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PENNY CAMPAIGN

October 1, 2018 -
December 1, 2018
(Collection Day)

110 Oakwood Drive,
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and Samaritan Ministries

Pick up materials at Sa-
maritan Open House
414 E. Northwest Blvd
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Tour de Llama: 5th Annual Bike Ride Event A Huge Success

Samaritan Ministries' 5th Annual Tour de Llama was the largest attended yet. A beautiful summer day on June 23 drew hundreds of cyclists, sponsors, and members from our community to the beautiful Divine Llama Vineyard.

The event raised \$27,547.52, an outstanding extension of the \$20,000 goal. The amount equates to 13,116+ meals or 1,065+ nights of shelter to the hungry and homeless people in our community.

Presenting Sponsor Arbor Investment Advisors was on-site and volunteered with set-up, t-shirt distribution and to cheer on one of their partners as he rode alongside the other cyclists.

"It was an honor for us to serve as the presenting sponsor of this year's event and to deepen our partnership with Samaritan



Ministries," said Bill Hollan, Principal of Arbor Investment Advisors. "Hundreds of people came together to ride and raise money for those in need and everyone at Arbor is thrilled to see such strong results for Samaritan."

Divided between the 21, 36, and 60-mile routes, 262 cyclists rode through the scenic rural Yadkin County. The 21-mile course was new this year and brought a new wave of cyclists to the ride.

A beautiful speckled baby llama captured the hearts of attendees. Under the watchful eye of his mother, In a Heartbeat, received treats from children and posed for photo ops and llama selfies. The mother is one of the original three llamas living on the farm and 15 years old, so it was extra special that her last

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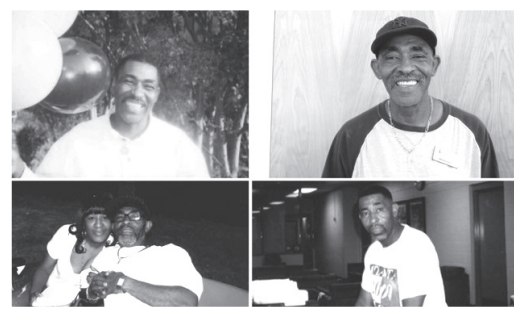
In Loving Memory of Tyrone Baldwin

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that our beloved Brother in Christ, Tyrone Baldwin, passed away. He took his last breath on Thursday, April 12, 2018, surrounded by family and close friends. He was 66 years old.

Tyrone was born on April 22, 1951. He attended Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools and North Carolina A&T State University. Tyrone came to Samaritan in 1995 because he was ready to change his life. Following the completion of Project Cornerstone, Tyrone had a 22-year career as Maintenance Manager at Samaritan Ministries and served as a mentor to so many other guests that came through our doors.

He lived a life of endless generosity, of love and care for everyone he met, whether it was an hour, a day or a lifetime. A selfless Christian, Tyrone would do anything in the world for someone else. Everyone who had the privilege of meeting Tyrone knows what a gift his friendship was to us all.

Tyrone's departure from this earth leaves our entire



Samaritan family with a void in our hearts, but we know he is watching over us. While we may not see that contagious smile or hear his voice, we know he is healthy and that we will all see him again one day.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the memorial service held at Samaritan. It was a beautiful time in which people spoke about the impact Tyrone had on their lives. We ask that you please keep Tyrone's wife, Fran, and his entire family continuously in your prayers.

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,

It amazes me how quickly the summer months seem to come and go.

We have been beyond blessed here at Samaritan as we kicked off the Summer with our biggest Tour De Llana event yet. It was astounding to see 260+ cyclists being sent off on their beautiful routes on a perfect June morning. After the ride, I walked around to feel an energy that is hard to describe. Young kids were hand feeding llamas, volunteers lovingly served food and engaged with attendees, laughter filled the entire venue as I made my way through the sea of lime green shirts. It was truly a special day and I'm so thankful for all of those involved.

The event came on the heels of losing our beloved long-time employee, Tyrone Baldwin. Tyrone was truly a special person and like a brother to me. I feel at peace knowing he is in good health and watching over our entire Samaritan family and every one of our guests.

As the summer ends, we have many exciting initiatives on the horizon. The implementation of a new volunteer software will allow those that want to serve the ease of scheduling online. We'll collect accurate contact information so that we can keep in touch with our volunteers and enhance the safety of our building by tracking who is in the building in real time. I'm so thankful for Leadership Winston-Salem's hard work and help in delivering a solution just right for us.

If you are looking for ways to get involved with Samaritan this fall, I encourage you to consider participating in the Penny Campaign and start saving loose change now. Just \$2.10 provides a warm meal and \$25.82 provides a night of shelter, dinner and breakfast to a homeless guest. I invite you to come to our Open House event on Sunday, September 30 to pick up your jars and if you haven't yet been to our building, that would be a perfect time to come take a tour.

While the summer days fly by, let us not forget that every day, many of our neighbors are without the basic necessities of food and shelter. Together, we can help to serve them and be a beacon of hope for a brighter tomorrow.

My best wishes to you and your family in these last weeks of Summer.

Grace and peace,



Sonjia Kuroska, Executive Director

A Man's Prayer & A Child's Whisper

These two images represent the hardships that some of our guests are facing. Everyone that comes through our doors has a story. They are all in need in some way. At Samaritan, our mission is to provide hope to those that need it most.



A young man sat down to a warm meal among other hungry people in our community. Before he takes a bite, he prays deeply for nearly two minutes. Surrounded by life's noises, it is just him and God for those couple of minutes.



We recently met a mother and father of three precious children, all of them out of school for the summer break. The entire family was waiting for lunch to begin at 11 a.m. Sonjia, Samaritan's executive director, was chatting with the kids when one of the young girls started to cry. She asked the girl what she was upset about. She was expecting something along the lines of "my sister is being mean," "I'm bored" or "It's hot outside."

She looked up at Sonjia through tear filled eyes and whispered, "I'm so hungry." The Samaritan staff provided some fruit and other snacks while they waited for lunch, in which all three children and their parents cleared their entire trays of food. We serve hungry children every day, but we do see an increase in children that dine with us during the summer months when schools are closed.

We ask that you join us praying for these guests and everyone else that comes to Samaritan to be served.

Samaritan Rolling Out New Volunteer Scheduling Software

In 2017, a Leadership Winston Salem Action Learning group selected the project of helping Samaritan discover a more efficient way to schedule and receive correct contact information date for our 3,000+ volunteers. The group spent time going through the volunteer processes, carefully considered functions that were important to us and vetted dozens of various software providers to propose a solution.

Samaritan is thrilled to announce this fall we are rolling out the new software, called CERVIS, which stands for Community Event Registration and Volunteer Information System, that will revamp the sign up and check in process at the Ministry. Following staff and

existing volunteer training, the platform will be live in September.

New and existing volunteers will be able to visit the Samaritan website and sign up for different shifts. Automatic schedule confirmation emails will help to streamline the scheduling process. Volunteers will then receive email reminders of their upcoming shift and helpful information prior to volunteering.

Once volunteers arrive for their shift, they simply stop by the check in kiosk, a new tablet that extends from the wall just beyond the front desk, select their name and check-in. It's that easy! Overnight and weekend volunteers will receive a printed name badge upon check-in.

Volunteers can also opt-in to receive text messages on their mobile device. This will allow Samaritan staff to notify volunteers of last minute coverage needed



for shifts, items needed in the kitchen and information about Samaritan's volunteer and community events.

The Samaritan staff is dedicated to being on hand to help volunteers in setting up profiles and navigating through the check in process as the new process rolls out. We're excited to launch this new feature and hope that it will bring in even more volunteers to help serve those in need.

Young Professionals of Winston < 40 Select 2018 Community Partner

Samaritan Ministries is the official 2018 Community Partner for Winston < 40.

The Young Samaritans, tasked with engaging young adults under 40 in caring for the poor and homeless and establishing the next generation of volunteers and donors, felt there was an opportunity to make the well-established Winston < 40 network aware of our services in the community and invite their membership to get involved. As the Community Partner, the group of 1,400+ young professionals have been collecting toiletry items at their networking events and donating them to the homeless men that reside at Samaritan every night of the year.

In May, the group gathered for a young professionals networking event at Fiddlin'



Fish in downtown Winston-Salem. The owners of Fiddlin' Fish donated \$1 from every beverage purchased that evening and gifted Samaritan \$171 to go towards guest services. This equates to eighty-one

warm meals or six nights of shelter to our hungry and homeless neighbors.

The Winston < 40 Board is also planning to volunteer overnight in the shelter this year, a volunteer need that is crucial to fulfill right now. Some members of the board have gotten their employers involved through volunteering initiatives and support for some of our annual fundraisers.

We couldn't be more appreciative to have been selected as the Community Partner and recipient of generous donations, time served by members and the financial contribution from collaborating businesses that host the networking events. We look forward to a great year of engaging the young people in our community to get involved in serving the hungry and homeless.

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cria was named by voters at the event. Fittingly, the handsome boy's name became Follow Your Heart.

Samaritan Ministries wants to thank all fifty-seven sponsors and every volunteer who helped out, especially our corporate volunteers from Aon and Davenport.

Matt Canter with Ken's Bike Shop gives his expertise each year to make the day a success. Michael West, a Samaritan board member, and his family started the event five years ago to help Samaritan and to raise awareness about our mission in the community. Their support and generosity are beyond appreciated.

After the ride, cyclists enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Grill Team Six, live music, hayride tours, wine tastings and up-close interaction with many llamas that spent the day amongst the crowd. It was a special day in which the community came together for a great cause and enjoyed their time together in the beautiful outskirts of our community.



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Soup Kitchen Year Round Needs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meat protein (chicken, beef, pork) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Vinegar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Pods (HE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonings | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel wool soap pads |

Seasonal: Summer 2018

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Desserts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salad Dressing | |

Shelter: Year Round Needs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WSTA one-ride bus passes | <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Pods (HE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Ponchos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Powder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Razors | |

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

Volunteer Opportunities



Overnight Volunteers

As a team member, you help prepare and serve supper and breakfast for up to 80 homeless men. During the night, volunteers watch the security monitors in two-hour shifts. Dinner, breakfast and separate sleeping quarters are provided. Shelter team members work from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. the following day.

Soup Kitchen volunteers

Lunch shifts run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 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.

Help prepare and serve dinner to overnight shelter guests as a monthly *Dinner Leader*. We also need *Check in Leaders* to assist shelter counselors as guests arrive each evening.

Computer Lab Volunteers.

The computer lab is only open when volunteers are willing to take a shift. We need one to two volunteers at night to supervise and help guests with basic computer skills. We provide one on one training at your convenience. Shifts are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Anna Donze, volunteer coordinator, at 336-748-1962 or anna.donze@samaritanforsyth.org.