



Guatemalan woman with child waiting to receive food



Pathways Center end of school year pizza party.

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2011

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Introducing... the CROP Hunger RUN!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011 | NEWBRIDGE BANK PARK
REGISTRATION 1:30 PM | RUN 2:30 PM | WALK 2:45 PM**

New for the 2011 Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk, you can now walk or run! For the first time in our 31 year history, the CROP Hunger Walk will include a certified 5K run complete with chip timing. Following the same route as the walk, which takes you through downtown, across Bennett College's campus, past the Interactive Resource Center, and back to the ball park, the run will provide participants with an exciting new alternative to our traditional walk. Those interested in participating in the run may register online after September 8th, or may register the day of the event.

Why Do We Walk?

"The hardest thing to deal with was to hear my children say, 'I'm hungry,'" recalls Kevin when asked of his recent experience with unemployment, hunger, and homelessness.

With the country's current economic conditions, more families are finding themselves in the same situation as Kevin. They are without work, without money, and without food. Thanks to the monies raised from the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk, we are working to ensure that Kevin and his children aren't hungry. The Walk/Run provides funding for Potter's House Community Kitchen which feeds nearly 600 individuals a day during the summer months - many of them children. Of the nearly \$220,000 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.

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. We hope that everyone will join in whether they walk, run or sponsor someone. Every contribution is needed and appreciated.

CROP KICK-OFF AND TRAINING SESSIONS - TWO SESSIONS MEAN TWICE THE FUN!

**SEPTEMBER 8TH 4-7 PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH 11 AM-1 PM
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THANK YOU TO OUR CROP SPONSORS

We rely on corporate and individual sponsors to help subsidize the cost 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE INVOLVED?

Contact Christine Byrd at byrd@guministry.org, call (333) 553-2656 or visit us online at www.GreaterGreensboroCropWalk.org. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter! All of these can be accessed through the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk website.



Our 2011 CROP Sponsors are:
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Hope for the Poor

By Bill Howard
Carolina Peacemaker
(published 4/28/11)



The words of an old Negro spiritual are fitting for those volunteers of Potter's House who serve the hungry in the Greensboro Urban Ministry. "When I lay down to die – give me Jesus." When that time comes for the dedicated volunteers at Potter's House, they will be with God because love is giving and giving is all they know.

Race or creed has no meaning at Potter's House as all guests are members of the human race. One day, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. found a note that someone had left on his desk. It read: "I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see – I sought my God, but he eluded me – I sought my brother and I found all three."

Each day of the week has a separate crew of volunteers that come and perform non-stop work that feeds up to 600 people per meal, seven days per week – breakfast, lunch and dinner. Jeremiah 18:2 reads: "Go down to the Potter's House and there I will give you my message." That message has been "God is the Potter and we are the clay." Countless lives have been shaped at Potter's House – both the lives of the guests that eat there and the volunteers that serve them.

If it were not for Potter's House, thousands of human beings would be eating out of garbage cans. Working at Potter's House has increased my belief in the worth of a person, any person. One of America's greatest Black leaders, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke the following words at a church conference about the worth of a person. "There must be a recognition of the sacredness of human personality. Deeply rooted in our political and religious heritage is the conviction that every man is an heir to a legacy of dignity and worth. Our Hebraic-Christian tradition refers to this inherent dignity of man in the biblical term, the image of God. This innate worth referred to in the phrase, "the image of God", is universally shared in equal portions by all men. There are no graded seals of essential worth; there is no divine right of another. Every human being has etched in his personality the indelible stamp of the creator."

Hopefully, we will begin to 'see' these downtrodden people and fully realize there is worth in every child of God.

We have a long way to go to find a city that does not have the rich and poor, its Black and White separated. Most of the world's human beings in the year 2011 bear the pain of living their entire lives in the obscurity of poverty. Who shares the language of love among human beings who are compelled to sleep on the streets, who die from starvation, disease, etc.?

Their voices are whispers even though they comprise three quarters of the world's population. If the language of love is to triumph over evil, there must be a 'change' in 2011. Children who live in third world countries who agonize and die by the millions are victims of inaction. We sing "We Shall Overcome" and soon the song is over and so are their lives. People must be able to determine their own goals and economic well being, even their spiritual dimensions of growth. Who listens to the cries of the lowly and the poor? It appears that only God is listening to the silent cries of the hungry. Man was given the gift of a 'free will' and as a result, the world continues to be confronted with an ungodly silence. It is time the lowly were heard!

Poverty in itself is not news, but when it begins to grow to its current levels where there is standing room only in the long lines ready to enter the Potter's House, where over 400-600 people seek a luncheon meal, it is truly time for prayer!

In 2011, times are desperate for poor people. As our city grows, poverty numbers also grow.

Today, many people ignore the poor and the oppressed, and are unwilling to relate to their hurts and their oppression. Self preservation has been the ultimate concern of the 'haves' in today's society, while many individuals and families across Greensboro are confronted with overcrowded shelters. Deuteronomy 15:14 reads: "For the poor will never cease out the land: therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land!" 'Hope for the poor' can emerge when people everywhere become unconditionally committed to watching over one another with love... - Amen.

Everyone Deserves a Home

This homeless kitty was found abandoned near Urban Ministry's dumpster. Thanks to a loving family looking to adopt, T.J. was rapidly-housed and now has a home.



Charlie's* Story

MT. ZION WINTER
EMERGENCY SHELTER (WE!)



Cecelia Foy-Dorsett, Volunteer

Charlie, age 61, is on disability and has been homeless for a number of years. During the warm months he lived in the woods in a tent. Last winter, Charlie stayed at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Winter Emergency Shelter (WE!) to escape the bitter cold. The WE! shelters, managed by Greensboro Urban Ministry, are established at several congregations during the winter.

With help from the WE! volunteers, Charlie was referred to The Advocacy Project where he secured housing through the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Program. His story is a great example of how agencies work together to help our homeless and how we should never give up on someone. Charlie says that he is going to continue his case management at HPRP and we will continue to be a source of friendship and support.

**Name changed to protect his privacy*

BB&T Lighthouse Project Volunteers

BB&T Insurance Services supplied gift boxes for 10 Pathways families moving out of Pathways into their new homes. The boxes contained queen and twin sized comforters, silverware, towels, kitchen supplies, mops, brooms, and much more.



L/R: Tanya Riggs, Nicole Ramsey and Theresa Gallo-Smith



BB&T served 200 EAP clients/guests with 100 emergency food bags.

A Dance for Hope

A Dance for Hope, a ballroom dance exhibition, benefited Greensboro Urban Ministry on June 18th. Rev. Mike Aiken and dance instructor Ms. Dasha Chube danced the night away — for a price! Mike agreed to dance for \$1,000 and the audience came up with it!



Beyond GUM

Our newest component, Beyond GUM, uses a “housing first” approach to ending homelessness through homeless prevention, diversion, and rapid re-housing.

The Beyond GUM program serves individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, transitioning out of homelessness, or facing homelessness. Originally started in 2008 as Beyond Pathways serving only homeless families at our Pathways Center, the scope of the program has expanded to include homeless individuals and those facing the threat of homelessness.

Beyond GUM now not only implements rapid re-housing, getting people out of homeless shelters into stable housing quickly, but also provides homeless prevention and diversion from shelters. Homeless prevention assistance can be given to help an individual or family pay rent, mortgage, or utilities to prevent homelessness in the first place and nullify the need for emergency shelter. Beyond GUM can assist a

homeless person or family in finding permanent housing before having to go to one of our shelters (Weaver House, Pathways, and Winter Emergency). This process is called homeless diversion.

Welcome Brent Wilson

Brent has spent several years working with people experiencing homelessness, from providing outreach to starting a program for homeless families. He is excited to be working as the Housing Case Manager for Beyond GUM. He will not only help clients find housing, but will also provide case management to make sure that they are able to succeed in the goal of maintaining their own permanent housing.



David Brooks Ferrell, Jr. (1993 -2011)

The Greensboro Tennis Community, partnering with the First Lutheran Church and Omega Sports, conducted a Food Drive to honor the memory of Brooks Ferrell. Brooks, a member at the First Lutheran Church, served as a volunteer at the Greensboro Urban Ministry over the years, helping feed the homeless and sort donations for the food pantry. The drive was overwhelmingly successful! During the drive 2,237 pounds of food was collected and \$6,613 in cash donations were received, as well as approximately 20 pairs of shoes donated from Omega Sports.

Summer Appeal Brings Impressive Results!

Greensboro Urban Ministry has received a total of 51,750 pounds of food in the first 22 days of July. This represents a 23% increase over what we had received last year for the same period. The increase is due in large part to the recent publicity emphasizing Urban Ministry’s need for more food in the summer months.

Two anonymous individuals went on a food buying spree and spent \$1,717 purchasing 1,339 pounds of protein rich, expensive, but desperately needed items. These items included canned chicken breasts, light tuna, Vienna sausage, ravioli, spaghetti, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, saltine crackers, chili, and fruit cups. Dixon Hughes

Goodman, LLP, an accounting firm in High Point, brought in another 921 pounds in memory of Brooks Ferrell. The accounting firm is the one where Brooks’ father is employed.

A surprise special donation of \$7,500 was received through Temple Emanuel and Beth David Synagogue. In addition, Christ United Methodist Church has made a pledge of \$2,000 for food.

More food is desperately needed to meet the dramatic needs. Persons and groups willing to collect food for GUM this summer should call Ms. Val Marshall, (336) 553-2672. Urban Ministry food boxes are available.

Greensboro Urban Ministry’s First Graduates From Goodwill’s Employability Skills Class

Rico wanted to enrich his life by obtaining employment skills. He is also working on his GED. Pam accepted a challenge from GUM to improve her present situation. She looks forward to gainful employment.

L/R: Crystal Mercer, Director of Administrative Services; Pam Slagle; Rev. Mike Aiken, Executive Director; Audrey Thornton, Employment Specialist; and Rico Chisolm



STEPHEN MINISTRY



On Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m., we will begin our 2011 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.

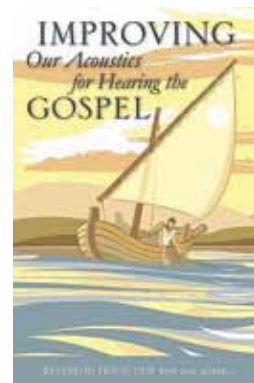


Rev. Frank Dew

For questions, contact Rev. Frank Dew, fdew@guministry.org or (336) 553-2651.

Improving Our Acoustics for Hearing the Gospel

is a primer in servant leadership. We explore both the inward and outward journey of the Christian life by bringing ourselves to places within our own culture comparable to those of Jesus. We draw on Frank's experiences in his thirty year ministry where he has had the opportunity to be with the poor, the least, the last and the left out. Frank Dew is the founding pastor of New Creation Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. He serves as Chaplain at the Greensboro Urban Ministry and Habitat for Humanity.



Improving Our Acoustics for Hearing the Gospel, written by Rev. Frank Dew with Jane Murden

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Leadership Greensboro Seniors Grocery Store Food Drive

SEPTEMBER 17 - FOOD LION
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24 - LOWE'S FOODS, HARRIS TEETER, BESTWAY, COMPARE

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

Calendar of Events

Event	Day	Location
Stephen Ministry Training	September 6	Grace Community Church, 643 W. Lee St.
Play for Hope	September 16	Bryan Park Champions Course
Leadership Greensboro Seniors Grocery Store Food Drive	September 17, 23, 24	Participating grocery stores
Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk/Run	October 23	NewBridge Bank Park, Downtown Greensboro
William Mangum Honor Card Lunch	November 1	Christ United Methodist, 410 N. Holden Rd.
Feast of Caring	November 17	First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Friendly Ave.

Volunteer Opportunities

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Interview clients to assess crisis situations and eligibility for financial assistance.

Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED; minimum semester or 6 month commitment with a 4 hour shift per week. Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

WEAVER HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER

Assist shelter staff checking in new guests/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. Nightly 6:00pm-9:00pm.

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, one shift per week (Tuesday or Thursday, preferably both days). Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30pm-5:00pm

Want to volunteer? Contact Gail-Gore Lewis, (336) 553-2642 lewis@guministry.org or Ben Rumley, (336) 553-2461 rumley@guministry.org. Visit our website at GreensboroUrbanMinistry.org

Happy Retirement!

Betty Brown retired on April 1st. She worked tirelessly for two years as the Director of Food Distribution and has served the community and GUM well. Because of Betty's love for people, she is volunteering and ministering to our guests.



Congratulations

Tony Farley is the recipient of a Service and Learning Award from Guilford County Schools. Tony, a recent graduate of Ragsdale High School, received the award for the most volunteer hours at the county schools' "Celebration of Character" ceremony. In the 2010-2011 school year, he recorded over 450 volunteer hours in the Food Bank at Greensboro Urban Ministry! Tony plans to pursue work as an auto mechanic and attend GTCC or Clemson University to further his education. He is an avid basketball fan. Way to go, Tony! We're proud of you!



Retiring GUM Board of Directors

Best wishes to retiring board members who have completed their second terms: Louis Allen, Bill Howard, Awilda DeJesus, Joe Allen, Mary Copeland, and Bonita Porter. Not pictured: Bob Cone, Bill Cooke, and Kimberly Embry.



On June 9, the kids at the Pathways Center celebrated the end of the school year with a pizza party. The party was generously sponsored by our information technology vendor, TTC IT Support Services.



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