is nearly unfathomable that 1 in 4 children will go hungry this year. This statistic is, however, a sad reality. Although it has decreased from 10.3% in 2010 to 9.8% in 2011, Guilford County's unemployment rate continues to remain above both state and federal rates. This means that fewer Guilford County residents are working, paying their bills, or meeting their basic living expenses. In fact, according to the US Census Bureau, nearly 18% of Guilford County residents live in poverty. With statistics such as these, it is no wonder that Potter's House Community Kitchen continues to serve a hot, nutritious lunch to more than 400 people every day. During the summer and on weekends, the number of children served increases since free and reduced lunches aren't available.

Twenty years ago, a small group of individuals wanted to make a difference in the statistic, to help ensure that everyone in Guilford County who was hungry would have somewhere to go to receive a meal. Recognizing the desire of the restaurant community to make a difference, Serving Greensboro Together was born with 100 restaurants who agreed to donate 10% of one day's sales. Since 1993, on the first Tuesday in May, Serving Greensboro Together has offered the community a chance to make a difference by simply following their normal daily routine. Diners simply eat out at their favorite participating restaurant and 10% of their bill is donated to Potter's House Community Kitchen. Over the past 20 years, **nearly \$400,000** has been raised.

On this, the 20th anniversary of Serving Greensboro Together, we hope that you will help us continue the tradition of Serving Greensboro Together by dining at a participating restaurant. Please seriously consider eating out for breakfast, lunch and dinner on May 1st and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. Perhaps make an event of it and organize a group lunch or dinner! What better way to enjoy time with loved ones than while making a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate by doing something you enjoy?

A full list of participating Triad restaurants may be found online at DiningOutForHunger.org, or visit our website at GreensboroUrbanMinistry.org and click on the Serving Greensboro Together logo. Also, if you would like more information, please contact Christine Byrd at byrd@guministry.org or 553.2656.



In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Serving Greensboro Together, we are excited to announce that the News & Record will be running Daily Deals the week of May 1st with 30% of the proceeds coming to Potter's House Community Kitchen. This is a great way to save money and give back to the community all at the same time!

### 2012 Serving Greensboro Together

#### PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

1618 Seafood Grille

1618 Wine Lounge

Acropolis Restaurant

African Continental Cuisine

Anton's

Bender's Tavern

Bill's Pizza Pub (High Point Rd)

Bill's Pizza Pub (Oak Ridge)

Bill's Pizza Pub (Randleman Rd)

Binh Minh

Brixx Woodfired Pizza

Café Pasta

Captain Bill's Seafood Restaurant

Center Grove Grill & Soda Shop

Cincy's Downtown

Country Kitchen

Elizabeth's Italian Restaurant (Oak Ridge)

Elizabeth's Pizza (Battleground Ave)

Elizabeth's Pizza (Bridford Pkwy)

Elizabeth's Pizza (Groometown Rd)

Elizabeth's Pizza (Lawndale Dr)

Elizabeth's Pizza (Summit Ave)

Emma Key's Flat-Top Grill

First Carolina Deli

Fishbones

Fishers Grille

Ghassan's (Cornwallis Dr)

Ghassan's (Battleground Ave)

Ghassan's (High Point Rd)

Green Valley Grill

Herbie's Place

Imperial Koi Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar

IPD Eatery & Grill

Jack's Corner Mediterranean

Jam's Deli

Juice Shop Smoothies (Grandview Ave)

Juice Shop Smoothies (Lawndale Dr)

Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar

Libby Hill Seafood (High Point Rd)

Libby Hill Seafood (Randleman Rd)

Libby Hill Seafood (Summit Ave)

Lox, Stock & Bagel

Lucky 32 Southern Kitchen

Maxie B's

Mayflower Seafood (Randleman Rd)

Mythos Grill (Market St)

Mythos Grill (Battleground Ave)

Oakcrest Family Restaurant

**Pastabilities** 

Pavilion

Penny's Restaurant

Poblano's Mexican Bar and Grill (Battleground Ave)

Poblano's Mexican Bar and Grill (Friendly Center)

Poblano's Mexican Bar and Grill (High Point Rd)

Positano Italian Restaurant

Print Works Bistro

Red Mango

Rio Grande

Saffron Indian Cuisine

Sapporo Fantasy Japanese Steak House

Spring Garden Bakery & Coffee House

Stamey's Barbecue (Battleground Ave)

Stamey's Barbecue (High Point Rd)

Sticks and Stones

Taste of Thai

Taste Yogurt Bar

Tex & Shirley's Family Restaurant (Friendly Center)

The Bistro

The Corner Slice

The Green Bean

Village Tavern

Yum Yum Better Ice Cream

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### Leading the Nation

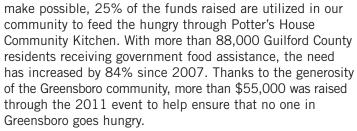
IN FIGHTING HUNGER

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run once again was a hunger fighting leader, holding the second largest CROP event in the nation and raising over \$222,000 to fight hunger locally and globally. Says Joe Moran, Church World Service Regional Director, "I can't tell you how inspired I am by the dedication to addressing the world's No. 1 health risk: hunger and malnutrition – not just in Greensboro but in places where hunger is even more devastating."

With nearly 1 billion people living in poverty worldwide, monies raised through CROP Hunger Walks are utilized by Church World Service to give people a hand up so that they can raise not only themselves, but others, out of poverty. In Belgrade, Serbia, CWS worked with Roma refugee Adnan, who was subsisting on just \$60-100 a month for his family of five. A \$2,000 grant, matched with \$1,600 of his own money, allowed Adnan to purchase a machine to mix a stucco type product used to plaster homes. Adnan utilizes this machine to mix appropriate ingredients which he then packages and delivers to customers. Thanks to the loan which enabled Adnan to grow his business, he now makes \$500 a month, has been able to send his children to school, and has trained 10 apprentices so that they, too, might have a better life.

"Thank you so much for the grant that enabled my wife and me to earn money and send our children to school," says Adnan. "Yes, thank you," continues his wife, Nevah. "Thank you for the machine. Life has changed so much I can't even describe it. All I can say is that now, life is beautiful!"

In addition to the international work that CROP Hunger Walks



Realizing that hunger and poverty continue to plague our community, our country, and the world, plans are already underway to continue to grow our event so that, working together, we can end hunger. If you are interested in helping to organize a team, please contact Christine Byrd at byrd@guministry.org.







# Greensboro Symphony presents Scout Night

A BENEFIT FOR THE GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

Thursday, May 3 - 7:30pm | Saturday, May 5 - 8:00pm War Memorial Auditorium Guest Artist, Richard Ollarsaba

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS OR A MONETARY DONATION FOR GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY.

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### Welcome!



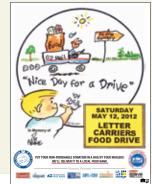
We are proud to introduce Steve Sandercock as the Assistant Director of the Emergency Assistance Program. Steve says he is thrilled to be at Greensboro Urban Ministry after twenty-seven years of teaching. Moving to Greensboro in 1997 with his wife (Tara) and son (Jeremy), he taught and coached at Dudley and Page High

Schools. A member of Guilford Park Presbyterian, Steve began volunteering with Potter's House and organizing congregational food drives. He enjoys tennis, reading and live music.

# National Association of Letter Carriers

FOOD DRIVE

Place your non-perishable food donations by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12. Your letter carrier will deliver them to Greensboro Urban Ministry's Food Bank and the Salvation Army.



### One of Many Outstanding Volunteers



For Nancy Tilley, volunteering is a way of life. She began serving lunch at Greensboro Urban Ministry in 1983, on the very first Tuesday that meals were offered to the public. She has been part of the Tuesday lunch crew ever since.

Nancy remembers when Potter's House began serving lunch to the community.

"The kitchen was at Pathways then, and although we had fewer clients, they were very hungry," she recalls. Rummaging through dumpsters was commonplace because the hungry did not have many other options. There was very little security. Now, 29 years later, Potter's House has become an organized outreach that regularly serves between 400 and 600 meals every day.

When asked about her motivation for volunteering, Nancy quickly points to Matthew 25:37-41. "Jesus told us to minister to the hungry, and I feel like I was called to do that. I've always been loved and feel like some of our clients

have never been loved—I want to give them a smile." She is also quick to recognize the service and camaraderie of her fellow volunteers. "The 'Tuesday bunch,' as we call ourselves, is a family. We support each other and pray for each other." Volunteer teams from other days at Potter's House would likely affirm that sentiment as well.

Nancy attends Glenwood United Methodist Church and also volunteers through the Gideons by leading a women's Bible study at the Guilford County jail. She has done this for fifteen years, and one of her favorite ministries is sharing the Gideon testaments with people at Potter's House. Her most enjoyable interactions with clients have come from sharing the love of Christ in this way. "I've learned not to be judgmental of anyone," she notes.

Greensboro Urban Ministry is blessed and grateful for dedicated volunteers like Nancy. Our efforts could not succeed without them. A big, heartfelt "Thank You!" to all our volunteers, and to Nancy Tilley as she begins her 30th year with us!

### 2012 Calendar of Events

| EVENT                                     | DAY         | LOCATION                                    |
|---|-------------|---|
| Biscuitville Campus Relay Race            | April 21    | Center City Park, Downtown Greensboro       |
| Serving Greensboro Together               | May 1       | Participating restaurants                   |
| Scout Night at the Greensboro Symphony    | May 3 & 5   | War Memorial Auditorium                     |
| Letter Carriers Food Drive                | May 12      | Place canned food near your mailbox         |
| Stephen Ministry Open House               | June 19     | Greensboro Urban Ministry                   |
| Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk & Run | October 14  | NewBridge Bank Park, Downtown Greensboro    |
| Honor Card Kick-Off Luncheon              | November 1  | Christ United Methodist, 410 N. Holden Rd.  |
| Feast of Caring                           | November 15 | First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Friendly Ave. |

# Craig's Story

BEYOND GUM, WEAVER HOUSE

Selflessness and the love of a father brought Craig Byrd, 37, to Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House last year. The father of two had been living in a boarding house and was making just enough money to pay his weekly rent with little left over. With his youngest daughter graduating from high school in New York, Craig knew that he could not afford to pay his rent and travel expenses. So the dedicated father decided to stay at Weaver House for a month to save his money. This proved to be a life-changing decision, one which he says was divinely orchestrated.

While a guest at Weaver House, Craig met GUM Employment Specialist Audrey Thornton. Upon seeing Craig's background in food service and knowing that there was an opening in Potter's House Community Kitchen, it seemed providential. Audrey recommended Craig for the position and he was hired just four days before his daughter's graduation. Worried that it would look bad to ask for time off the first week on the job, Craig missed seeing his daughter receive her diploma. However, this seeming disappointment had a silver lining.

After obtaining his position at Potter's House, Craig worked with GUM Housing Specialist Brent Wilson to locate an apartment. Through the Beyond GUM program, Craig received the financial assistance necessary to move

in and the case management to ensure that he maintained his housing. No longer in a boarding house, Craig had more space and flexibility. So when his daughter called and asked if she and her son could come to live with him, he did something which just months before would have been impossible – he said "yes."

Today Craig is teaching his grandson the value of hard work and says that he sees his work as a calling. Having always wanted to give back, he is finally able to help the less fortunate through his everyday work.



### Volunteer Opportunities

#### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Interview guests to assess crisis situations and eligibility for financial assistance. Must be at least 21 years old, High School Diploma or GED; minimum semester or six-month commitment, minimum four-hour shift per week.

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm

#### PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE

Tutor children ranging in age from elementary to high school; help with homework; assist group leaders with special projects, snacks and other after-school activities. Must be at least 18 years old, High School Diploma or GED; minimum semester or six-month commitment, one shift per week (Tuesday or Thursday, preferably both days).

HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30pm-5:00pm



#### WEAVER HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER

Assist staff with checking-in new guests, interact with guests to assess needs, help with laundry, and provide encouragement. Must be at least 21 years old, High School Diploma or GED; minimum semester or six-month commitment, one shift per week.

HOURS: Nightly 6:00pm-9:00pm

If you are interested in volunteering for the opportunities listed, you may contact Gail Gore-Lewis, Director Volunteer Services, at (336) 553-2642 or Ben Rumley, Assistant Director Volunteer Services, at (336) 553-2641.

### Estate Planning

Remember Greensboro Urban Ministry in your will and estate plans. GUM works with The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Aiken, (336) 553-2639 or aiken@guministry.org.

### Wake Forest Distinguished Alumnus Award

REV. MIKE AIKEN



Wake Forest has been a major part of my life now for nearly fifty years. I'll never forget the college night at my high school when I decided that Wake Forest was the place for me. I have had no regrets. It was at Wake that I found and understood my calling in life "to bring good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight

to the blind (Luke 4:18)." Our Lord is a champion of the underdog: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the prisoner, the sick, the widow, and the orphan. It was through my religion classes at Wake Forest where I studied the Bible, church history, and theology, that I really understood what

Jesus was talking about. I guess an extension of my passion for justice and the love of the Lord is my passion for Wake Forest, a passion that definitely extends into sports. Often pulling for Wake Forest is pulling for the underdog. The joy of experiencing the win of the underdog is a joy that makes you want to roll the quad! I pray for the day soon when the hungry will be fed and the homeless housed, so that we can indeed roll the quad in celebration of a victory in the spirit of "pro humanitate"!

I am honored and humbled to be a recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award means so much to me because Wake Forest is so special. I am proud to be a Deacon!

### Bruce Springsteen

SUPPORTS GREENSBORO FOOD BANK

Fans of Bruce Springsteen donated over 2,000 pounds of food and gave over \$3,000 to support Greensboro Urban Ministry's efforts to reduce and end hunger and homelessness in our community. Another \$2,000 was raised thanks to an auction of tickets donated by Mr. Springsteen. Fans cheered, danced, and celebrated all night during his "Wrecking Ball" concert at the Greensboro Coliseum on March 19.



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### Stephen Ministry Open House

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 | GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

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. 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. It will be a good time to come and learn more about the Stephen Ministry program.

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 336-553-2651.



The newly commissioned Stephen Ministers will be providing pastoral care to our guests and clients both one-on-one as well as leading support groups at all three of our locations. Congratulations to Sarah Weeks, Ruby Lewis-Dodd, Sam Scales, Bill Hill, Erma Griffin, Bonnie Fleming, Deborah Jamieson, Audrey Thornton, Marie Gardner, Arleen Woodbury and Yvette Garland.

### Memorials

#### JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

Alice Alston

Dorothy & Jerry Tinnin

**Elbert Alston** 

Dorothy & Jerry Tinnin

**Christina Joy Arnold** 

Andrew & Deborah Arnold

Allan Banner

Nancy & Randy Kabrich

Jerry Berkelhammer

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John & Ellen Kavanagh

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Bill Gruble

Samuel Helton

Alice Callahan Frances Maynard Robert & Mary Woods **Dot & Tommy Jarrell** 

Julie Jarrell

JoAnn Kattner

Dick Kattner

Lucy Kehrli

Norman Schmidt

Patricia Kidd

Diane Conrad

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Lura Lyle

Mac & Louise Moore

David & Kathy Crowe

William Mylett

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Robert Nutt, Jr.

Jane Nutt

Bessie & Edgar Palmer

Elfreda Palmer

Arthur Pekar

Susan & Robert Good

**David Schlosser** 

John & Ellen Kavanagh

**Bill Snider** 

Kenneth Baldwin Edward & Cornelia Doolan Mac & Barbara Giles Richard & Doris Hendricks

Richard & Jane Levy

Lou Lodice

Hervey & Jane McIver

Pat Morgan

Jordan Thomas Rogers

Marion Ross

Ann & Everett Saslow

Jack & Deborah Schandler

Norman Smith

Aurelia Stafford

Michiko Stavert

Well-Spring Retirement

**Nellie Strong** 

Sherrill Bowman Martha Cranford

Elizabeth Smigel

**Euin Swafford** 

Marjie & Bill Allen Selby Bateman

William & Wilma Bates James & Nancy Buchanan

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Curtis Youngblood

Williard Thomas

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Lizzie Villines

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Frances Wolfe

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### Sponsor Program

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

The Urban Ministry Sponsor Program is a great way for you to honor a friend or loved one for a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or graduation while supporting the work of Urban Ministry. It's easy to become a sponsor for a day, a week or a month. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Aiken at (336) 553-2639 or aiken@guministry.org.

|       | WEAVER<br>HOUSE BED | POTTER'S<br>HOUSE TABLE | PATHWAYS<br>APARTMENT | PREVENT<br>HOMELESSNESS OR<br>RAPIDLY REHOUSE |        | PARTNERSHIP<br>VILLAGE SPONSOR |        |
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|       |                     |                         |                       | SINGLE  | FAMILY | SINGLE                         | FAMILY |
| DAY   | \$5                 | \$10                    | \$13                  | \$1000  | \$2000 | \$4                            | \$5    |
| WEEK  | \$25                | \$50                    | \$65                  |   |        | \$25                           | \$39   |
| MONTH | \$100               | \$150                   | \$250                 |   |        | \$125                          | \$175  |

#### POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE:

St. Matthews UMC One Week In Honor of Pat Spain

#### PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE SPONSOR:

St. John's UMC Single Apartment for One Week

