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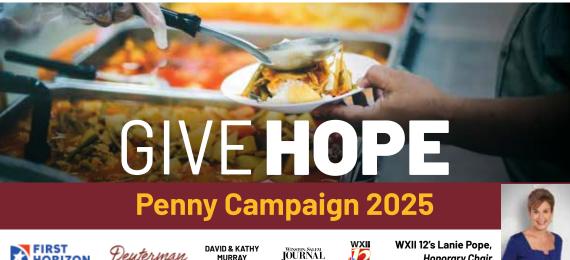








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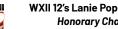














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THE GOOD SAMARITAN





Left: Marcus Houston, Samaritan Ministries Assistant Director, with Paul C., former guest at Samaritan Ministries, and Anna Calcutt, Samaritan Ministries Shelter Monitor. Right: Paul C. with WXII 12's Lanie Pope at SAM & Eggs 2025

Unwrapping Hope at SAM & Eggs: Paul's Story of Grace & Renewal

The greatest gifts aren't wrapped in paper or tied with ribbons. They are the gifts that heal a broken heart, restore dignity, and remind someone that their story isn't over yet. When we offer a second chance, ground a wandering soul in faith, or share the simple grace of being seen and loved, lives are transformed.

At Samaritan Ministries, those gifts come to life in people like Paul C., whose journey shows what grace can do. When we nurture and minister to the individual, even the darkest stories can be rewritten.

After 39 years of drug use, Paul's life unraveled. His family could no longer support his self-destructive habits. He walked through the doors of Samaritan Ministries hoping to exchange a lifestyle of addiction, loss, and regret for one marked by hope and stability.

At Samaritan, Paul was able to take his first steps toward healing. Staff and volunteers offered encouragement when he doubted himself. They watered that seed of hope whenever he thought himself to be beyond saving grace. "It gives you hope when people are concerned about you," Paul says. He remembers specific volunteers—John, Bo, Al, and Keith—who treated him as if he mattered.

Paul found friendship and accountability among Project Cornerstone guests like Marcus, William, and Cleveland, who befriended and encouraged him through his recovery. "They're like brothers to me," he says with gratitude.

Now 66, Paul C. is 14 years clean and sober. He works part-time at Samaritan Ministries, dreams of earning his GED, and lives each day with gratitude for this gift of new life. He often reflects on what it's like to serve where he was once served: "Sometimes you have to cry, and sometimes you have to laugh while working at Samaritan. You see people who are sick, lonely, or working through mental health issues—sometimes they just need to be heard and need someone to listen."

Paul worked for many years to support his drug habit. Now he works to help others. His story is a living reminder that the greatest gifts aren't wrapped—they are shared from one heart to another.

This season, you can be that life-changing gift. Your generosity provides food, shelter, and hope for neighbors like Paul who need a second chance.

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Celebrating SAM & Eggs 2025

Fall 2025



Samaritan Ministries is thrilled to celebrate a successful SAM & Eggs Breakfast, raising \$266,600 (and counting)! Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for making this impact possible!

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View the event rebroadcast video online! samaritanforsyth.org/sam-and-eggs

Ways to Get Involved:

- Make a gift to support food, shelter, and hope for our guests
- Host an online fundraising page and invite friends to join
- Place a collection jar at your school, church, or workplace and fill it with coins, bills, and checks.

Bring your collection to Truist Stadium on Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.-noon for Collection Day!

At Samaritan Ministries, every cent counts to bring a warm meal, safe shelter, and friendly smile to people in need this winter. The Penny Campaign turns small change into lasting change—one coin, one dollar, one act of kindness at a time.

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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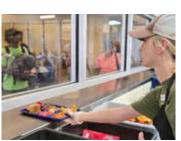
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Good News & Gratitude

Honoring the Greatest Gift











Top left: Ardmore Baptist Church children's drawings | Top right: James C., Project Cornerstone Bottom left: Home Moravian Church volunteers | Middle right and bottom right: Soup Kitchen volunteers

As we think about this "Season of Giving," I can't help but begin with the greatest gift to us—the birth of Jesus, the savior of the world. In receiving this gift, we are called to love each other in the greatest ways possible, and that isn't always neatly packaged in a pretty box with a bow. Samaritan Ministries shows God's love in action every day.

For people who don't have a place to call home, the safety and warmth of our shelter enable them to feel cared for and loved. When we treat our guests with dignity and respect, they also feel valued. James C. tells us, "I needed somewhere to sleep, but I got a lot more than that."

For people who truly don't know where their next meal is coming from, we serve lunch in the Soup Kitchen with compassion. Our guests feel supported and part of a greater community, as volunteers welcome everyone into our space with a smile and encouraging word. It's not easy to ask for help, and James S. explains, "Volunteers are a friendly face in an unfamiliar place."

For our Project Cornerstone guests, Samaritan is an opportunity, a second chance rooted in a sense of belonging. Many guests grew up in troubled homes, and living in recovery means a new life with a brotherhood of accountability. Pete M. told us, "I was spiritually and mentally refreshed from my feet to the top of my head."

Samaritan Ministries is a gift to our guests and to our community. This gift requires us to love one another and to bring hope and healing to our neighbors in need. I'm grateful for the gifts you bring through your time, talent, and treasure in honor of the greatest gift ever given.

Sincerely,

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

The Gifts of Light & Service







Left: Elevation Church – Love Week | Middle: WSSU Nursing Students | Right: Jim & Beth Graham

Every day, volunteers bring hope and light to Samaritan's Soup Kitchen through simple acts of kindness. Jim and Beth Graham, long-time volunteers, remind us that "Jesus was homeless." Their faithful service to our homeless community reflects the heart of the Gospel—seeing Christ in every guest who walks through our doors. Quilla Smith, winner of our 2024 Myrtie Davis Lifetime Volunteer Servant Leadership Award, shares that "appearances aren't everything." Compassion and genuine care are powerful gifts we can offer to those facing challenges on a deeper level.

Their stories remind us that serving others is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to share God's love. You, too, can be a light for those in need. Contact Arianna Moore at (336)448-2677 or volunteer@samaritanforsyth.org to get involved.

Volunteer Opportunities:

• Soup Kitchen:

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

• Night of Service:

Monday-Sunday, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

• Volunteer On-Call List:

Be ready to step in when there are last-minute cancellations. Perfect for those with flexible schedules and a giving spirit. Visit samaritanforsyth.org/volunteer-on-call to sign up.

• Grocery Store Pickup:

Help pick up donations from local community partners to support the Soup Kitchen and its guests.

For more information, visit samaritanforsyth.org/volunteer.

A Gift that Gives Back



Samaritan Ministries' Annual Christmas Cards Are Now Available!

Purchases can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. We request a minimum donation of \$10 per card. Every gift helps provide food, shelter, and hope to our neighbors in need.

Visit samaritanforsyth.org/christmas-cards to purchase your Christmas cards today!

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For a limited time, new and increased gifts will be doubled, amplifying your impact!

As the year comes to a close, consider new ways you can support our neighbors in need. Every gift—big or small—helps provide food, shelter, and hope.

You can also make a tangible impact by giving items from our wish list to support the Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Needed items are posted online and updated regularly, along with instructions for purchasing WSTA Bus Passes for our guests. Visit samaritanforsyth.org/in-kind for details.

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