



Larry Jones, former guest and current board member; Mayor Allen Joines; Jan Kelly, executive director; Harriet Allen, founding board member



original Samaritan building

## Samaritan Celebrating 40 years of Service

Samaritan Ministries opened its doors on March 2, 1981, as the first and only Soup Kitchen open 365 days a year in Winston-Salem and has provided a lunch meal every single day for the last 40 years. On that first day of operation, Samaritan Ministries served fewer than 30 meals. Forward to today, the Soup Kitchen serves between 250–350 meals every day to hungry neighbors, as well as to Samaritan’s shelter guests.

Founding Board Member Harriet Allen says, “One thing amidst all these changes has remained the same, and that is the core commitment to the original mission statement of Samaritan.”

During the last 40 years of service, 4,637,200 meals have been served to hungry men, women, and children in this community. Since the shelter opened in 1988, a total of 829,627 nights of shelter have been provided to men who are experiencing homelessness.

“It’s truly humbling to reflect on 40 years of serving our neighbors in need,” said Jan Kelly, Samaritan’s executive director. “We will continue to be a place of hope in our community by remaining Christ-centered, mission-driven and guest-focused.”

Samaritan Ministries’ mission to provide food, shelter and hope through Christian love has created a much-needed refuge in the community for Winston-Salem’s most vulnerable residents. Thousands of annual

volunteers are what Samaritan considers the heartbeat of its organization. Volunteers have been instrumental in the fulfillment of Samaritan’s mission and their dedication to the Ministry is a testament to God’s work that is carried out at Samaritan every single day.

“I can just imagine the hundreds, if not thousands, of individuals whose lives have been touched and supported because of this wonderful institution,” said Mayor Allen Joines, as he issued a special proclamation on March 2, 2021.

The original building, just one block away from the current, served the Ministry well until 2014 when Samaritan relocated to a larger and more functional building in order to increase the organization’s serving capacity. The Ministry’s service programs have grown to make an impact on more lives than ever before, made possible by the generosity of those in the community. Samaritan’s guests remain the biggest blessing to the Ministry. Each individual guest story is important, and Samaritan strives to listen and help guide guests toward housing, food and other needed resources. Every single one of Samaritan’s guests is part of God’s family.

“By the grace of God, the programs and Samaritan, I was able to live the life that I live today,” said Larry Joe, former guest and current board member. “It’s been a miracle.”

## Penny Campaign Raises \$64,138

Samaritan’s annual Penny Campaign 2020 was a huge success! We surpassed our \$50,000 goal and have raised \$64,138 to date from members of our community. BB&T, now Truist, provided \$71,682, totaling \$135,820 for the Ministry! This will provide more than 43,950 lunches or more than 2,400 nights of shelter. This community is simply amazing in its support of our neighbors that need us the most.

Thank you to everyone who created or donated to online fundraising campaigns, who mailed or brought checks, cash and coins to our building, and who joined us for our socially distant Collection Day at Truist Stadium, home of the Winston-Salem Dash. Save the date for Collection Day 2021, which will be December 4!



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### Tour de Llama Update:

We invite all local cyclists to join us virtually for Tour de Llama 2021. Visit [samaritanforsyth.org](http://samaritanforsyth.org) in the coming weeks for more information.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Samaritan Ministries needs volunteers, particularly to help with lunch and dinner. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and under the guidance of local and state health officials, all lunches are being served to go. Shelter guests, who undergo careful daily screening, continue to eat meals in the dining room. Samaritan has implemented strict COVID-19 protocols to help ensure the safety of volunteers.



### Soup Kitchen Volunteers

**Lunch Shifts** 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Mon–Sat and 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. on Sun. Help prepare and serve to-go lunches to hundreds of hungry neighbors.

**Dinner Helper** 3–7:30 p.m. during the week, 4–7:30 p.m. on weekends.

For info, contact Shirelle Stewart-Riddick, volunteer coordinator, at 336-748-1962 or [shirelle.stewart-riddick@samaritanforsyth.org](mailto:shirelle.stewart-riddick@samaritanforsyth.org)

**Hunger doesn’t stop for COVID-19.**  
Volunteer today at [samaritanforsyth.org/volunteerreg/](http://samaritanforsyth.org/volunteerreg/)

Soup Kitchen Year-Round Needs	Soup Kitchen Immediate and Seasonal Needs	Shelter Year-Round Needs
meat, protein coffee sugar pasta marinara/spaghetti sauce seasonings steel wool soap pads case (6 cans) of #10 cans of soup <i>(found at Costco and Sam’s Club)</i>	cocoa mix to-go bags disposable compartment plates disposable cutlery disposable 16 oz cups with lids condiment packs salad dressing individual chip bags	WSTA bus passes deodorant soap bars razors shaving cream lotion rain ponchos toothpaste laundry pods

*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



Forty years ago, volunteers led by Stimp Hawkins saw a growing need and responded by creating the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. Their vision was one of hospitality and nourishment for the body and soul. I am grateful to these early volunteers and to founding director Ann Hensel for encouraging people to move out of their comfort zones and serve together for the common good.

Thousands of volunteers have made a difference—baking cornbread on a Wednesday morning, buying coffee with spare change from church, dropping off leftover barbecue from a company event, scrubbing pots or spending the night in the shelter. Through these acts, volunteers show love in action. They show strangers that they are welcome at Samaritan and that someone cares. . . consistently.

That consistency of service is so important to our guests. Through inclement weather, building construction and even a global pandemic, Samaritan remains the most consistent thing in many guests' lives. And while we celebrate, we also know there is still much work to do as a community relating to hunger and homelessness.

Our vision for our guests will continue to grow. In her 27 years as executive director, Sonjia Kurosky shows us that people can change. Through Project Cornerstone, we give homeless men with addiction an opportunity for recovery, housing and employment. Or, as a former Cornerstone guest said on Facebook recently, “You don't ever have to go back to drinking and drugging again.”

I am filled with good news and gratitude for current and former staff members, board members, donors, volunteers and the community. Join us throughout 2021 in recognizing this important milestone. Come back to volunteer. Film a short memory about Samaritan to share on social media. Send a special gift. Continue to make a difference enabling us to provide food, shelter and hope through Christian love.

Sincerely,

Jan Kelly, Executive Director



Food for Thought  
**4,637,200 MEALS  
SERVED SINCE 1981**

## The Winston-Salem Foundation Receives Good Samaritan Philanthropy Award

### THE WINSTON-SALEM FOUNDATION

Last December, Samaritan Ministries was pleased to present the 2020 Good Samaritan Philanthropy Award to The Winston-Salem Foundation. Samaritan Ministries established this award in 2011 to honor individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to the Ministry. Our hope is that the award will inspire others to give their time, talents and resources to help hungry and homeless people in our community.

The Winston-Salem Foundation has been part of Samaritan Ministries since our very beginning in 1981. Samaritan has received well over \$3.4 million through donor-advised funds, community grants and endowments. The Foundation's donations have enabled Samaritan to hire new staff, support significant staff transitions, engage in strategic planning, improve its marketing and build its new facility in 2014.

The Foundation inspires others to give generously. In 2020, in the midst of a pandemic, Samaritan established the Sonjia Kurosky Project Cornerstone Endowed Fund, which included a matching

grant from the Foundation to encourage others to give. These gifts will help lay the foundation to serve our guests for years to come.

Executive Director Jan Kelly says, “One of the great joys in partnering with the Foundation has been to witness the culture of philanthropy in our community. Several significant gifts have come to Samaritan through the Foundation and have been completely anonymous. The Foundation shepherds these gifts and ensures that they can have a real impact in Winston-Salem.”

Please join us in thanking The Winston-Salem Foundation for its long-standing commitment of supporting Samaritan Ministries and our mission of providing food, shelter and hope through Christian love.

The Winston-Salem Foundation has shepherded several estate gifts for Samaritan in recent years. If you are thinking about leaving a gift for Samaritan in your estate plans, please contact Jan Kelly, executive director, at 336-448-2665 or [jan.kelly@samaritanforsyth.org](mailto:jan.kelly@samaritanforsyth.org).

## 2020 In Review

Despite a turbulent year of uncertainty and change, Samaritan Ministries' service to our guests never paused. Our staff showed up daily in devotion to meeting the basic needs of our guests.



Current Cornerstone residents

While our operations adjusted to ensure the safest environment for all, the core of our mission prevailed. We reflect on 2020 and celebrate the staff, volunteers, donors and supporters that enabled us to keep our doors open.

The Soup Kitchen transitioned to to-go style meals, still serving hundreds of men, women and children daily. A reduced number of volunteers prepare, package and distribute meals one by one every day. In 2020, Samaritan served 131,610 meals, which included lunches, meals for shelter guests and meals for facilities housing vulnerable homeless people, in partnership with other local agencies.

The shelter reduced capacity to maintain appropriate distance between beds. Further, we kept our doors open during the daytime hours for shelter guests to provide a safe space and limit their exposure to illness. Additional staff were hired to oversee the daytime shelter operations.

Volunteers, the heartbeat of Samaritan, continue to play a vital role in the fulfillment of our mission. Between the

Soup Kitchen and dinner operations, 1,539 volunteers invested 24,916 hours of service. This is the equivalent of 13 full time staff members.

This year, Project Cornerstone is celebrating 26 years of helping homeless men recover from substance abuse. We found that recovery during a pandemic comes with additional challenges, but we are proud of the men who continue their sobriety and the daily reminder that there is no pause button in their journey.

Our collaborations with ESR helped to place 44 guests into permanent housing. The Empowerment Project, a street outreach group in partnership with Wake Forest Baptist's Division of Faith and Health Ministries, continued to work with homeless adults experiencing mental health or substance abuse disorders. In 2020, The Empowerment Project reached 456 individuals and families, assisting them with permanent housing, health and income. United Health Centers continued their weekly clinic and provided services for 81 guests during 203 office visits last year.