



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Spring 2026

From This Point Forward

Creating Lasting Change



Volunteer serving Soup Kitchen guests. Upper right: Girl enjoying a warm meal on a cold day. Bottom Right: United Health Centers delivers primary care and a community partner gives haircuts to Shelter guests.

Think about all the things that can happen in one crazy day. You wake up late and rush to work, slam on your brakes, and spill coffee everywhere. You stumble through a presentation and finally come home to a messy house and a long to-do list. Now imagine that in the middle of all this chaos, someone steps in to walk with you. They listen to your struggles, help you clean up, and offer tools for a better tomorrow.

That simple act of showing up in life's messy moments illustrates how Samaritan Ministries shows up for guests. Their "messy moments" are far heavier though. Many come to us carrying childhood trauma, abusive family experiences, chronic food insecurity, and nights spent sleeping outside.

Every day at Samaritan begins with a simple but powerful commitment: to meet guests where they are. Not where we wish they were, not where their past overshadows them, but exactly where they stand today with their strengths, struggles, questions, and hopes. This commitment shapes everything we do, from health education and addiction recovery to volunteer engagement and partnership building. It is the foundation that helps guests stand again, believe that change is possible, and take steps in a new direction.

Penny Campaign 2025

Meeting Needs, One Small Act at a Time



Tom White is proud to collect coins all year round for the Penny Campaign.

The Penny Campaign proves that meaningful impact often begins with small, simple acts. Not everyone can give a lot, but everyone can give. Some people even collect donations year-round! Every coin, every check, every act of generosity matters to those who just need a little support.

We were honored to receive support from many schools, churches, individuals, and corporations within our community. Special thanks to Sonjia's Circle campaigners for their online fundraising efforts. Congratulations to Moe's Angels, Mellin Parker, and The Go-To Winston-Salem for exceeding their fundraising goals. **Together, we raised \$102,180.96 for neighbors in need.**

Thank you for helping create real change. Your generosity brings hope to our neighbors who need it most.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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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

Working Together for Good – 16,402 Days in a Row



Volunteer offering encouragement to a guest in the Soup Kitchen.

It is no accident that Samaritan has been bringing people together to do good work over the last four decades. The challenges our guests face are far too great for us to solve alone.

Partnerships begin with volunteers who come from all walks of life to work side by side daily. Many share that they have experienced homelessness themselves or have family members who were helped in other communities. Others serve out of gratitude for their own blessings in life. Our guests see volunteers arrive in sunshine, rain, sleet, or snow. Their service demonstrates to guests that they are valued. We simply could not have created a safe and loving environment without the 2,238 volunteers who gave 29,771 hours of service last year.

Volunteers get to know our guests and understand why they are in a crisis. Not everyone has a family. Not everyone has a place to call home. Not everyone is blessed with good physical or mental health. Not everyone has the means to put food on the table for their families every day.

Isn't that why we are all committed to Samaritan's mission of providing food, shelter, and hope through Christian love? We don't want others to suffer when we can join together to offer solutions.

“We know that all things work together for good to them that love God and have been called according to his purpose.” — Romans 8:28

We see all things working together for good when a Project Cornerstone guest learns about honesty and commitment to recovery. We see the relief for a mother and child coming out of the cold for a warm lunch. We experience the joy when a shelter guest moves to his own home.

For 45 years, Samaritan has been a constant in the lives of our guests with volunteers who have shown up 16,402 days in a row and counting. We are grateful for all who serve together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our guests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Kelly".

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

Health & Wellness

Application to Real Lives



Left: Shelter guests learning simple everyday exercises to stay strong and in shape.
Right: Leigh Hammond, Novant Health, Community Health Educator.

We are grateful to partner with Leigh Hammond and Novant Health to support the well-being of our guests. As a community health educator, Leigh visits shelter guests monthly to offer guidance on topics that often feel confusing and overwhelming. Leigh explains, **“Health education is a powerful tool for healing. Throughout my 35-year nursing career, I’ve seen how deeply health decisions shape a person’s life.”**

Leigh first encountered Samaritan while volunteering with her church group. She remembers being struck by the diversity of the men she met. Some guests looked like college students, and others reminded her of grandparents or relatives you might see at a family reunion. Leigh quickly realized homelessness can happen to anyone facing a life disruption. Health challenges, financial setbacks, and sudden loss can affect all of us.

As Leigh has learned, intentional health education can open doors to stability. She has enjoyed sharing tools related to chronic disease management, healthy habits, nutrition basics, and more. One of her sessions inspired a guest to enroll in a cooking school. This was a powerful reminder that wellness can spark hope for new beginnings.

Leigh is convinced that no one thrives alone. She reminds us, “Every shared resource becomes a seed planted for a stronger future. Health and wellness are not just clinical concepts but rather a necessary part of everyday life.”

Addiction Recovery & Community Support

Respecting Every Starting Point



Former participants in Project Cornerstone now serve others as Samaritan staff.

Recovery is not linear, it is not tidy, and it never looks the same for two people. Project Cornerstone takes a holistic approach and considers each individual’s physical, mental, and spiritual growth. We use evidence-based practices such as motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral therapy to educate guests about the disease of addiction. Weekly curricula cover topics such as stages of change, crisis planning, coping skills, making healthy decisions, setting boundaries, financial literacy, goal setting, stress management, and self-esteem.

The program counts on other partners to walk with our guests through recovery and

3 Facts About Recovery

Recovery is a lifetime mindset.

After an active addiction resolves, the process of recovery continues.

Relapse does NOT mean failure.

It’s a common part of recovery, and it signals that someone may need new strategies or extra support.

Support makes recovery stronger.

Connection to a support group greatly increases the chances of staying on track.

other challenges. This includes organizations like Crisis Control Pharmacy, Operation Hope, Daymark, Monarch, GreeNest, Financial Pathways, Forsyth County, and the City of Winston-Salem. These agencies and other Continuum of Care partners help us bridge gaps guests cannot cross alone. They provide transportation, emergency medication, housing resources, and guidance when the next step is uncertain.

Every guest deserves the chance to try again. Often, what makes the difference is someone standing beside them.

Volunteer Impact

Serving Up a Better, New Day

Volunteers set the scene in the Soup Kitchen each and every day. They show up ready to serve with kindness and without judgment. Their welcome tells each guest, “You matter. You belong here.”

Volunteers see each guest as a whole person with hopes and dreams beyond current hardships. This compassion builds community and helps guests see that a better day is possible. Get involved today!

Questions? Contact Arianna Moore at (336) 448-2677 or volunteer@samaritanforsyth.org.



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