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Samaritan Ministries' Annual Tour De Llama Bike Ride Marks a New Finish Line

We had a LL—AMAZING time at this year's Tour de Llama Bike Ride. Two hundred and eighty-nine cyclists gathered at Divine Llama Vineyards on Saturday, June 24, in support of Samaritan's mission to provide food, shelter, and hope through Christian love. Our presenting sponsor, Arbor Investment Advisors, was joined by 49 sponsors at various levels to help make the day successful.

"After a week of rain and storms, everyone was ready to enjoy the sunshine, beautiful countryside, and fellowship for a great cause," said Jan Kelly, Executive Director of Samaritan Ministries.

Special thank you to our friends at Divine Llama Vineyards, HanesBrands Inc., and Ken's Bike Shop for their generosity and support of our annual event.

"We are here to support Samaritan Ministries and all the people they help through housing, food, and Christianity," commented Beverly Williford, Black Girls Do Bike participant. "We are biking with a purpose."



"I just like the atmosphere. I like to get out and ride with a group and show support," said Archie Kemmerlin, Tour de Llama participant.

Samaritan Wish List

Soup Kitchen Needs

Large Cans of Tuna
Large Cans of Chicken
Hot Dogs
Hot Dog Buns
Frozen Hamburger Patties
Hamburger Buns
Kool-Aid
Salad Dressing
Individual Chip Bags
Meat: Chicken and Ground (Beef/Turkey/Chicken)

Seasoning: Old Bay, Lemon Pepper, Poultry, Dill, Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, Taco, and Paprika.
Gallon Milk
Sugar
Pasta
Marinara or Spaghetti Sauce
Fresh or Canned Vegetables
Fresh or Canned Fruit
Dishware: Spoons

Shelter Needs

Men's Deodorant
Soap Bars
Rain Ponchos
White Bath Wash Cloths
New Packs of Men's Underwear: L, XL, and 2X
New Packs of Men's T-shirts: L, XL, 2X, 3X

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers preparing a food giveaway table for lunch guests.

Samaritan Ministries needs 12 volunteers daily to help prepare lunch and two volunteers to help serve dinner to our shelter guests. Lunch volunteers 13 and up (under 16 must be with an adult), and dinner volunteers must be 18 and older—see times below. *All indoor COVID-19 protocols have been lifted.

Lunchtime Volunteers:

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

Dinnertime Volunteers:

New shift times are coming soon!

Grocery Store Pickup Volunteers:

9 a.m. until 11 a.m., Monday through Friday

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

289 REGISTERED CYCLISTS	50 GENEROUS SPONSORS
\$48,160 RAISED	
12,161 MEALS	741 NIGHTS IN SHELTER



We are grateful to everyone who participated in the ride, shared our story, or gave towards our mission. Because of everyone's efforts, we raised more than \$48,160, exceeding this year's goal. *Thank you for helping us feed and shelter those in need this summer. See everyone next year!*

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SAVE THE DATE
September 27 at 7:30 a.m.

**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.

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



Samaritan Soup Kitchen Volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Day 2023

This spring, Samaritan received a significant bequest from someone we didn't even know. A gentleman who passed away during the pandemic chose to entrust our Ministry with \$350,000, one of the largest unrestricted gifts in our history. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to think creatively about how this gift can have a lasting impact for our guests for years to come.

Our hearts are equally filled with wonder. Why did the donor choose Samaritan Ministries? We can only speculate as we do with other planned gifts from people who clearly care about providing the very basic needs of food and shelter.

- We are *mission-focused* though the Soup Kitchen, Samaritan Inn, and Project Cornerstone. People count on us daily to be a safe and trusted place. Volunteers have served lunch more than 15,000 days in a row since 1981, a consistency not matched by many.
- We have a vision for our guests not to return to the shelter and to move forward with their lives in positive ways. Our strategic plan has added weight to the vision by focusing on taking care of staff so they will take care of guests, addressing nutrition through Soup Kitchen meals, and strategizing about ways we can have an impact with behavioral health for our guests.
- For 42 years, we've remained *Christ-centered*. We do not judge people but seek to walk alongside those facing difficult times, just as Jesus would do. Our staff and volunteers show love in action daily.

We're grateful for the many financial gifts, volunteer service, and other blessings—from Penny Campaign change to annual gifts and lasting legacies through estate plans. I hope you'll consider ways you can get involved in the coming months as a volunteer and donor, and if you'd like to learn more about leaving a legacy, give me a call at 336-448-2665.

Sincerely,

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

A Night of Service: New Dinner Model at Samaritan



Volunteers in the Soup Kitchen

Starting in September, we will open new volunteer opportunities to serve dinner and encourage our shelter guests nightly. When COVID hit in 2020, we ended overnight volunteering. This new option is perfect for church groups, corporate teams, small groups, or individuals. We'll be testing shift options through the summer, so check our website and social media posts for exact times. Volunteers must be 18 or older to serve at night.



"I enjoy volunteering at Samaritan because it is helping in the community. Having two siblings who turned their lives to the streets, I am happy to know they have a place to go to find food and shelter. I volunteer at night because I care for my granddaughter during the day. So having an opportunity to serve later in the day is a blessing." — Belinda Wiley

If your church group used to volunteer in the shelter, this is the perfect time to return to show love in action to our guests. You can join volunteers like Belinda at night by registering online at samaritanforsyth.org. For more information, contact Shirelle Stewart-Riddick at shirelle.stewart-riddick@samaritanforsyth.org or call 336-748-1962.

Calling All Churches



Youth Samaritans at Peace Haven Baptist Church

Help us spread the word about Samaritan on Sunday, November 19, 2023. We're encouraging churches in the community to consider this day as an opportunity to talk about Penny Campaign, volunteers, and the guests we serve who are experiencing hunger and homelessness.

Through the years, churches have been creative about giving to the Penny Campaign. Saints Home United Methodist Church does a "noisy offering" to collect change on Sunday mornings. West Side Baptist Church decided a long time ago to donate all the change in their offering plate throughout the year. Pastor Christa Warise says they like to join with other churches and schools to make a significant difference in the lives of our community.

New Philadelphia Moravian Church distributes small red pails to the congregation in the fall so everyone has a consistent reminder until collection day. They've seen their contributions grow over the last three years, and several youths encouraged people to fill their pails with change rather than purchase birthday gifts last year.

Peace Haven Baptist Church has been helping with Penny Campaign for over a decade. Members collect throughout the year. "It's a way to involve everyone. You don't have to have expertise or time to participate," says Pastor Nathan Parrish. "Every time you put in a quarter, you can say a short prayer for those who are struggling." The church celebrated their collections at a Sunday service. It's a tangible way to show everyone how each household's donation adds with others to create a big impact.

Many people share that coins are a thing of the past. With the Penny Campaign, you can collect coins, bills, checks, or give online. It doesn't matter how you give, but every cent counts and helps us provide a warm meal, a safe place, and a friendly smile.

To find out more about how to participate in Samaritan Sunday, contact Mynikah Ezell, Marketing Manager, at 336-448-2664 or mynikah.ezell@samaritanforsyth.org.

GIVE HOPE

Every Cent Counts!

Help make a difference this winter by participating in Samaritan Ministries' annual Penny Campaign. For over 25 years, the Penny Campaign has brought different generations in Winston-Salem together to help our hungry and homeless neighbors. Through donations towards the Penny Campaign, we give hope to many people in our city who need a warm meal, a safe space, and a friendly smile. Be sure to save the date!

Kickoff: November 1 • Samaritan Sunday: November 19
Collection Day: December 2

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