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Eighth Annual Tour de Llama Exceeds Goal

312 REGISTERED CYCLISTS	40 GENEROUS SPONSORS	\$35,737 RAISED	8,868 MEALS OR 536 NIGHTS IN SHELTER
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Cyclists, supporters, volunteers, and Cornerstone guests gathered on June 25, 2022, for the eighth annual Tour de Llama. This year's tour, marking a "return to normal" after the pandemic, brought our community back together in support and celebration of the cause.

"There is so much need in our community and other communities for people who are homeless and hungry," said Michael West, Owner of Divine Llama. Richard Watts, Samaritan Ministries Board Member, added, "Those needs have been exacerbated during the pandemic, so it is wonderful that we had a chance to get back in person this year and let the community know that the needs are still very real, and Samaritan is the way to serve the homeless."

Three hundred and twelve cyclists registered for this year's event and raised more than \$35,000, exceeding the goal, to support the mission of Samaritan Ministries in Winston-Salem. Cyclists chose from a 21-

38-, or 60-mile route with all paths concluding at the picturesque Divine Llama Vineyards for wine-tasting, food, fellowship, and a lot of llama fun.

Forty generous sponsors at various levels were joined by Arbor Investment Advisors, who served as the presenting sponsor. Additional partners like Ken's Bike Shop helped make the day a great success. The Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen, Samaritan Inn, and Project Cornerstone will be able to do so much for so many because of the generous support of Tour de Llama 2022.

"At Arbor, we are thrilled to continue our support of Samaritan Ministries through this unique and enjoyable fundraising event," said Bill Hollan, Principal at Arbor. "Tour de Llama offers an amazing day for both cyclists and visitors alike, and everyone at Arbor was so pleased to see this year's event back to full strength with a wonderful turnout. Most important, we're honored to be a part of Samaritan Ministries' important work in our community in helping transform peoples' lives. Next year, Arbor will celebrate our firm's 25th anniversary. We look forward to continuing to help grow the impact of Tour de Llama next year and beyond."

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BACK IN PERSON THIS YEAR!

Join us for breakfast

September 28 at 7:30 a.m.

New location with outdoor seating

Truist Stadium

Home of the Winston-Salem Dash

Sign up to be a table captain or sponsor.

For more information visit

samaritanforsyth.org/sam-and-eggs.

2022 Penny Campaign

For over 25 years, the Penny Campaign has energized the greater Winston-Salem community to help feed the hungry during the Christmas season. Believe it or not, this year's Penny Campaign is just around the corner.

Kickoff: November 1 Collection Day: December 3

Organize a collection at your school, church, or company by calling 336-448-2664 or emailing mynikah.ezell@samaritanforsyth.org.

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



Summer is a time for many of us to take a break from our routine; but hunger, homelessness, and addiction don't take a vacation. I'm grateful for our staff and volunteers who ensure continuity of service to our guests no matter the season.

At our baseball game in May, I talked with Cornerstone guests about their gratitude and the family that is Samaritan.

Robert shared he had used drugs for 30 years and was proud of his 17 months of sobriety. He's working in food service and so proud to have a place of his own.

Michael B. nodded his head. He drank for over 10 years but hasn't had a drink in six.

Billy was proud to have lived in the same apartment for 10 years. "Know how long I kept my apartment before I was sober? That's what recovery will do for you," he said.

Allen talked about drinking off and on for 20 years or more—mostly on. After finishing Cornerstone, he found it hard to live alone. He spent a lot of sleepless nights on the couch with the lights and television on. When he relapsed, his first call was to David, one of his Cornerstone brothers.

It was a real joy to see Allen and David come to the game together. They are like family to us and to each other. The evening was a summertime family reunion. Jose and Tim reminisced with Janice Doherty, our first supportive services counselor. They talked about playing softball together, going camping, or challenging each other as they learned about recovery.

As you volunteer, donate, or advocate, you are investing in lives like these so people can experience sobriety, or a safe night in the shelter, or a warm meal in the Soup Kitchen. Thank you for being a part of the Samaritan family this summer and throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

Volunteer Spotlight: Shannon Tate

Presented by



Salemtowne, celebrating 50 years as the gold standard of senior living, is sponsoring our Volunteer Program in 2022–23. This program will recognize Samaritan volunteers throughout the year.

Since 2008, Shannon Tate and members of the New Philadelphia Moravian Church Discipleship Sunday School class have gathered every month to offer food and fellowship to the guests of Samaritan Ministries. With funds raised from the church’s annual pine needle sale, Shannon and the volunteer team, often including Paul Williams and Marcus Hunt, prepare 100 servings of baked ziti, collard greens, fruit, and a variety of homemade desserts baked by members of the Discipleship Class.

“I am always moved by the gratitude of the guests,” Shannon said, reflecting on his experience. “They seem genuinely excited about enjoying a homecooked meal prepared and served with love.”

Integral to the success of the meal is the help provided by Samaritan staff member Shorty and volunteers like Sherman. “The four hours I spend each month at Samaritan Ministries represent the best of what community engagement and involvement can and should be,” Shannon remarked. “I am grateful for the opportunity, for my fellow volunteers, and for the people we serve.”

Young Samaritans Hit a “Home Run” for Project Cornerstone



The Young Samaritans got “in the game” by hosting current and former Cornerstone guests for an evening at the ballpark with “Home Runs for Project Cornerstone.” More than 120 participants gathered at Truist Stadium, home of the Winston-Salem Dash, on Friday, May 6, 2022, to build community and foster fellowship celebrating the past, present, and future of Project Cornerstone.

Founded in 1995, Project Cornerstone is a lifeline for many men seeking a supportive and structured residential environment to aid in their long-term recovery from addiction. The Young Samaritans volunteer team orchestrated a festive evening and embodied the idea of having a fun and memorable evening without the need for drugs or alcohol.

The event raised more than \$20,000 and, thanks to two anonymous donor matches totaling \$30,000, the Young Samaritans were able to donate \$50,252 to the Sonjia Kurosky Project Cornerstone Endowment at The Winston-Salem Foundation.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the evening’s generous sponsors who truly helped the Young Samaritans hit it out of the park for Project Cornerstone.



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Samaritan Wish List		
Soup Kitchen Year-Round Needs	Soup Kitchen Immediate and Seasonal Needs	Shelter Year-Round Needs
Meat: protein chicken, ground beef/turkey, or canned tuna Milk: gallons Sugar Pasta Marinara/spaghetti sauce Seasonings: garlic powder, onion powder, poultry, taco, paprika Fruit and Vegetables: fresh produce or large cans (#10) Plastic cups with lids	Fresh garden vegetables Large cans of tuna Large cans of chicken Kool-Aid Condiment packets: ketchup, mustard, mayo, tartar sauce, and hot sauce Relish Hot dogs & buns Frozen hamburger patties & buns Salad dressing Individual chip bag: variety pack Seasonings: Old Bay, lemon pepper, poultry, and dill	Men's deodorant Soap bars Travel size lotion Shaving cream WSTA single or bulk bus passes Rain ponchos N95 masks
		<p>Check out our Amazon wish list and donate items!</p>

Volunteer Opportunities

Samaritan Ministries needs volunteers to help with lunch and dinner. If you haven't volunteered in a while, please reconnect! The only age restriction is that you must be 13 or older. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Samaritan continues to follow COVID-19 protocols for homeless shelters to create a safe environment for volunteers, guests, and staff.



Mikayla, a Soup Kitchen volunteer, preparing baked goods for shelter guests

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 lunches to hundreds of hungry neighbors.

Dinner Assistance Every night: 4–7:30 p.m. Help the Soup Kitchen staff prepare and serve dinner.

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

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