Soup Kitchen Volunteers
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
Every night: 3–7:30 p.m. Help the Soup Kitchen staff prepare dinner.

For info, contact Shirelle Stewart-Riddick, volunteer coordinator, at 336-748-1962 or shirelle.stewart-riddick@samaritanforsyth.org

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.

Penny Campaign 2021 Happening Now!
It’s time to start collecting your spare change and dollars! Just 309 pennies provide a warm meal for a hungry neighbor. For 26 years, the Penny Campaign has energized the greater Winston-Salem community to help feed the hungry during the Christmas season. It is a powerful way to support those in need during the holidays. Please help us meet our goal of raising at least $50,000. Every donation makes a difference!

This year, we have adapted the process in our continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to traditional ways of collecting money, we have created a virtual method to collect funds for the Penny Campaign. We are seeking community leaders and individuals to become “Penny Campaigners,” by setting up a virtual campaign on Samaritan’s website and sharing this giving opportunity with others. This process is easy, and you can fundraise as an individual or a team (great for schools, churches, businesses and groups). Our traditional coin collection jars also are available for pick up at Samaritan now. Mark your calendars to drop off collections at Truist Stadium (home of the Winston-Salem Dash) on Saturday, December 4, 2021, between 9 a.m. and noon.

We are grateful for this year’s Penny Campaign sponsor Deuterman Law Group, as well as media sponsors WXII 12, the Winston-Salem Journal and Lamar Advertising. Special thanks to WXII’s Lanie Pope for serving as our Honorary Chair. Sign up to be a Penny Campaigner at samaritanforsyth.org/penny-campaign. It’s easy! Set a goal: $100 or $500 or even $5,000. Share your campaign with your network on Facebook, Twitter or through email.

Thank you for your support!

For the second year in a row, we were unable to gather in person, but we are so blessed to have had hundreds of individuals tune in to our live stream program on September 29 as well as many more who have watched it since. The program is still available on our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page. You can still make a gift to SAM & Eggs!

Program speakers: Dwight Lewis, board member, Lisa Parrish, board president, Jan Kelly, executive director, Obie Johnson, testimony speaker.

Hunger doesn’t stop for COVID-19.
Volunteer today at samaritanforsyth.org/volunteerreg/
Good News & Gratitude

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded of why we have an attitude of gratitude at Samaritan Ministries.

Recently, I was finishing up a meeting with a new volunteer, and we paused as guests were lining up for lunch. One by one, guests were picking up a hot meal and stopping to select extra items from our carts lined up against the wall just inside the door.

As each guest entered, I shared a few stories with this new volunteer. I told her about Paul who comes on his scooter every day to eat . . . Hector who eats his meal in the parking lot after saying a small prayer . . . James who never fails to tell us, “Thank you. I love you.”

We watched as a guest studied the items carefully and finally settled on a bottle of carrot juice. You might find this to be an odd choice in a Snup Kitchen, but the guest was thrilled. He later explained to me that he really liked carrots, but he couldn’t eat them because of all his missing teeth.

The carrot juice was a choice that morning because a volunteer decided to venture to a grocery store twice that day to pick up donated food for Samaritan—the carrot juice, day old bread, strawberries, pork chops, granola bars and assorted other items. As I watched her unload her truck from my office window, I couldn’t figure out how it all fit.

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