

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Volume 24, Issue I

Spring 2017

TOUR DE LLAMA

June 24, 8:30 a.m.

REGISTER AT:

www.samaritanforsyth.org

4 ride package: \$100 for all 4 (a \$40 savings)

See www.active.com for details. Search for Saddles and Spokes

June 3, 2017: Saddles and Spokes

June 17, 2017: Tour de Kale

June 24, 2017: Tour de Llama

July 15, 2017: Operation Red Sleigh



PENNY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

\$48,858 collected

Thank you to the hundreds of individuals, churches, schools and businesses who participated in Penny Campaign 2016. Mark your calendars now for Penny Campaign 2017.



PENNY CAMPAIGN DROP-OFF

110 Oakwood Dr. and 414 E. Northwest Blvd. Saturday, December 3, 2017

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

July 2017

COLLECTION KICK-OFF

October 2017

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

FOOD FOR THE BODY. HOPE FOR THE SOUL.

Samaritan, Wake Forest Baptist work to provide man with a plan

Scotty grew up in Winston-Salem and lived with his mother for all of his 51 years. Despite his developmental disabilities, he was known as a steady, dependable worker at Wake Forest Baptist Health, where he'd been a dishwasher for 21 years.

When his mother died two years ago, Scotty tried living with several relatives and then friends, but none of those situations worked out. Co-workers at Wake Forest Baptist advised him to see Graylin Carlton, Staff Chaplain of Transitional Care in the Chaplaincy and Clinical Ministries Department at Wake Forest Baptist.

Carlton, who works with patients who don't have a place to go when they're discharged from the hospital, called Willis Miller, Samaritan's Assistant Director and talked to him about his efforts to put together stable housing for Scotty.

"Scotty had good basic habits and we built on that," Carlton said.

Miller agreed to let Scotty stay in Samaritan's shelter while he built the savings he would need

to get his own apartment. Carlton worked with other volunteers to get furniture for Scotty's apartment and to get his finances in order.

Scotty stayed at Samaritan from Jan. 26 to Feb. 16, 2017. Miller kept an eye on Scotty while he was in the shelter. He made sure Scotty felt safe and comfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.

Scotty has since moved into an apartment close enough to the hospital that he can walk to work. He has someone trustworthy to oversee his finances.

"Scotty knew what he wanted and he followed the plan," Carlton said. "This is one of the good stories."



Graylin Carlton and Scotty

MINI GRANT PROVIDES BIG BENEFITS

Last summer, Samaritan Ministries competed with other nonprofits across the state to receive a mini grant of \$1,000 from Truliant Federal Credit Union.

Samaritan planned to use the grant money to provide special holiday meals to Soup Kitchen guests. Samaritan's supporters voted for the project on social media.

The first of those meals came on February 28, with a special Black History Month menu that celebrated soul food. Guests could choose from chicken, pork loin or barbecue ribs, as well as macaroni and cheese, collard greens, cornbread and chitterlings. A dessert bar featured bread and banana puddings and a selection of cakes.

"It was good to see the guests come in and see they had a choice," said Derrick Newkirk, Samaritan's Soup Kitchen Manager.

The holiday meals provide a sense of normalcy to guests, he said, and give them something to

look forward to.

"These funds help Truliant make a big impact locally through high-quality nonprofit programming in the communities we serve," said Renee Shipko, Community Engagement Liaison for Truliant.

Newkirk said that not only are the meals fun for guests, the mini grant helps stretch the Soup Kitchen's budget. "You need to have that extra amount to push you over the top," he said.

Samaritan plans other special menus for Cinco de Mayo, St. Patrick's Day, Christmas and Easter.



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2017

Keith Rogers

Board President
President, Keith Rogers Homes Inc.

Hank Myers

Board VP, Administration
President, HLM Construction Co.

Jim Rosenberger

Board VP, Operations
Vice President and Project Manager, Wells Fargo

Lucy Paynter

Board Secretary
Retired, Dir. Christian Formation, St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

Charlene A. Johnson

Board Treasurer
Senior VP, Commercial Banking Administration,
First Tennessee Bank

Al Jones

Board Assistant Treasurer
Associate Partner, Aon Hewitt

Joseph H. Ely

Development Chair
Retired, Executive VP and Southeast Region Head,
Aon Hewitt

Michael D. Gwyn

At Large, Executive Committee
President/CEO, Salem Commercial Real Estate

Kelly Whitener

At Large, Executive Committee
Marketing Director, Linville Team Partners

Bo Brookby

Retired, Exec. VP & Managing Dir., Wachovia

Ken Carlson

Partner, Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete,
LLP

Rob Davis

Senior VP, Business Services Team Leader, BB&T

Jerry Enos

Executive VP, Wells Fargo

Terry Hales

VP, Academic Administration and Operations,
Wake Forest School of Medicine

Jeffrey Hoover, Sr.

Bar Manager, The Historic Brookstown Inn

Debbie Hunter

Performance Improvement Specialist, NC Hospital
Association

Larry Joe

Retired, Piedmont Natural Gas

Gilmour Lake

Retired, Founder, Computer Credit

B. Thomas Lawson, Jr.

Sr. VP, Philanthropic Sales Specialist,
U.S. Trust, Bank of America Wealth Management

Christopher Leak

Senior Portfolio Manager, Family Wealth Advisor,
VP, Morgan Stanley

Tom Pierce

Retired, Board Chairman, Hickory Springs
Manufacturing Co.

Brent L. Powell

Director of Marketing, HanesBrands

Ed Robins

Managing Principal, J.T. Stratford

P. Michael West Jr., AIA

West & Stem Architects, PLLC

Good News & Gratitude

Dear Friends of Samaritan,

Spring is a time of new beginnings and we're pleased to bring you Scotty's story, which has such a happy ending. Thankfully, organizations in our community are working together to help our most vulnerable citizens lead safe and productive lives.

Speaking of productive lives, April is the month we celebrate our volunteers. In this issue, you'll read about two men whose talents enriched our Ministry and who elected to leave Samaritan a legacy now that they're gone.

If you're interested in volunteering and learning more about us, check out the volunteer opportunities on our back page and consider trying out a volunteer shift with some of your co-workers, as an increasing number of local workplaces are doing.

This issue also highlights how we're helping our guests learn new skills and lifting their spirits. The Truliant Mini Grant that we were awarded allows us to offer special holiday meals to our guests. Our new computer lab, staffed by Wake Forest University students, is helping our guests access housing, education and job opportunities.

Grace and peace,

Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

Corporate Connections

Corporate teams are finding Soup Kitchen service is a great team-building exercise that also gives participants a look at a different side of the community.

For the 21 members of an IT group from Novant Health, volunteering in the Soup Kitchen was an enjoyable experience that stretched over three days.

"They liked working as a team outside of work. They liked giving back and meeting the people," said John Carlee, Manager of Business Intelligence for Novant Health.

A group from PMG Research, a company that does medical research, selected Samaritan as one of two choices for its companywide Day of Service.

"Everyone found it rewarding to come over," said Sharon Pullen, communications coordinator for PMG Research. "It opens your eyes to things we take for granted every day, like a hot meal."

Pullen said that some of the volunteers



PMG Research Group

were overwhelmed with sadness at seeing hungry children come into eat and others were surprised at the volume of people who came in.

Samaritan averages about 350 guests for lunch on weekdays.

"We were most impressed with how organized it is," Pullen said. "We liked the fact that we were given specific things to do."

The corporate teams are a great way for work teams to raise their company's profile in the community and spend time together on a worthy cause, said Anna Donze, Samaritan's Volunteer Coordinator. And Samaritan's regular volunteers appreciate having new faces and new energy to back them up.

Computer lab opens new worlds for guests

The opening of Samaritan Ministries' computer lab last spring opened up a new world of opportunity for guests and for a group of Wake Forest University students who volunteered to launch the project and work with guests in the lab.

The WFU volunteers are members of the Dash Corps, which encourages the development of leadership skills and civic engagement among first year students.

Matt Schlosser, a sophomore from Tampa, who's majoring in political science and English, was attracted to the project last year and has stayed on this year to supervise.

"I wanted to give back and get to know Winston-Salem," he said.

Schlosser and the other volunteers spent time talking with guests about what they needed from the lab.

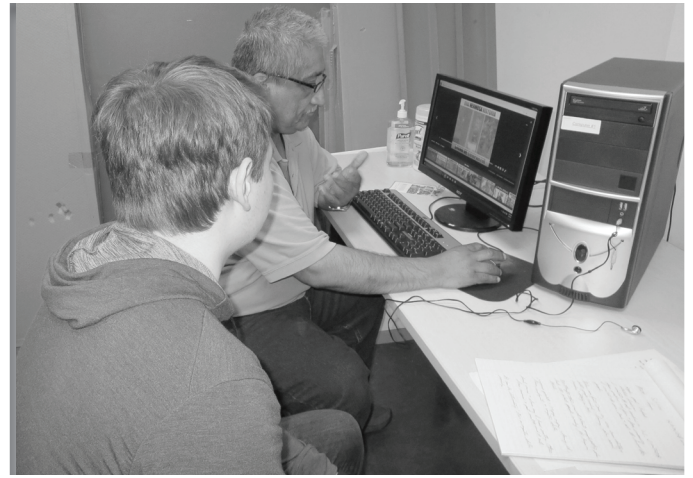
"We thought this was all about people

getting jobs," Schlosser said, "but it's about people needing to keep in touch."

Guests' level of skill varies. Some men have told Schlosser they know nothing about computers. Others have their own resumes ready and they just need a computer to send it from.

"We help with everything from Excel to email," Schlosser said.

The volunteers are putting together a resource guide that will describe how to do basic computer functions, such as creating an email account. The guide will also list references for housing, education, transportation and



Schlosser (left) works with a guest.

employment. They're planning to hold a computer skills workshop for guests later this spring.

Schlosser said he'd been encouraged by the guests' response to the lab.

"It's empowering once you get past the initial stage," he said. "It's become a normal thing that they expect."

Tale of Two Volunteers

Randall Sparger and Bob Doty were two of the many volunteers who brought a spirit of congeniality to the Soup Kitchen while they were alive.

Both men died recently and have asked that memorials be made to Samaritan, helping to ensure that their spirits will carry on.

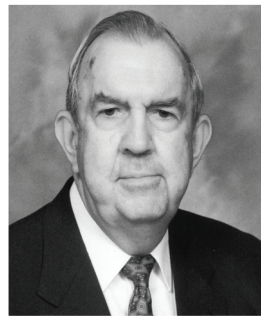
Bob Doty, who died on Feb. 24, joined his wife, Jan, a 30-year Samaritan volunteer, five years ago. He took care of table eight in the Soup Kitchen.

"He just loved the people who came in," Jan Doty said. "He loved hearing their stories."

Betty Russell, who serves as Thursday's team leader, said that Doty was always the first to welcome new people.



Bob Doty



Randall Sparger

"He could talk to anybody about anything," she said. "You could feel the love in him."

Doty was a merchandise manager at Sears Roebuck and Co. for 33 years. The Dotys moved to Winston-Salem in 1971, and belonged to College Park Baptist Church. Before coming to Samaritan, Doty had been an active volunteer at Habitat for Humanity,

helping to raise money through its BirdFest fundraiser.

Sparger volunteered in the Soup Kitchen and served on Samaritan's board. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and worked in the furniture business before retiring as vice president from Virginia House Furniture.

Cathie Strader, the former Soup Kitchen Manager, said that Sparger wore a uniform of sneakers, a short-sleeved plaid shirt and a pair of khaki pants when he manned the drink station. "He liked that it felt like a family on that team," she said.

Russell, who volunteered with Sparger, characterized him as "gentle and kind—a true Southern gentleman."

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

FOOD FOR THE BODY. HOPE FOR THE SOUL.

414 E. Northwest Blvd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Phone: 336-748-1962
Fax: 336-748-8207

email: info@samaritanforsyth.org
www.samaritanforsyth.org

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Winston-Salem, NC
Permit No. 395

.....
[facebook.com/samaritanforsyth](https://www.facebook.com/samaritanforsyth)
.....



2017 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"/> pork loin | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans fruits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> large tea bags | <input type="checkbox"/> ground beef | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans baked or pinto beans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinegar | <input type="checkbox"/> chicken leg quarters | <input type="checkbox"/> #10 cans vegetables |

- Summer**
- fresh produce – zucchini, tomatoes, squash, peppers, etc. and fresh herbs

Shelter

- Year Round Needs** (in order of need)
- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> high efficiency laundry detergent packs/pods | <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> disposable razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> socks |
- Winter**
- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> toboggans | <input type="checkbox"/> men's lined waterproof gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> hand lotion (sample size) |
|------------------------------------|--|--|

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Dinner leader
Help supervise overnight volunteers as they prepare, serve and clean-up after dinner. Dinner leaders work from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. once a month. Positions are open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, the 1st Sunday, the 4th Wednesday and the 31st of the month.

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 p.m. 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.

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.