



2012 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER **STORIES OF
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Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run

CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14



PARTICIPANTS IN THE GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK AND RUN WILL TAKE STEPS TO “CHANGE THE WORLD” FOR THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

North Carolina is leading the way... for an increase in food insecurity in our country, with nearly one in five individuals in our state experiencing food insecurity. According to research released from the Food Research and Action Center in February of this year, the Greensboro-High Point Area ranks 4th out of 100 metropolitan areas for food insecurity. And the statistics are even more troubling in regard to children—one in four children under the age of five does not have consistent access to nutritious food. Of course, food insecurity for children is not limited to our community or our country. Children around the world struggle every day to have the nutrients their young bodies need to grow and develop. Inadequate nutrition can lead to organ failure, delays in brain development, blindness and other maladies.

IGNITING THE CHANGE

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run would not be possible without the generous support of our community sponsors. We are grateful for their support in helping effect change in our community.

PRESENTING: Syngenta

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Advanced Direct, Inc.; Friends Homes West; Food Express; Lake Jeanette Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry; Todd Herman & Associates; VF Jeanswear LLP; Well•Spring Retirement Community

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CROP Hunger events around the nation are taking steps to combat these issues of childhood and adult hunger. The funds raised through more than 2,000 events nationwide support local food banks and the work of Church World Service, an international relief organization which provides supplemental nutrition to children as well as water and food resources to communities around the world. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised through the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run will be used to fund Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen, where more than 400 individuals are served a hot, nutritious lunch every day.

This October, please help us change the world for the hungry in our community by walking, running, or supporting the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run.

Be the Change!
GreaterGreensboroCropWalk.org

Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk & Run
Sunday, October 14 | NewBridge Bank Ball Park
Registration 1:30 p.m. Run 2:30 p.m. Walk 2:35 p.m.

AUGUST 28TH KICK OFF
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Greensboro Urban Ministry
(305 West Lee Street)

AUGUST 30TH KICK OFF
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church
(3600 Friendly Avenue)

CROP OFFICE HOURS
September 3 thru October 12
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(336) 271-5959



Kenyatta's Story

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE

When she moved to North Carolina in August of 2009, single mother of two Kenyatta had a job as a personal companion lined up through a home healthcare company and she intended to stay with

the family until she could locate a place of her own. This hard-working young mother soon found out, though, that hard work isn't always rewarded as she became one of the "working poor" in our community and was unable to find affordable housing for her small family of three.

When her hours were cut, though still employed, Kenyatta was forced to move her family into the Salvation Army's Center of Hope. She began looking for alternative housing since her time at Center of Hope would be limited to thirty days, and she sent an application to Greensboro Urban Ministry's transitional housing program, Partnership Village. Harry Lee, property manager for Partnership Village, called Kenyatta just days before she was scheduled to move out of Center of Hope to inform her that there was an opening and she and her children could move in. "Partnership Village was a blessing," says Kenyatta. That same week, Kenyatta found a new job in manufacturing which would happily provide increased income for her family, but was third-shift work.

While at Partnership Village, Kenyatta juggled two jobs and caring for her children. Many days she would see her children

off to school, sleep for a few hours, pick the kids up from after-school care at 6pm, fix dinner and help with homework, put everyone to bed no later than 8pm, and then drop her youngest off at overnight-care at 11:30pm so that she could work from midnight until 6am, when she would repeat the process again. Despite the long hours and high cost of third-shift child care for her younger son, Kenyatta says that "everything really worked out perfectly" as she was able to utilize the budgeting skills taught at Partnership Village to save money in preparation for her departure from the program.

Although she had saved a significant amount of money, Kenyatta says that many apartment complexes wouldn't accept her application because they want their tenants to have income that is three to four times the monthly rent and her job simply didn't pay that much. Unfortunately, Kenyatta is one of many working poor who don't qualify for private housing. When housing prospects seemed dim, a Section 8 Housing Voucher became available. The voucher allowed Kenyatta to select an apartment in an area she was already familiar with and which was safer than the neighborhoods she would have otherwise been able to afford.

Now a graduate of Partnership Village's two-year program, Kenyatta is settled in her new apartment and is contemplating returning to school. Her work schedule has changed to first-shift and she is able to enjoy more time with her children, something for which she is very grateful. And, she's continuing to save money for emergencies and improve her newly acquired budgeting skills.

Urban Ministry Board of Directors Welcomes

NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLASS OF 2015:

Rodney Baker, Margaret Bertrand, Gary Kellogg, Russ Parmele, Bonita Porter, Elvis Shields and Jeff Thiel

NEW OFFICERS:

Andrew Chamberlin, Chair; Fritz Kreimer, Vice Chair; Wendy Gatlin, Treasurer; and Charlie Zimmerman, Secretary. Executive At-large: Shane Carrico, Bill Conner and Don Hughes

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Turner Battle, Cynthia Bowen, Vic Bowers, Charlie Broadway, Jeff Burkett, Dorothy Colson, Warren Corgan*, Don Cupit, Fanta Dorley, David Grimes*, Otis Hairston, Denis Jacobson, Ed Lemons, Samantha Magill, Kate Maleski, William Mangum*, Tim McNeal, Judy Newlin, Susan Phillips, Royce Reynolds*, Robert Routh*, Pete Salassi, Bob Scheppegrell, Nora Shively, Craig Siler, and Vincent Sims

BEST WISHES TO THE RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS:

Linwood Carver, Chris Couch, Neal Dorman, Todd Herman, John Knowles, Hugh Mann and Paul Wingate

*Ex-officio

Athletes in Action

PAGE HIGH SCHOOL

In 2009 Carter Stanley, then a sophomore at Page High School, founded the Athletes in Action Club. This student athlete club is dedicated to helping our community and those in need. During last year's football season they encouraged fans and players to bring canned foods to each football game, hoping that they would collect 1,000 cans of food for Greensboro Urban Ministry. Well, they certainly succeeded. By the end of the football season they had collected over 1,000 lbs.! Along with their school spirit, Carter and his Page family have shown great community spirit. They are dedicated year round to making a difference in our community. This upcoming football season they will continue the drive, commitment and spirit that they have proven on and off the field.



Chickens for Charity

BISHOP McGUINNESS HIGH SCHOOL



The words "chicken" and "charity" don't normally appear together, but Bishop McGuinness High School freshman Troy Gavins had a plan that included both.

A lover of animals with an interest in wildlife service and animal husbandry, Troy decided that for his freshman service project he would combine his love for animals with his desire to help the less fortunate by selling his chickens' eggs. Over the course of the year, Troy fed and cared for his eight Rhode Island Red hens and collected their eggs every day—on average one egg per chicken per day. Once Troy had collected a dozen eggs, they were sold to a neighbor or family friend for \$3.50. At the end of his project, Troy had raised an amazing \$112 to help feed the hungry in Greensboro.

In his service project report Troy writes: "At the end of this project, I felt extremely accomplished. Although I did not actually cook the eggs for the hungry, I felt good about contributing to an organization that helps feed people who need it. My hard earned money was used to feed people who might not have gotten to eat without it."

Greensboro Urban Ministry is grateful for Troy's assistance and excited to be the recipient of some of "Troy's Best" eggs now that he has completed his service project.

Miracle on West Market Street

West Market Street United Methodist Church leased parking and interview space to NBC News and NBC's "The Today Show" during the John Edwards trial this summer. NBC paid the church \$7,000. The congregation decided to give the money to Urban Ministry. Their pastor, Rev. David Melton, challenged his flock to match the donation in one of his sermons. As a result, \$11,697 more was raised with a total of nearly \$19,000 coming to Urban Ministry. A miracle of loaves and fishes indeed!



Rev. Dave Melton

There Is Enough Food for Everyone!

WE ARE ALWAYS STRUCK BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CARING COMMUNITY!

In response to this food crisis, the community has once again responded generously. Westover and St. Francis Episcopal each donated \$2,000 to purchase food. The Rotary Leadership Camp at Guilford College donated enough enriched macaroni & cheese to supply 30,000 meals. The Salvation Army donated several pallets of food from their supplies. A benefit concert, Groove Jam at Doodad Farm was held on August 11. In addition, other individuals, congregations, and groups donated \$3,762 to purchase food.



Greensboro Urban Ministry supported Bread for the World in their Prayer Vigil for the Hungry at Guilford County Department of Social Services as they protested proposed cuts to SNAP (food stamp) benefits.



Lea Phillips and Mattie Carter with Muir's Chapel UMC volunteered the entire day at the Food Lion grocery store on Fleming Road, where they collected 2,115 pounds of food and \$50.



The National Association of Letter Carriers food drive delivered six tractor trailer loads of food.



Mike Aiken, Todd Gibbs and Vic Bowers, News & Record and its Landmark Foundation matched employee donations two to one and gave Urban Ministry a \$7,000 donation to purchase food.

Holiday Honor Card 2012

Bill Mangum is putting the finishing touches on this year's Holiday Honor card. The Honor Card is a marvelous way to recognize a client, employee, friend, or family members, while at the same time giving a meaningful gift to someone in need. With a minimum donation of \$5 per card, a small imprinting fee, and a minimum order of 100 cards, you receive an Honor Card that is specifically inscribed for your business. These specially imprinted orders are due by October 1. Contact Christine Byrd at (336) 553-2656 for more details.



Dixon Hughes Gives Back

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, the largest CPA firm, recently completed a firm-wide food drive as part of the Dixon Hughes Goodman GIVES Initiative (Go. Invest. Volunteer. Engage. Serve.), donating the proceeds to the communities in which it serves in 11 states across the firm's footprint.

Held June 11 – 22, the Count the Cans food drive focused on collecting monetary and non-perishable food donations in an effort to alleviate the suffering of community members who struggle to get enough to eat.

The Triad region, with offices in High Point and Winston-Salem, collected over 7,600 pounds of food and nearly \$8,000.00 benefitting Greensboro Urban Ministry, Out of the Garden Project, and Second Harvest Food Bank. Triad organizations joined forces to make the Count the Cans food drive a success: UNC Greensboro; Trone Brand Energy; Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP; Wells Fargo North Carolina Trust Center; and Abbot Downing all made generous contributions to the campaign.



Stephen Ministry

On Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m., we will begin our 2012 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 p.m. at Grace Community Church (643 W. Lee Street) through March 6. Some of the topics we will be covering include listening skills, confidentiality, crisis intervention, working with the poor, dealing with addiction, and many other topics. For questions, contact Rev. Frank Dew, fdew@guministry.org or 336-553-2651.



Play for Hope

4TH ANNUAL PLAY FOR HOPE
WEST MARKET CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Greensboro Urban Ministry & The Salvation Army
Friday, September 14
Bryan Park Champions Course



One of Many Outstanding Volunteers

EILEEN TROXLER

Greensboro Urban Ministry wishes Eileen Troxler a happy 30th year of amazing volunteer service. And at 95 years old, she is living proof that age is no barrier to selfless giving!

Mrs. Troxler began volunteering at GUM in 1982, shortly after retiring from her accounting job at Bivens Insurance Agency. She served in the Emergency Assistance Department, handling paperwork, filing, tallying statistics, and recording the details of clients' assistance. Since then, she has proven to be one of the most consistent, long-term volunteers in the Emergency Assistance Program, always coming in once a week to help with any administrative tasks that need attention.

Volunteering has always been important to the Troxler family. Mrs. Troxler's late husband, Garlan, used to volunteer in Potter's House community kitchen serving beverages to clients. When he had to be absent, he would ask her to take his place at the serving window, politely hinting that his service was more important! And it was when one of Mrs. Troxler's five grandsons completed his Eagle Scout project for the Weaver House night shelter that she knew

she wanted to donate her time and talent to the Ministry.

Mrs. Troxler has not limited her volunteer service to GUM, however. She is an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Greensboro, for which she is a GUM Honor Card coordinator. She helps with a wide variety of missions through her church—including the United Methodist Women, the Heifer Project, Hunter Elementary School, and the Interactive Resource Center(IRC). She has also aided voters through her service with the Board of Elections.

Mrs. Troxler notes that through her time at GUM, "I have learned I should be more thankful than I am." We at Greensboro Urban Ministry are certainly appreciative for gracious, dependable volunteers like her. Thank you Mrs. Troxler!



Volunteer Needs

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Interview clients to assess crisis situation and eligibility for financial assistance

Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED, minimum semester or 6 month commitment, minimum 4 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 High School Diploma or GED, minimum semester or 6 month commitment, 1 shift per week (Tuesday or Thursday, preferably both days)

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

WEAVER HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER

Assist shelter staff checking-in new guests and clients, interact with clients to assess needs, help with laundry, and provide encouragement

Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED, minimum semester or 6 month commitment, one shift per week

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

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



GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
We were delighted to have area principals and administrators join us for a day of volunteering in Potter's House Community Kitchen and the Food Bank.

Memorials

MARCH - JULY 2012

Ruby & James Alberty
Donald & Barbara
Cuthbertson

Carson Bain
Fanny S. Bain

John & Valborg Boyum
Joan & Pedro Tavares

Mr. Callicut
Cammie & John Bell

Miriam E. Cooper
Bob & Barbara Scott

Robert Dow
Henry J. Thiele

Bill Duncan
Dorothy Ballinger
Hampton & Portia Munsey

Paul Henry Dwyer
Rachel & Sam Bainbridge
Glenda & Douglas Cline
Sherlon & Ron Coiner
Jeri Donnelly
Linda & David Fesperman
Rachel & George Holmes
Jack & Morgan Horner
Kate Larson
Paula & Brandon Payne
Ella Mae Stewart
Katherine & Stanley Thomas
Bobby & Shirley Wilson

James Earhart
Richard & Dot Pegram

Robert Eldridge
Gwendolyn Eldridge

Mary Jo Elmore
George & Dorothy Carver

Lynn Ennis
Hampton & Portia Munsey

Brooks Ferrell
First Lutheran
Robert & Ann Helton
Christopher & Cathy Nelson

Frank M. Freeman, Jr.
Rox Anne & Jeff Jacot

Al Fossett, Jr.
Carol Fossett

Ginger Galloway
Genevieve & Dan Leach

Charles Gilbert
Mary Gilbert

Stanley Greenbaum
Erwin & Sandra Goldman

Hugh Michael Hull
Joel & Norma Funderburk
Odell & Nancy Tucker

Vivian Huntley
Berry Reid

Robert "Allen" Ingram, Jr.
Carol Ingram

Virginia King
Vernell Camp

Owen Kite
Leslie & Bill Chestnutt

Edgar Wyatt Knight
Art & Nancy Donnelly
Robert & Rebecca Hill
Peggy Jessup
Sara M. Knight
Betty & Strupe Lackey

Becky La Cour
Kathrine Carruthers

Maysie Ledbetter
Catherine O'Rourke

Roy & Gladys Lee
Dorothy & Jerry Tinnin

Marian O'Connor Makoutz
Stephen & Bette Nusser

Beary May
Joan May

John McCall
Gerry McCall

James R. Mertz
Irene Mertz

Mac & Louise Moore
David & Kathy Crowe

Edmund Murray
Elizabeth Murray

Fuzzy Nichols
Ann Powell

Atlas Love Oxendine
Luther Medlin

Jack Ozment
Henry J. Thiele

Bessie & Edgar Palmer
Elfreda Palmer

Parents
Robert & Lorraine LeBaube

Arthur Pekar
Susan & Robert Good

Barbara Reid
Jim Reid

Virginia & George Reynolds
Louise Lee Reynolds

Mary Nifong Speer
Mark & Jocelyn Martich

Bill Stephanz
John & Sarah Sherrill

Elizabeth Strickland
Bill Gruble

Nathaniel Villines
Lizzie Villines

Warren L. Weigel
Michael & Jonine Moore

Ida Gray Wells
Stacy Calfo
Mary & Roger Seigler

Peggy Woods
Anonymous
Denise Capo
Betty Jordan
Paul & Melisa Lacy
Bob & Barbara Scott
Bryan & Michele Wagoner
Samantha Hidlebird Webb
Suzanne Whitmeyer

Deebs Young
Don Young



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We compile the lists in this report carefully. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent. If you find that your name has been omitted, please accept our apology. We would be grateful if you would notify us of any corrections. Call Crystal Mercer at (336) 553-2638.

ESTATE PLANNING

Remember Greensboro Urban Ministry in your will and other estate plans. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Aiken, (336) 553-2639

CITY, STATE, COUNTY AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

You can designate your pledge to Greensboro Urban Ministry through the following:

- State Employees Combined Campaign (charity code 1511)
- Combined Federal Employees Campaign (charity code 58975)
- City/County Employees Campaign (write in "GUM" with United Way Campaign)



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Sponsor Program

MARCH - JULY 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 HOUSE BED	POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE	PATHWAYS APARTMENT	PREVENT HOMELESSNESS OR RAPIDLY REHOUSE		PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE SPONSOR	
				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:

Cammie & John Bell:
One Month
In Honor of Tami Batts
Thomas Domer:
One Week
Jim & Susan Krasula:
Two Months
Judie Wright:
One Week

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE:

Anonymous:
Individual, Four Months
Helena Bryant:
Individual, One Week
Rusty & Van Gunter:
Individual, One Month
Irving Park UMC Women:
Family, One Week

Becky Sanders:
Family, Apartment One Year
Vickie Spencer:
Individual, One Month
Quida & John Spillman:
Family, One Month
In Honor of
Ray & Rachel Welch

WEAVER HOUSE BED

Harold Giles, Jr.:
One Month
Angela Sparrell:
Two Nights



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