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SPONSOR PROGRAM

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supporting the work of Urban Ministry. It's easy to become a sponsor for a day, a week or a month. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Aiken at 336-271-5959 ext. 302.

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE

CHILDCARE - 2 MONTHS IN MEMORY OF
 BOBBY WILLIAMS BY SUTTON-KENNERLY ASSOCIATION

	WEAVER HOUSE BED	POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE	CHILD CARE	PATHWAYS APARTMENT	PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE SPONSOR	
					SINGLE	FAMILY
DAY	\$5	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$4	\$5
WEEK	\$25	\$50	\$60	\$65	\$25	\$39
MONTH	\$100	\$150	\$240	\$250	\$100	\$153

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

TO EXPRESS THE LOVE OF GOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH
PRACTICAL ACTION IN THE GREATER GREENSBORO AREA.

FEAST of CARING

On Thursday, November 19, 2009, the 18th annual Feast of Caring will be held at First Baptist Church, 1000 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro. Drop in anytime between 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a simple meal of soup and bread. No reservations are necessary.



This meal, in the soup kitchen tradition, kicks off our annual operating fund campaign. We are requesting your 2009-10 annual pledge or gift at this event. Individuals give over half of our \$3 million budget. Since we are not a United Way agency we must raise all funds ourselves. Please be as generous as you can!

Greensboro Urban Ministry is often the last place people turn for help. We continue to see record numbers of men, women, and children requesting food, shelter, clothing, emergency assistance, and pastoral care.

When you make a pledge or give a donation (\$20 minimum), you will receive a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local and Seagrove potters or four honor cards. William Mangum's 2009 Honor Card titled "Moving On" will be unveiled and made available at this event.

Entertainment will be provided by the guitar-playing duo of Bobby Doolittle and Jim Carson. This will be a time to come together as a community to fellowship, to enjoy food and music, and to renew your commitment to the poor and homeless.

Please ask your congregation to donate five loaves of homemade bread or rolls for the Feast of Caring. Also, we encourage local potters to donate one or more pieces of pottery. To donate pottery or bread, please call Gail Gore-Lewis, 271-5959 ext. 305 or Jamie Bryant, ext. 304.



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HOLIDAY HONOR CARD

MOVING ON

This year's Honor Card creation took three attempts! The first two paintings were lovely but I felt something was missing. The message to be conveyed was not quite there. When I finally threw up my hands after a couple of weeks of work, I was listening to one of my favorite musical groups, Rascal Flatts. They have a song titled, *I'm Movin On*. As I listened to the lyrics I realized I had found my inspiration. In my mind I could see this painting taking shape and the message was clear and poignant. We have all met people whose past is worn on their faces. They've experienced abuse, lived immorally, or acquired addictions. I have met many people who fear that their past will return to haunt them. Even if their dark secret should never come to light it torments them, that they have disappointed God and themselves. At times this fear paralyzes them and they feel trapped in their current circumstances. We are not always freed from our past mistakes but our past need not cripple our future. It can be the motivation we need to pursue God more than ever. Often in the lives of those that have suffered the most, God is able to do his keenest work. Guilt, regret, and heartache can be put behind us – there is a land of beginning again. I love the book of Philippians when Paul speaks to the fact they we have all done things in the past for which we are ashamed, but in verse 3:13 he says, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward." The outreach extended to those in need by Greensboro Urban Ministry is a crucial step in the process of helping our homeless population "Move On" to a new chapter in their life. Thank you once again for your support and outreach to those who so desperately need a reassuring hand.

Blessings,

Bill



INTERESTED IN BECOMING
AN HONOR CARD COORDINATOR
FOR YOUR CONGREGATION
OR BUSINESS?

*Greensboro Urban Ministry cordially invites you to the
Honor Card Coordinators' Luncheon with
Artist William Mangum*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

11:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
410 NORTH HOLDEN ROAD**

*Respond by October 30 to Christine Byrd
271-5959 ext. 339 or byrd@guministry.org*

**DRAWING FOR A FREE LIMITED EDITION
MANGUM PRINT!**



*Rev. Mike Aiken (R),
GUM Executive Director,
admires this year's honor card
by Artist Bill Mangum.*

2009 CROP HUNGER WALK REMEMBERS KAY YOUNGBLOOD

Over 5,000 area walkers turned out on Sunday, October 18, to honor the memory of Kay Youngblood, the “mother” of the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk. The walk is estimated to have raised more than \$200,000 to fight hunger in our community and abroad and donations are still coming in. Organizers are optimistic that we will exceed last year’s total of \$209,000! If you would like to donate to the CROP Walk, please visit us online at greatergreensborocropwalk.org.

Special thanks to our 2009 CROP Hunger Walk Steering Committee chaired by Ralph Wenger, with help from John Aderholdt, Mike Aiken, Jill Alventosa-Brown, Christine Byrd, Lynn Carey, John Dieterly, Karen Hayes, Marlow Hinton, Robert Joyner, Crystal Mercer, Megan Miller, Joe Moran, Gary Owens, Dona Pickett, Monie Plueger, Amy Schenck, Irwin Smallwood, Pat Spain, and Cathy Watkins.

FOOD FOR ALL BENEFIT CONCERT

Preceding the walk, Bryan McFarland and Martha Bassett gave a benefit concert on Saturday, October 17th, at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant to benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry and to bring awareness to the issues of hunger in our community and abroad. We thank them for their wonderful gift of music which they so graciously shared.

The children of Mission Possible Kids of West Market Street United Methodist Church tied up their pastor, Rev. Dave Melton, and didn’t release him until they had collected 300 cans of food for Urban Ministry. As shoppers entered the Lowes Foods on Saturday, the MP Kids handed out a food list and a note explaining that they had kidnapped their pastor. Pastor Melton yelled “HELP!” as customers walked by. At the end of the day, the tally for cans collected was at 364. Way to go, MP Kids!



Curtis and Kay Youngblood



Rev. Dave Melton Kidnapped!

THANKSGIVING FUND SUPPORTS DINNER FOR THOUSANDS



For 21 years, a dedicated band of volunteers has served up a complete Thanksgiving dinner—from turkey and mashed potatoes to pumpkin pie – for the city’s homeless, hungry, homebound, and elderly poor; over 4,000 meals each year. Greensboro Urban Ministry provides the kitchen facilities and dining room, but funds to support the dinner come directly from the community. It’s easy to give—and every bit helps.

GET INVOLVED! GIVING IS EASY. Gifts can be made by check to The Thanksgiving Fund c/o Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, PO Box 20444, Greensboro, NC 27420 or in person at Foundation Place at 330 South Greene Street. You can also give on-line at www.cfeg.org, select *Give, Contribute Online Now*, then *Thanksgiving Fund*.

WINTER EMERGENCY SHELTERS (WE!) TO OPEN DECEMBER 1!

WE need your support! Come to our WE Community Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Mullin Life Center, First Presbyterian. Find out how YOU can help WE provide emergency overflow shelter this winter. As of the writing of this article, the following churches have agreed to be WE sites: West Market Street United Methodist, Pleasant Garden Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grace Community, and Mt. Zion Baptist. Sheron Sumner is once again serving as our WE coordinator.

The Economic Hurricane continues; our Weaver House Night Shelter for Single Adults has been at capacity again all summer; and the homeless are having a hard time finding jobs and services. This program was funded by United Way of Greater Greensboro’s “Operation Greensboro Cares” last winter. “Operation Greensboro Cares” has provided start-up funding for this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EVENT	DAY	TIME	WHERE
Lunch with Artist William Mangum	November 3	11:30 AM	Christ UMC
Winter Emergency (WE) Community Meeting	November 10	7:00 PM	Mullin Life Center, First Presbyterian
Feast of Caring	November 19	5-7:00 PM	First Baptist
Thanksgiving Day Meal	November 26	10:30 AM	Potter’s House Community Kitchen

REMEMBERING PAW PAW

My name is Issac Griffin. I live in Power Springs, Georgia. I am 14 years of age, going into the 9th grade, whose favorite subjects are math and science. It is a custom for me in the summer to visit my "Paw Paw" in Greensboro and go to camp. Summer is a special time of year that always brings great memories of the times we spent together. You see my "Paw Paw" died on January 2, 2008 – a day after his birthday. I would like to give just a brief introduction of my "Paw Paw" so that you might see how he impacted my life by the way he lived his. He worked for the New York City Transit Authority, until his retirement. After which he relocated with his family to Greensboro, North Carolina where he joined St. Mary's Catholic Church. As an active member of the parish, he ushered at 11 a.m. Mass and walked each year in the Crop Walk for the Potter's House. He was a member of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program founded

by the Daughters of Charity at St. Mary's. He volunteered at the Potter's House until being hired as a driver to pick up food for the food bank. "Paw Paw" enjoyed his work, and his prayer each Sunday at Mass was "for those less fortunate than we are." Instead of going to camp this summer, I decided to volunteer at the Potter's House in memory of my "Paw Paw." The work was enjoyable and I met new and nice people. I witnessed the food being given to a family with children and saw the smiles of gratitude on their faces. I was glad that I was there. I learned that helping others is important to the "Person," "People" and to the "Giver."

Willis Griffin worked for Greensboro Urban Ministry for many years. His wife, Erma, is the CROP Hunger Walk recruiter at St. Mary's Catholic Church.



BB&T HELPED TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

As part of the Leadership Greensboro Seniors Fall Grocery Store Food Drive for Greensboro Urban Ministry, more than 100 Greensboro BB&T employees from various financial centers, Commercial Lending, Stanley, Hunt, DuPree & Rhine and BB&T Institutional Services purchased and donated enough food to feed 50 needy families.

The employees helped distribute emergency food orders through Urban Ministry's Emergency Assistance Program and Food Bank.

In addition to providing food orders for needy families, BB&T and its employees provided special dinners for homeless families living at Urban Ministry's Pathways Center in Partnership Village. Meals prepared by Pepper

Moon Catering, The Painted Plate and Madison Park Café were purchased by BB&T and the employees served the meals to the families on three different occasions. BB&T has also provided sheets, towels, and linens for residents living at Pathways.

The Leadership Greensboro Seniors Grocery Store Food Drive was once again an outstanding success! A record 72,800 pounds of food was collected by volunteers from many area congregations at the following participating grocery stores: Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Lowe's Food, Compare, Bestway and Earth Fare. Cars loaded with donated food were lined out of the Urban Ministry parking lot.

CHURCHES ALIGN WITH THE BEYOND PATHWAYS PROGRAM TO BRING HOPE TO FAMILIES



LADORA'S STORY:

Within thirty days of my moving into Pathways, I was offered permanent housing based on my income. However, I did not have enough money to pay the utility and rental deposits to move in. The Beyond Pathways program stepped in to help.

A group from St. Pius X Church who are volunteers of the Beyond Pathways Welcome Home Team, assisted me with finding a part-time job, budget counseling, transportation, and furnishings.

My Welcome Home Team also worked very hard to get me registered for a Certified Nursing Assistant training class. They made sure that everything was provided so that I could focus on my studies and not on problems. I will graduate as a Certified Nursing Assistant in a couple of weeks. Without the encouragement of my friends at St. Pius X, going back to school would have been extremely difficult.

I want to thank everyone for what they have done for me. Thank God for Beyond Pathways! If it had not been for this program and St. Pius X, I don't know where I would be today.

This is just the beginning of a great life!

The Beyond Pathways Welcome Home Team consists of local congregations working with families to help them restart their lives.

To learn more about The Pathways Center and Beyond Pathways program, call 336-271-5988 or visit our website greensborourbanministry.org.

AMANDA'S STORY:

When I moved out of the Pathways Center, I was in a dream state. It was hard to believe that I have my own apartment for me and my daughter. My daughter was bouncing off the walls with excitement. Everything was going so well... so I became scared. I was scared that something would happen to stop all the good that was happening.

I met with First Lutheran Church, volunteers of the Beyond Pathways Welcome Home Team. They were very nice people. They helped provide most of the furnishings in my apartment, clothes, washer and dryer. Everything was moving so fast and going so good; I just knew something was going to happen to end it all.

I told myself to stop thinking so negative and be thankful. That is just what I did... become thankful. I continued to have positive thoughts about my housing and my Work First agreement with the Department of Social Services. After volunteering for a few months, I was offered a full-time position at the agency.

As I work towards clearing up mistakes made in the past, I plan to be a homeowner one day. I know that it will be hard to make some crooked roads straight, but I believe that the rough paths will be made smooth. To see positive change for me and my daughter, I need to believe that what I am doing is not in vain.

All of this began when I lived at the Pathways Center. I chose to participate in the Beyond Pathways program and made the steps needed to provide stability for me and my daughter. I want to especially thank Marsha and Pam for their love and concern and for their encouragement. Thank you, Beyond Pathways and First Lutheran Church.

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MEMORIALS (*August*)

JEANETTE ALLIGOOD

Charles Alligood

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Sydney & Hannah Britt
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David & Ursula Goodine
Romona & Bill Gravett
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Charlotte & Ralph Walker
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Jacqueline Wilson

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David & Edna Blake
Coble Farm Lunch Group
Thomas & Suzanne Malloy

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Lura Lyle

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Charlotte & Ralph Walker
Faye & Clyde Welch
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