WINNING THE FIGHT to END HOMELESSNESS

It was the winter that seemed to have no end. Yet, thanks to your support, we were able to help the people we serve through one of the most difficult winters in memory. Our overflow homeless population was sheltered through our WE! (Winter Emergency) Shelter sites. When winter weather caused power outages and, with it, the loss of refrigeration, your donations met the need for families seeking to replace the food which they lost. While Spring has come, Winter will make one big last hit on the poor when high power bills will catch up with needy families, pushing them over the cliff into homelessness. With your support, our Emergency Assistance Program will save the day.

At the end of January, Partners Ending Homelessness completed Guilford County’s annual Point in Time Count of the Homeless. As has been the case since 2010, the count of homeless individuals was down from the previous year. This shows that the efforts of all the different agencies serving the homeless, like Greensboro Urban Ministry, are beginning to bear fruit. Our Beyond GUM program, which uses a rapid re-housing model, is positioned to expand in the coming year to serve more homeless individuals and families. With this expansion, the day is coming closer when ending homelessness will be a reality.

There is a plan in place that is tested and true - we can end homelessness!

As a rabid college sports fan, I follow my school with a passion that is not unusual to find on Tobacco Road. As with our plan of bringing an end to homelessness, my team’s success is influenced by the support they receive from the community. While attending a sporting event recently, an individual gave $7 million dollars to help build an athletic training facility. A few years ago, an individual gave the same institution a gift of $10 million to build a scoreboard. In our local community, we are all aware that nearly $70 million has been raised to build a fine arts center. I’m sure the training center will help my favorite student athletes successfully compete for many championships. I enjoy the scoreboard. And, I’m sure I’ll attend many concerts at the fine arts center. Most important, what all of this generosity shows, is that there are sufficient financial resources to end homelessness in our community. We need just to convince those who have the resources to support our cause. May we all join together to defeat homelessness!

Rev. Mike Aiken
Executive Director
Greensboro Urban Ministry

CALENDAR of EVENTS

APRIL 26
Greensboro Urban Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

MAY 6
Serving Greensboro Together

JUNE 6
Clash of the Potters at the Cultural Arts Center

SEP 3-4
CROP Hunger Walk Kick-Offs

SEP 20
Groove Jam at Doodad Farm

OCT 11
Gate City Chili Cook-Off

OCT 19
Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk

OCT 28
Honor Card Luncheon

NOV 20
Feast of Caring
We live in a state where two local cities rank among the highest in the nation for food insecurities. In a community with such a wealth of agricultural resources, it is an alarming reality that one in five adults, and one in four children, in Guilford County are food insecure. This prevalence of hunger ranks North Carolina as the 6th most food insecure state in the country and is largely due to high unemployment and shrinking government assistance. When combined with rising food costs, many in our community are left unable to pay all of their bills - having to choose between shelter, food, or utilities.

Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Potter’s House Community Kitchen has been a source of support for those in need for over 30 years. By providing a hot, nourishing meal to 450-600 individuals each day, Potter’s House is reducing hunger and providing a brighter future for those served. Without proper nutrition, it is difficult to focus. However, thanks to the nutritious meals provided by Potter’s House, recipients are able to focus their attention and limited resources on other areas of their lives which will help them emerge from crisis and become self-sufficient.

You can be a part of the solution by participating in Serving Greensboro Together on Tuesday, May 6. By choosing from over 100 participating restaurants for your dining out experience, you will be contributing to the efforts to end hunger in our community. Proceeds from the 2014 Serving Greensboro Together event will support the work of Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Potter’s House Community Kitchen. Please join us on Tuesday, May 6, as the local community helps support efforts to end hunger.

A full list of participating triad restaurants can be found online at www.diningoutforhunger.org, or visit our website at www.greensborourbanministry.org and click on “Events.” For more information, contact Cheryl Ledford at ledford@guministry.org or at (336) 553-2641.

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When you meet Crystal, it would never occur to you that her life was anything other than the picture of ideal. Bubbly, outgoing, with a cheerful nature and an obviously strong faith, this young woman has a bright future. Yet, less than a year ago, she found herself homeless, unemployed, and with few prospects.

Society paints a picture of homelessness featuring someone living on the street, with poor hygiene and suffering from either severe mental health or struggles with substance abuse. While this picture does represent a small segment of the homeless population – just 12% according to the Point in Time Count conducted by Partners Ending Homelessness on January 29, 2014 – the vast majority of those who experience homelessness look quite like the person next door. Frequently, homelessness is caused by an “everyday” life issue that would be manageable for individuals with a higher income and stronger support system. Tragic life occurrences, like the loss of loved ones, job loss, domestic violence, divorce and family disputes can, and do, frequently cause episodes of homelessness.

The girl next door, Crystal is representative of those individuals for whom “everyday” issues precipitated an episode of homelessness. A bright student who received high marks and was just a semester away from her Medical Assistance degree, Crystal experienced a life-changing trauma that caused a bout of severe depression. As a result, Crystal dropped out of school, lost her job, lost her housing, and found herself at Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Weaver House Singles Shelter where she met Audrey Thornton, Beyond GUM Employment Specialist.

As Crystal worked to emerge from homelessness, Thornton was her mentor and cheerleader. Crystal shared that while the overall support she received from GUM was outstanding, “Ms. Thornton was such a great source of support.” Indeed, Thornton worked with Crystal to connect her with GUM’s Emergency Assistance Program to provide financial assistance for utility deposits, allowing her to move into a new apartment. Thornton also provided the support and encouragement to help Crystal obtain employment in a new field.

Crystal experienced homelessness, yet it has not defined her. Like many of the clients served by Greensboro Urban Ministry, homelessness was just a bump on her road to success. A success which this dazzling young woman is certain to have thanks to Thornton, Greensboro Urban Ministry, and the larger support of the community, which provides resources to ensure that our programs can continue to offer support and assistance.
Two things these volunteers have in common – a love of singing and a love to serve others. Linda and Spencer Sullivan met Lee Ann Browning while singing in the choir at Oak Ridge United Methodist Church. After Lee Ann was offered a chance opportunity to be a substitute server with the Sullivans at a Pathways Center meal, a 15 year tradition was formed.

Every 4th Tuesday is a special night, not only for the residents, but also for the staff. Susan Taylor, Activity Coordinator at Pathways Center, looks forward to seeing the trio each month as she considers them more than volunteers, she sees them as friends. Susan also speaks highly of Linda’s famous meatloaf, which has become a favorite at Pathways with the empty pans to prove it. As the trio is serving dinner, Lee Ann speaks of the enjoyment she gets from serving at Pathways. She says, “[They] have lots of fun and enjoy meeting people.” Spencer talks about missions and serving others with great passion. He says “Passion is contagious”, referring to the fact it took one mission experience to change his life. Spencer’s passion about serving at Pathways Center is evident in his comments. He says, “I love being here, I love seeing the people, and especially spending time with the kids”.

The group has one memory they all agree stands out. Years ago, a little boy who was living at the Pathway Center with his family told the group this was “the best place he had ever lived.” This one moment reminds them how much their service means to others.

Volunteers are critical to the success of Greensboro Urban Ministry’s many programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us online at: www.GreensboroUrbanMinistry.org/Volunteer to review our current volunteer opportunities.

A SWEET TRADITION

Marilyn Prentzas, Rosalie Craine, and Emily Dickenson are “regulars” in the Potter’s House Kitchen, who volunteering together each Friday on behalf of the Samaritan Class at S. Elm Street Baptist Church. One Friday about four years ago, Marilyn and Rosalie were helping serve lunch and observed that no tea was being served because there wasn’t any sugar available that day. Marilyn said, “I thought about the fact we are able to go out and buy sweet tea, they can’t”.

The ladies went back to their Sunday school class, where Rosalie served as the class teacher. They passed around an envelope during class to purchase sugar for Potter’s House and a new tradition began. Four years later, their Sunday school class of about 20 members is still collecting money in an envelope every Sunday to provide sugar for Potter’s House. Over the years, they have been able to donate almost 5500 pounds of sugar, helping to ensure that guests are treated to sweet tea at least five days a week.

The ladies are an example of how one opportunity lends itself to another. Thank you to Marilyn, Rosalie, and Emily for making our guests’ day a little sweeter.
MEMORIALS

Barry Abdur-Rahim
Alicia & Brian Brooks

James “Jim” Allen
Fred & Carol Andersen
Eddie & Joan Bass
Bel Canto Company
Ann Cran dall
Marilyn & Bob Evans
Charles & Ethel Hightsm ith
Sally & Paul Krauss
Judith & Mac McAllister
Helena McCrady
Sam Emily Moss

Jay Allen
Nadine Allen

Rev. James Arlys
Debbie & Jim Griffin

Carson Bain
Fanny Bain

Caroline Barbee
Dennis & Vicki Johnson

Will Mae Benefield
Gertrude Jeffries

Pedie Bengel
DC & Shirley Thompson

Bertha Bennett
Ida Singleton

Tillie Blue
Minta Coeyman

Doris Lucas Bond
Marcella Bryant
Norman & Barbara Hunsucker

Jim Bradley
Anonymous

Betty Brantley
Glenn & Carole Lesley
Howard & Sally Marsh

Owen Breneman
Donald & Elizabeth Ries
Mary Troy

William Brisbane
Peace United Church of Christ, Inc.

Laverne Brooks
Alicia & Brian Brooks

Ray Brown
Jo Brown

Thelma Bullock
Sheila & Stephan Clack

Tom & Nancy Burke
Phil & Ann Koch

Marcus & Alsie Carr
Beverly Key

Jean Stewart Carr
Catherine Barnes

Edna Carroll
Jackie & Mike Rasche

Nancy Cash
Maggie Berkelheimer

Helen Cassell
Bruce Cassell

Margaret Caviness
Mary Basham
Frank & Bonnie Kuester

Nelda Cobb Christian
John & Martha Chandler

Elizabeth “Lib” Conner
Bill Conner

Judy Cook
Kristin Cook

Daniel Cupit
Kelly Krantz

Hattie M Dalton
Brenda James

Deceased Members of Daughters of Penelope
Daughters of Penelope

William M Davis, III
Anonymous

Margaret K Dawson
Harvey Dawson

Evon Welch Dean
Willard Dean

Margaret “Maggie” Doyle
Doris Alderfer

Linda Forster
Anonymous

Laura Fournier
Bryan Fournier

Sheilli & John W Franklin
John & Janet Franklin

Bobby Lee Garner, Sr
Laura & Alan Stone

Bill Glasgow
Irwin Smallwood & Judy Glasgow

Charles & Dorothy Goldston
Ethe Goldston

Robert “Jamie” Gutierrez
Mary Gutierrez

Bruce R Hagey
James & Sandra Hamric

Jimmy Harris
Romona & William Gravett

Bennett Herbin
Barbara Herbin

Raymond & Eva Herbin
William Herbin

Robert Hewett
Sue Hewett

Milton Hill
Mary & Don Olson
Faye Roberts

Mac Hodges
Carolyn Stone

Vernon Hodgin, Jr
Susan Kramer

Joan Inge
M B Smith

Robert Isley
Rebecca & James Isley

W. L. Isley, MD
Rebecca & James Isley

Don Johnson
Anne & Tobe Sherrill

Ruby Jones
Edna Adams-Fulton
Richard & Joyce Adger
Doris Dyer
Regina Duren
Sarah Greenlee
Iris Roone
Lillie Wrenn

Mildred Jordan
Alicia & Daper Mart, Inc.

Obie Kallam
Alma Kallam

James Kazazes
Barbara Kazazes

Dr. Richard Kelly
Martha Brewer

Patrick “Paddy” Kelly
Anonymous

Owen Kite
Leslie & William Chestnutt

Eleanor Kleinhans
John & Trudy Kleinhans

Mariana Kuester
Frank & Bonnie Kuester

Lee Ola Laird
Mary & Don Olson

Charles “Ronnie” Lambert
Hilda Davis

Jo LaRose
Doris Foden

Thomas M Lowe
Ann Leonard

Bob Martin
Eddy Martin

Carl & Barry May
Joan May

Margaret Maynard
Anonymous

Nate McDonald
Anonymous

Tom Miller
Ann Miller

Mac & Louise Moore
David & Kathryn Crowe

William Morrisette
Sarah Gorrel
Kay Stern

Mildred J Motley
Marion Motley

Thomas Myers
Catherine McLean
Debbie Karibian

Wade C Newton
Sondra Click
Jean Kobman
Deborah Mahon
Sarah & Harold Murray

Aimee Akers Norman
John & Sandy Akers

Catherine Norton
Jane & David Copper

Harold Odom
Kenneth & Gail Holland
Janet Odom

Tubosun Olude
Olaekan Adewale

William M “Bill” Owbyew
Kenneth & Tina Garner

Alma Ozment
Frances Ashburn
Terry & Sandra Jacks

Kenneth Page, Sr
Lovella Page

Franklin & Mildred Palmer
Efreda Palmer

Mary Pearson
Richard & Smith & Libby Bailey

Arthur Pekar
Susan & Robert Good

Carita “Mickey” Pelloway
Andrew & Janelle Krueger

Darlene Pentz
Christine Peterson

Christine Peterson
Christopher Peterson

Jeanette Pierce
Pamela & David Chismom

Curtis Pinkowski
David Pinnix

Ruth Owens Pooree
Frank & Bonnie Kuester

Elaine & David Purpul
Nancy & Michael Gom

Michael Rabe
Randal & Jeanne Rabe

Frank O. Rasche
Jackie & Mike Rasche

Lewis Reaves
Margaret Reaves

Mrs. Elwood Reaves
Margaret Reaves

Steven Roach
Harold & Joyce Bennett

Joe Robinson
Pat Robinson

Alison Rutherford
Doris Alderfer

Robert Earl Rutherford
Amelia Middle School

Sunshine Club
Anonymous

Mercedes Brewer
Downs & Betty Brown

Ned & Joan Bryan
Cathy Chatfield

Thomas & Helga Crafton
Colom & Mary Farlow

Mac & Barbara Giles
Deborah Ginocchio

Carol & Bill Johnson
Bob Kaiser

Kareneland
Teresa Mack

Charles & Mildred Maultsby
Rod McFaull

Lisa Reiter
Tom & Ginny Rice

Susan Ross
Gail & George Smith

Gregory & Carol Smith

Lorraine Stutts
Barbara & Bill Thomasom

Connie Weiskelit
Marianne Yervin

Bruce Sanders
Becky Sanders

Susan Schuhmacher
Murphy’s Kids

Charles & Kristina Scott
During & Brenda Scott

Donald Shaugnnessy
Donal & Joanna Shaugnnessy

Ronald D Simpson, Sr
Ronald Simpson & Ernestine Easter

Allene Smallwood
Irwin Smallwood & Judy Glasgow

Rev William “Bill” Smith
Mary Basham
Shirley Ann Roberts
Richard Smith & Libby Bailey

Robert Solomon
Romona & William Gravett

Muehner Sonmez
Sevil Sonmez

Bill & Betty Speith
David Speith

John C Stuart, Jr
Mildred Ballantine
Everlana & William Diggs
Miriam Harrison

Mary Schickedantz
Flossie Smith

Elizabeth White

Eric Swan
Calvin & Mary Ann Hoodley

Mr and Mrs Willie T Tate
Yolanda Tate

Charles L Taylor
Shirley Frommchnt
Judy Goodman

Edie Keel

Warner Butler Tharp
Jeff & Christie Kiser

Robert “Bob” Troy
Shirley & William Fogarty

Jim Turner
Carolyn Turner Smith

Ken Tutterow
John & Martha Chandler

Ann & Chuck Freeman

Lt. Wesley Van Dorn
Barbara & Bruce Haldeman

Nathaniel A. Villines
Lizzie Villines

Steve Voyatzis
Daisy Brownstein

Percy L. Wall
Mary Lane

Jack Warmath
Barbara & Bruce Haldeman

Glenn & Carol Lesley

Berry & Ray Reid

Nancy P. Widmer
J. V. & Grace Alexander

Gus Willhauck
John & Mary Broome

Eric & Martha Hoekestra

Mary Barnett Worland
Danielle Berry

Cone Health

Ruth & Edward Deaton

William Herrings

Larry & Janet Keiner

Patti & John Koellner

Peggy & Jimmy Truitt

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.
DINE OUT TUESDAY, MAY 6 | MAKE HUNGER HISTORY

1618 Wine Lounge
Arigato Japanese Steakhouse*
Bill’s Pizza Pub (Oak Ridge)
Bill’s Pizza Pub (Randleman Rd)
Binh Minh
Burger King (Battleground Ave)
Burger King (HighPoint Rd)
Burger King (MLK Dr)
Burger King (S Holden Rd)
Burger King (Summit Ave)
Burger King (W Market St)
Burger King (W Wendover Ave)
Captain Bill’s Seafood Restaurant
Cedar’s Restaurant and Pizzeria
Center Grove Grill & Soda Shop
Cherry Pit Cafe and Pie Shop
Cherry Pit Express
Ciao Pizza Italian Restaurant (Whitsett)
Cincy’s Downtown
Country Kitchen
Crafted, The Art of the Taco
Elizabeth’s Pizza
(Parade Avenue)
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)
Elizabeth’s Italian Restaurant (Oak Ridge)
First Carolina Deli
Fishbones
Fishers Grille
Ghassan’s (Cornwalis Dr)
Ghassan’s (Battleground Ave)
Ghassan’s (High Point Rd)
Graffiti’s Bistro*
Green Valley Grill
Herbie’s Place
IPD Eatery & Grill
Jack’s Corner Mediterranean
Jams Deli (Quaker Village)
Jams Deli (Martinville Rd)
Juice Shop Smoothies
(Grandview Ave)
Juice Shop Smoothies
(Lawndale Dr)
Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse
& Sushi Bar*
Kobe of Japan
La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
(Bridford Pkwy)
Leblon Brazilian Steak House*
Libby Hill Seafood (High Point Rd)
Libby Hill Seafood (Randleman Rd)
Libby Hill Seafood (Summit Ave)
Lox, Stock & Bagel
Lucky 32 Southern Kitchen
Mad Hatter Bar & Grill
Maria’s Gourmet Catering
Mark’s Restaurant*
Maxie B’s
Mayflower Seafood (Randleman Rd)
M’Coul’s Public House
Mildori Japanese Restaurant
MJ’s Steak and Seafood
Restaurant and Catering
Monezi Brazilian Buffet & Grill
Mythos Grill (Market St)
Mythos Grill (Battleground Ave)
Oakcrest Family Restaurant
Painted Plate
Papa John’s Pizza
(Battleground Ave)
Papa John’s Pizza (E Cone Blvd)
Papa John’s Pizza (New Garden Rd)
Papa John’s Pizza (Spring Garden)
Papa John’s Pizza (Stanley Rd)
Papa John’s Pizza
(US Hwy 220 N Summerfield)
Pastabilities
Pavilion
Pho Hien Vuong Vietnamese 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
Reel Seafood Grill*
Ro’Rees Catering Restaurant
Sakura Ichiban Japanese & Thai
Sarah’s Kabob Shop
Spring Garden Bakery & Coffee House
Stamey’s Barbecue
(Battleground Ave)
Stamey’s Barbecue
(High Point Rd)
Sticks and Stones
Tap Room
Taste of Thai
Taste of Troy Restaurant
Taste Yogurt Bar (Battleground Ave)
Taste Yogurt Bar (Spring Garden)
Tex & Shirley’s Family Restaurant
The Brooklyn Pizzeria
The Melting Pot*
The Worx Bistro
Undercurrent Restaurant*
Village Tavern*
Yum Yum Better Ice Cream
Zaytoon Mediterranean Cafe

*Reservations suggested