

# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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## TOUR DE LLAMA

June 25, 8:30 a.m.

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[www.samaritanforsyth.org](http://www.samaritanforsyth.org)



## PENNY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**\$57,047 collected**

Thank you to the hundreds of individuals, churches, schools and businesses who participated in Penny Campaign 2015. Mark your calendars now for Penny Campaign 2016.



## PENNY CAMPAIGN DROP-OFF

110 Oakwood Dr. and  
414 E. Northwest Blvd.  
Saturday, December 3,  
2016

## MATERIALS AVAILABLE

July 2016

## COLLECTION KICK-OFF

October 2016

**SAMARITAN  
MINISTRIES**

FOOD FOR THE BODY. HOPE FOR THE SOUL.

## Sam celebrates 35th anniversary in style

On March 2, 1981, a small group of volunteers rounded up 26 hungry people from the streets of Winston-Salem and served them vegetable beef soup at a new organization on Patterson Avenue called Samaritan Ministries.

For Samaritan's 35th anniversary, an anonymous donor wanted to treat Samaritan's shelter guests to a steak dinner with all of the trimmings. Soup Kitchen Manager, Derrick Newkirk, and Charles Paynter, of Five Loaves Catering, worked up a menu that included steak, twice-baked potatoes and bread pudding.

"Back in 1981, some people in the community weren't sure that an organization like Samaritan was needed," said Sonjia Kurosky, Samaritan's Executive Director. "With having hosted 607 different men in our shelter last year and served 155,305 meals in our Soup Kitchen, I don't



*Food and fellowship at anniversary dinner*

think anyone's asking that question."

Board members, staff, donors and volunteers served as wait staff, provided entertainment and took care of other details.

"We thought the best way to celebrate our anniversary was to create a memorable experience for the people

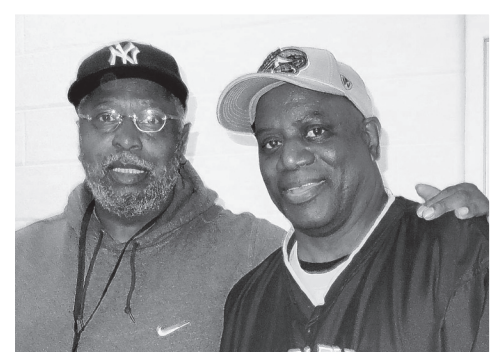
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## POINT-IN-TIME COUNT HELD AT SAMARITAN

**About 100 volunteers turned out on January 27th for Winston-Salem's homeless Point-In-Time Count, a one-day count of homeless people and families in the county.**

The local count is organized by the United Way of Forsyth County and was hosted by Samaritan. The data gathered is used to plan services for the homeless.

Throughout the night, teams of volunteers check under bridges, in abandoned buildings and in woods where homeless people are known to gather. Those who are in a shelter are counted as well. Final numbers for the night haven't been tallied, but Kathleen Wiener, program assistant for the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, said she believes this year's count will be close to the



*Willis Miller and Kenneth Koontz at Point-in-Time Count*

average of 20 to 30 people that are usually found outside.

"There are always going to be people who have hard times in their lives," Wiener said. "We want our community to have systems in place to help them"

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

*Matthew 25:35*

## **Samaritan Ministries**

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## **Good News & Gratitude**

Dear Friends of Samaritan,

The spring newsletter is always a time to rejoice as the first signs of spring appear, but I'm reminded that even in the depths of winter, Samaritan remains a beacon of hope.

Before the big snow and ice storm hit in February, I spent the night at the shelter so that I could be sure I was in the building if no one else could come in. The stories I heard from our guests reminded me of just how vulnerable they are. One man in the shelter was waiting for his open heart surgery to be scheduled and another man had moved to the area to be closer to his cardiologist, only to end up with us.

We were here for them, as well as the 300 guests who showed up for lunch on Saturday when the snow had turned to ice. When volunteers couldn't make it in, a number of our guests and Cornerstone men swept the walks, helped prepare and serve the food, and pitched in as needed.

That's the kind of spirit that no snow or ice storm can chill and it's made possible by your support and God's Grace. We thank you for all you do.

Grace and peace,



Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

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## **Small brings wealth of experience**

**Donna Small brings 25 years of nonprofit experience to her new job as Samaritan's finance manager. Before coming to Samaritan, Small was the finance director at the Centers for Exceptional Children.**

She has also worked at St. Leo's Catholic Church, Reynolda House Museum of American Art and the



Donna Small

Special Children's School. She has a bachelors degree in accounting from Nichols College.

Small replaces Parker Umstead, who has retired. Umstead had served as Samaritan's finance manager since 2008.

When she was interviewing for her job, she arrived on a rainy day and saw people lined up outside the Soup Kitchen.

"It seemed to me that the mission to take care of people's needs day to day is very important," she said.



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## 2016 WISH LIST

### Soup Kitchen

#### Year Round Staples

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <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

- |   |  |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <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. when possible.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Overnight shelter teams

Shelter teams of six people work 6:15 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.

### Shelter dinner, check-in or hospitality leaders

These positions work from 6 to 10:30 p.m. once a month. They lead dinner preparation efforts, help with guest check-in and greet first-time guests.

### Weekday Soup Kitchen teams

Team members help prepare and serve meals to 350 to 400 guests, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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