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PENNY CAMPAIGN COLLECTION DAY

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2016
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

110 Oakwood and
414 E. Northwest Blvd.

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Thanks to the generosity of Cynthia and Stephen Anderson, we have the opportunity to match new donations to the Ministry through Dec. 31, 2016. Their match will effectively double every dollar donated up to \$50,000. We hope you'll consider giving over and above what you normally give to take advantage of this match. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit www.samaritanforsyth.org to contribute.

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SAM & Eggs Highlights New Initiatives

Samaritan is firmly settled into its new building and ready to spread its wings, board chairman Keith Rogers told the 330 people who attended the annual SAM & Eggs fundraising breakfast on September 22.

Samaritan has partnered with the Wake Forest University School of Law to hold expungement clinics, hosted weekly workouts through F3 Nation for shelter and Cornerstone program guests, and partnered with the Experiment in Self-Reliance to place a housing specialist in its building each week to help shelter guests find housing.

The breakfast, which raised over \$130,000, was held at Bridger Field House. HanesBrands, First Tennessee and West & Stem were major event sponsors.

Sonjia Kurosky, Samaritan's Executive Director, presented the Good Samaritan Philanthropy Award to Reynolds American Incorporated. RAI and its employees have supported Samaritan since its opening in 1981. The company gave to



the capital campaign to build the new building. Employees have served as board members and volunteers and they started the tradition of giving shelter guests presents at Christmas. Susan Cameron, RAI's president and chief executive officer, accepted the award.

Charlie, who completed the Cornerstone program, spoke about how Cornerstone helped him deal with childhood abuse and kick his drug addiction.

PENNY CAMPAIGN REACHES QUARTER CENTURY MARK

For 25 years, Samaritan's Penny Campaign has encouraged individuals, schools, churches and workplaces to collect change to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Its appeal is as timely as ever, with new partners and sponsors attracted to the cause. This year's goal is \$60,000.

The Deuterman Law Group is an event sponsor of the Penny Campaign this year, after getting involved with Samaritan last year.

Maureen Olsen, office manager for Deuterman, said that the firm was interested in supporting organizations that support their clients.



"We're dealing with people who are hurt, who are injured, who are sick," she said. "They're out of work a lot of the time. We see them using Samaritan."

Deuterman helped at Collection Day last year. "We have a lot of people who are high energy," Olsen said. "Any chance we get to hang out with each other and volunteer is a lot of fun."

Olsen said the cross-section that the Penny Campaign attracts is interesting and that she and her co-workers were moved by the people who came, carrying a few coins, but proud that they could help.

Wells Fargo is a contributing sponsor and has already collected over \$4,000 from employees in an August special collection. HanesBrands, WXII Channel 12, 110 Oakwood and the Winston-Salem Journal are also sponsors of the event. Capture, a local marketing firm, has donated its services to design attractive posters and Amanda Hobbs, a local graphic designer, donated the design of the flyers and jar stickers.

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat ... I was a stranger and you invited me in ...

Matthew 25:35

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Good News & Gratitude

Dear Friends of Samaritan,

As we close out our 35th Anniversary year, we celebrate our many partners who have enabled us to grow and serve our guests in new ways, while staying true to our mission.

At our SAM & Eggs fundraising breakfast, we were pleased to salute Reynolds American Incorporated. RAI was with us from the start and our shelter guests have RAI employees to thank for the tradition of giving gift bags to all shelter guests on Christmas Eve.

Speaking of stretching ourselves in new ways, I'd like to thank Cynthia and Stephen Anderson, who have agreed to match new gifts received the rest of this year, up to \$50,000. Founding board member Harriet Allen helped us make that connection to the Andersons. Harriet's long history of involvement with us is something I'm very proud of.

In honor of our anniversary, we're collecting Moments of Grace to share with the Samaritan community. You can read a few of these on page three. We'll be running the rest on our Facebook page until the end of the year.

Finally, please look over our flyer about this year's Christmas card, which features a photograph of downtown taken by a local homeless man. It's the perfect choice for alternative giving.

As always, please keep our guests in mind, especially during the holidays. Your thoughts, prayers and generosity can brighten the season for those who struggle to find hope and joy.

Grace and peace,

Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

Season of Sharing invites volunteers to shine

A lovable labradoodle, strings in the Soup Kitchen and a Love Feast for shelter guests were just a few of the ways that volunteers helped brighten the season for Samaritan guests last year.

Between Thanksgiving week and the end of the year, 19 individuals, groups and organizations took up the invitation to share their time, talents and treasure with the Samaritan community as part of the Season of Sharing.

This year, Samaritan is hoping to hear from more people interested in participating in the second Season of Sharing.

Everyone who participates will be invited to sign a registry that becomes a permanent part of Samaritan's history. People can share what they did and how they felt about the experience. Some volunteers may want to dedicate their service to a family member or friend who has inspired them.



"We encourage people who haven't been involved at Samaritan before to approach us with their ideas," said Sonjia Kurosky, Samaritan's Executive Director. "We only ask that you respect our guests' privacy and that projects don't disrupt our usual routines."

To discuss a project, contact Anna Donze, the volunteer coordinator, at anna.donze@samaritanforsyth.org or (336) 748-1962 ext. 303.

Moments of Grace



As we wind down our 35th anniversary year, we're looking back and thinking of those moments that seemed to capture the spirit of Samaritan. We'll be running more between now and the end of the year on our Facebook page. Please feel free to post your own moments there.

Betty Russell, Volunteer

One day in the old building, people were lined up to enter the Soup Kitchen on the sidewalk along Patterson Avenue. A car jumped the curb and hit several people in line. One man was thrown out of his wheel chair. I ran outside to see what I could do until first responders arrived. I saw volunteers kneeling on the sidewalk to comfort the injured.

Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

One of the toilet seat covers was broken in the shelter. A shelter guest was walking around on the Southside when he saw a cover that was in pretty good shape had been set out on the side of the road for garbage pick-up. He lugged the heavy seat cover all the way back to Samaritan.

Steve Stover, Shelter Manager

We had a guest from LA check into the shelter. One night he'd been drinking so I told him he couldn't come in. He walked down the street, got into trouble and got shot in the stomach. He came back to Samaritan bleeding and asked for help. I called 911 and started praying for him. EMS took him away. The guest called from the hospital after he'd been treated and was getting ready to be released and go back to LA. "I couldn't leave here without telling you I love you," he said. "You saved my life."

Debbie Hunter, Board Member and Volunteer

I had the pleasure of volunteering on the first day we served lunch in the new Soup Kitchen. The new Soup Kitchen was spacious, bright, and inviting, with round tables to encourage fellowship. I

was monitoring the door and directing guests to tables with empty seats. An elderly couple walked up, looked at me, and said "two please" as if they were entering a fine dining establishment... and they were. It truly warmed my heart and reminded me what a special place Samaritan Ministries is.

Keith Huskins, Board Member and Volunteer

On the evenings I serve as a Check-In Leader, Donnie Scott lets me do the evening devotion, providing me the opportunity to share my Christian love and faith with the men and volunteers. Following the devotion men will often share with the group on how the Scripture or message impacted them, or sometimes men will come up to speak to me after the devotion. These men, like me, are energized and comforted by Christ's message of love and hope. I'm thankful God has provided me the opportunity to serve others and share my faith at Samaritan Ministries.



Willis Miller, Assistant Director

The Rev. Broderick Morrison came to our shelter in 2011. He never expected to need our help but life threw many challenges in his way and he ended up in the Soup Kitchen and the shelter. Broderick used to help me with check-in. He attended devotions and took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. When his 90 days were up, he was ready to go back into the world. Today he's a divinity student and recently preached his initial sermon at Citadel of Faith Christian Fellowship in Thomasville. I attended the event and thought he did a great job.

John Justus, former Board Member and Volunteer

We had completed check-in in one winter Sunday evening, but one man was still waiting. He didn't have a single possession—no coat, backpack or even a telephone. The staff counselor asked him where he'd been staying. "Well, up until this morning, I had a wife and a home," he answered quietly.

There was a certain calmness about his response, but not a peaceful calm. Rather, it was spoken in a tone of resignation. His life, for whatever reason, had suddenly taken a sorrowful turn.

I don't know if the man ever found his way back home, but I know that I was thankful that on this night, Samaritan Ministries was there to offer him a warm meal, a place to sleep and a safe harbor until he could hopefully recover some direction to his journey.

Diane Arrington, Soup Kitchen Volunteer

We, the volunteers, are Samaritan's angels. Coming by different ways for different reasons we each serve a purpose. Each day we follow God's lead to sustain the guests -- always with food and sometimes with words, a smile or just kind eyes. And as many volunteers will attest we receive much more than we ever give. With that in mind these are the times the mysterious ways of God come about.

Years ago near the end of serving in our old building I was dealing with some difficult things that were out of my control. I talked to Mother Mary, I talked to Jesus, I talked to God and I was in touch with my closest friends through phone and e-mail.

But sometimes the angels of God come in unsuspecting packages to deliver a message. Working my table one day a guest walked up and stood beside me. He wasn't a guest I knew or recognized as a regular. He said to me, "You look worried. I want you to know everything will be OK." Then he left.

That day I learned that occasionally the guests are our angels.



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Soup Kitchen

Year Round Staples

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| <input type="checkbox"/> coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> grits | <input type="checkbox"/> canned salmon or tuna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> canned chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans fruits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> large tea bags | <input type="checkbox"/> ground beef | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans applesauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinegar | <input type="checkbox"/> turkey breasts | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans vegetable |

Shelter

Year Round Needs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> high efficiency laundry detergent packs/pods | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> disposable razors | <input type="checkbox"/> socks |

We also accept prepared foods leftover from special events, corporate gatherings, etc. Drop off donations 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

Weekday Soup Kitchen teams

We need regular team members as well as one-time substitutes and occasional team members on all weekdays. Team members help prepare and serve meals to 350 guests from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Computer lab volunteers

We're looking for computer-literate volunteers, (18 and up) to staff our new computer lab in the evenings and help shelter guests navigate the virtual world. Guests use the lab to apply for jobs, keep up with current events and look for housing. Volunteer shifts run from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This is a great way to connect with our guests and help them learn skills that can transform their lives. To schedule a private training session, contact anna.donze@samaritanforsyth.org.

Overnight Shelter Teams

Shelter teams of six people work 6 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. They prepare supper as well as breakfast the next morning for men in our shelter. They also watch shelter monitors in two-hour shifts throughout the night.

For more information about all of these positions, contact Anna Donze, volunteer coordinator at: anna.donze@samaritanforsyth.org or (336)748-1962 ext. 303.