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PENNY CAMPAIGN IS COMING

GOAL: \$60,000

TWO LOCATIONS

Bring your collection to 110 Oakwood Drive or 414 E. Northwest Blvd., Samaritan's new building.

Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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September 2016

To request jars or stickers, contact: mary.giunca@samaritanforsyth.org

COLLECTION KICK-OFF:

October 2016

Tour de Llama raises \$17,376

The weather was slightly overcast and the llamas were as cute as ever, for the third annual Tour de Llama on June 25.

Forty-six sponsors and 130 cyclists raised over \$17,000 for Samaritan Ministries.

The event has grown each year, with last year's event raising \$14,209. The money stays in the community feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless.

"This was my first Tour de Llama, so I wasn't quite sure what to expect," said John Davenport. "However, I had a blast! It was fun enjoying the beauty of Yadkin County – all while getting a great workout."

Cyclists could choose from 36- or 60-mile rides. Matt Canter, with Ken's Bike Shop, worked with Samaritan to design the course and help get the word out. This year's course was modified from previous years and the ride started half an hour earlier to help riders complete their rides in cooler temperatures.



Michael West, a Samaritan board member and the architect of its new building, conceived the event as a way to help Samaritan and to bring people out to Divine Llama Vineyards in East Bend. After the ride, people often stay around to go on hayride tours, listen to music or sample wines.

Grill Team Six, a group of local lawyers who donate their services as grill masters provide the event with the great food that has become a major attraction for hungry cyclists. They cook chicken, brisket and bratwurst.

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES' FOUNDER DIES

In 1980, the Rev. James Stimson "Stimp" Hawkins led a team of local religious leaders in the opening of the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen.

Hawkins, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, was inspired by seeing hungry people come to his church asking for food and by an experience he had had at a soup kitchen in Washington DC.

"He was a powerful advocate for doing something and finding his faith in it," said Ann Hensel, who worked with Hawkins to open the Soup Kitchen and who served as its



Rev. James Stimson "Stimp" Hawkins and Sonja Kurosky

first executive director.

Hawkins, 82, died on June 16. Hensel said that Hawkins had gone to observe a soup kitchen in Washington DC and that when no one noticed a ragged man asking for seconds, Hawk-

ins approached the man and served him. Hensel said that experience connected Hawkins powerfully to the man, and Jesus' work.

"When you've been touched, and had a profound experience," Hensel said, "you can pass it onto others."

Hawkins saw the Soup Kitchen he worked to open expand and later move to a new building. He led the dedication of that building in December 2014.

"Stimp's spirit lives on in everything we do," said Sonja Kurosky, Samaritan's Executive Director.

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,

We continue to celebrate our milestone 35th anniversary and mourn a passing. Stimp Hawkins, the founder of Samaritan, died on June 16. Stimp was an inspiration to all of us who came after him and I'm so glad he was able to help us dedicate our new building in December 2014. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends.

Samaritan is full of new faces these days. We have a new receptionist and Soup Kitchen assistant as well as our first intern from Wake Forest University's Summer Nonprofit Immersion Program (SNIP), which is training the next generation of nonprofit leaders. We'll need their expertise.

Our area continues to grapple with a high poverty rate. I counted 50 children in the Soup Kitchen during a recent weekday. While we're glad to be here for them, it's always a poignant reminder of the needs in our community. As temperatures soar, we'll see an increase in shelter guests as well as heat-related health problems. We hope you'll consider using the enclosed envelope to help those who need it most.

Grace and peace,

Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

Bell brings compassion, experience

Taimia Bell spent 23 years working with the public at Wake Forest Baptist Health. She loved the adrenaline rush that came from working as the patient-family coordinator in the emergency room.

"I really like to work with people on a direct level," she said. "I wanted something meaningful and engaging."



Taimia Bell

members, staff and volunteers, as well as homeless people who are experiencing a crisis.

Bell is working on her degree in arts management at Salem College. She's been involved in the Little Theater and worked as an interpreter at Old Salem. She said her theater experience helps her to meet and greet people.

"I hope that the people who come through the door," she said, "feel I can meet their needs in any way possible."

As Samaritan Ministries' new part-time receptionist, Bell looks forward to being the friendly face of Samaritan to the people she greets. These include board

SAM & Eggs, Samaritan Ministries' annual fundraising breakfast, will be Sept. 22 at Bridger Field House. We're looking for corporate sponsors as well as table captains who will invite their friends to learn more about Samaritan. Contact Jan Kelly at: jan.kelly@samaritanforsyth.org for more information.



Project Cornerstone

On the Move

Terry grew up in Winston-Salem and took his first drink at 16. He had a family history of alcoholism and was drinking regularly by his early 20s.

To outsiders, Terry seemed to be doing fine. He was married and had turned his love of cooking into a 20-year career in the restaurant business.

“When I was at the peak of my career, I had everything I wanted,” he said, “but I wore a lot of masks.”

He drifted in and out of treatment programs, but his recovery never lasted long.

“I’ve known I’ve needed treatment,” he said. “Every time I started drinking I knew how it was going to turn out, but I’d do it anyway.”

Last May a case worker suggested he enter Project Cornerstone.

Cornerstone has helped him understand that drinking is a symptom of larger problems he needs to deal with, he said. He’s being forced to drop his masks and make changes in his life.

He’s almost finished with the program and is looking forward to getting his own place. He has COPD and emphysema and has applied for disability. This time, he feels like the tools for his recovery are in place.

“I’m at the age where I know if I keep drinking, it’s going to kill me,” he said. “I’m doing things a little differently this time. I’m listening to people.”

Staples puts love into cooking

When Sandra “Shorty” Staples was growing up, her grandmother told her, “Whatever kind of mood you’re in, that’s what your food is going to taste like, so you have to cook with love.”

Staples, who is Samaritan’s new Soup Kitchen Assistant, applies that lesson when she comes to work.

She got her first restaurant job at the age of 15 and she’s been cooking ever since. She comes to Samaritan from Food Express, a food service company in Charlotte. As for her nickname, well, she’s 4’8”.

“I love the job,” she said. “The volunteers show so much love and caring. It’s something to look forward to. You know you’re appreciated every day.”



Sandra “Shorty” Staples

For Staples, getting to know the guests has been a rewarding part of her job. They ask her for advice, which she freely gives, along with love.

“You never know,” she said, “what someone’s carrying.”



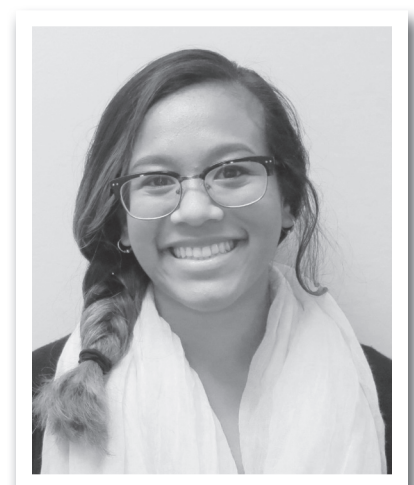
New learning, perspectives

Increasing church outreach and attracting a new generation of volunteers are important to Samaritan’s future.

This summer, Samaritan is getting some help with those goals through Wake Forest University’s Summer Nonprofit Immersion Program (SNIP), which places Wake Forest students in area nonprofits. Students gain a better understanding of the nonprofit world and nonprofits benefit from the perspective and help that students bring.

Jenny Mai, a sociology and women’s, gender and sexuality studies major, has been contacting churches to better understand how Samaritan can provide volunteers with a meaningful, and convenient, way to be involved.

For Mai, who will be a junior, and who has experience in community



Jenny Mai

organizing, the SNIP program is a chance to see a part of the city she hadn’t experienced on Wake Forest’s campus.

“I really wanted to get to know the Winston-Salem community better,” she said.



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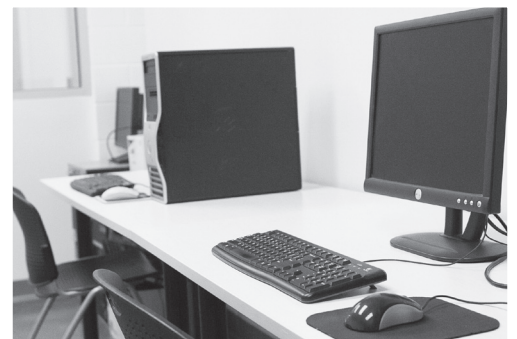
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We also accept prepared foods leftover from special events, corporate gatherings, etc. Drop off donations 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

Computer lab volunteers

We're excited to open our computer lab for shelter residents. Volunteer shifts for this program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We're looking for one or two volunteers each night to supervise and help guests with basic computer skills as needed. We'll host an orientation for volunteers on Thursday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Anna Donze at the contact information below.



Soup Kitchen volunteers

Lunch shifts run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Volunteers may join a recurring team or fill in as substitutes on a short-term basis.

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