

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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

Bill Glasgow Remembered 1926-2008



Jenny Shafer, Coordinator of the Durham CROP Walk, presented the Bull's baseball bat to Bill Glasgow in recognition of Greensboro's victory.

Bill Glasgow was so happy about the great success of last year's CROP Walk. We beat Durham, regained second place in the nation, and raised nearly \$230,000, an all-time Greensboro record! Bill coordinated our William Mangum Holiday Honor Card campaign, and another record was broken – more than \$190,000 raised! And last but not least, Bill spearheaded the effort to establish the Tuesday morning breakfast to be served by area Episcopal churches. The first breakfast was held February 5. Now Weaver House has wonderful breakfasts seven days a week!

What a life of servant leadership! Bill, you will be missed but never forgotten!

EAT OUT AND VOTE ON MAY 6, 2008

Greensboro Urban Ministry and over 125 local restaurants will sponsor—for the sixteenth year—Serving Greensboro Together. On this day participating restaurants will donate 10% of their total sales to Greensboro Urban Ministry. So on May 6, give yourself permission to eat out for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to help the less fortunate among us. Prior to the event, you will find a list of participating restaurants in the *News & Record*, or you can call Crystal Mercer at 271-5959 ext. 301 or mercerc@guministry.org. You can also visit www.greensborourbanministry.org.

Last year through Serving Greensboro Together, 120 Greensboro restaurants donated \$26,691 to Urban Ministry. Since 1993 community restaurants have contributed more than \$389,691!

We are pleased that this year Serving Greensboro Together will be part of *A Day to Feed the Triad* because we are joining with sister agencies in Winston-Salem and Burlington in similar events. In Winston-Salem, Crisis Control Ministry is sponsoring *Hope du Jour* and in Burlington, Alamance County Community Services Agency is sponsoring *Dining Out for Seniors*. Open Door Ministries of High Point will sponsor *Dining Out for Hunger* at a later date.

A list of participating Greensboro restaurants is found on page 2.



SERVING GREENSBORO TOGETHER MAY 6, 2008

2008 PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

1618 Seafood Grille*
Acropolis Restaurant
Amalfi Harbour
Anton's Restaurant
Arigato Japanese Steak House*
Bert's Seafood Grille*
Bill's Pizza Pub (High Point Rd)
Bill's Pizza Pub (Randleman Rd)
Bill's Pizza Pub (Oak Ridge)
Bistro Sofia*
Bonnie Kay Seafood
Brixx Wood Fired Pizza
Buffalo's Bar & Grill (Battleground Ave)
Buffalo's Bar & Grill (High Point Rd)
Captain Bill's Seafood & Steak Restaurant
Center Grove Grill & Soda Shop
Cincy's Downtown
Coopers Ale House
Country Kitchen
Da Reggae Cafe
Elizabeth's Italian Restaurant (Oak Ridge)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Battleground Ave)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Bridford Parkway)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Groometown Rd)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Lawndale Dr)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Quaker Village)
Elizabeth's Pizza (Summit Ave)
Elizabeth's Pizza (West Market St)
First Carolina Delicatessen
Fishers Grille
Ganache Restaurant & Bakery*
Gate City Chop House (S. Holden Rd)
Ghassan's (Battleground Ave)
Ghassan's (Cornwallis Dr)
Ghassan's (High Point Rd)
Green Valley Grill*
Ham's (Battleground Ave)
Ham's (E. Cone Blvd)
Ham's (Friendly Ave)
Ham's (High Point Rd)
Ham's (N. Main St, High Point)
Ham's (Samet Dr, High Point)
Harper's Restaurant at Friendly Center*
Hayble's Hearth
Herbie's Place
Hogan's Groovy Gourmet
IPD Eatery
J. Butler's Bar & Grille (High Point Rd)
J. Butler's Bar & Grille (New Garden Rd)
Jack's Corner
Jam's Deli (Friendly Ave)
Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar*
Leblon Brazilian Steak House*
Liberty Oak*
Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant (Cotswold Terr)
Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant (High Point Rd)
Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant (Randleman Rd)
Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant (Summit Ave)
Lox, Stock & Bagel
Lucky 32*
Maria's Gourmet Catering
M'Coul's Public House
Mexico Restaurant (Battleground Ave)
Mexico Restaurant (N. Elm St)
Mexico Restaurant (W. Market St)
Milano Pizza (Albert Pick Rd)
Mr. Wonton (High Point Rd)

Mykonos Grill*
Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing Co.
Oakcrest Family Restaurant
Painted Plate Catering
Panizzo Bakery & Cafe*
Papa John's Pizza (Battleground Ave)
Papa John's Pizza (East Cone Blvd)
Papa John's Pizza (New Garden Rd)
Papa John's Pizza (South Holden Rd)
Papa John's Pizza (Spring Garden St)
Papa John's Pizza (Stanley Rd)
Papa John's Pizza (Skeet Club Rd, High Point)
Papa John's Pizza (N. Main St, High Point)
Papa John's Pizza (US Hwy 220 N, Summerfield)
Pastabilities
Pavilion
Penny's Restaurant (Jamestown)
Poblano's Mexican Bar & Grill (High Point Rd)
Poblano's Mexican Grill (N. Elm St)
Pollo Pizza Pasta
Positano Italian Restaurant
Print Works Bistro*
Revival Grill*
Saffron Indian Cuisine
Saigon Restaurant
San Luis Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
Sapporo Fantasy Japanese Steak House
Smith Street Diner
Solaris Restaurant*
Southern Lights Bistro (call ahead seating avail.)
Stamey's Barbecue (Battleground Ave)
Stamey's Barbecue (High Point Rd)
Steak 'N Shake (Lawndale Dr)
Steak 'N Shake (Wendover Ave)
Subway (4012-C Battleground Ave)
Subway (Golden Gate)
Tara Thai
Tex & Shirley's Family Restaurant (Friendly Center)
Undercurrent*
Venice Italian Pizza & Subs (N. Elm St)
Village Tavern
Wallstreet Deli & Catering
Yum Yum Better Ice Cream

COFFEE, BAKERIES, DESSERTS, AND SMOOTHIES

Baskin-Robbins (1620 Battleground Ave)
Cheesecakes by Alex
Cold Stone Creamery (Wendover Ave)
Java Jo'z
Juice Shop Smoothies (Friendly Center)
Juice Shop Smoothies (Lawndale Dr)
Maxie B's
Spring Garden Bakery & Coffee House
Tate Street Coffee House
The Green Bean

** Reservations suggested*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



SOME OF GUILFORD'S CHRONIC HOMELESS GET THEIR OWN KEYS

by Jordan Green

News Editor for Yes! Weekly

Carrying a large plastic Macy's bag packed with a new fleece blanket, a comforter and the kind of Indian shawl available at interstate travel centers, Vincent Sims gingerly picked his way up a handful of steps and let himself into the apartment, a two-room unit in a squat brick building about two blocks from Greensboro's NewBridge Bank Park.

"I can open that door with a key," Vincent Sims said after settling into a chair and lighting up a Newport. "When I was living in the streets, I would go into any building, and I could be arrested for breaking and entering. Everywhere I would lay my head would be illegal."

He slept under several of the bridges that cross Lee Street and the rail lines. He slept in an abandoned van. Sometimes in "hurricane weather" he crawled into dumpsters, choosing the ones containing mostly cardboard and taking care to avoid receptacles for medical supplies and rotting food.

"I have a disability: I'm bipolar," said the 47-year-old Sims, who dropped out of high school. "I have to have medication. My mind is not stable like other people's. In all my suffering I could make fine wine out of my issues. All these healthy people, how could I know? I've never known what that's like. People say, 'You got a strong body. You got a strong mind.' I don't though."

When Sims was homeless, medicating his mental illness meant resorting to street pharmaceuticals — crack cocaine. He'd been an active addict for longer than he'd been homeless, he said, and until Christmas he had been on the street off and on for 15 years. He completed a six-month prison sentence for drug paraphernalia in September and ended up back on the street. When Mitch McGee, housing support coordinator for Family Service of the Piedmont, met him last fall, Sims described himself as an "every-day crack user."

"How much clean time do you have now?" McGee asked during a recent visit to Sims' apartment.

"Two weeks," his client answered.

"Two weeks continuously," McGee corrected. Those might seem like unimpressive results, but the encouraging caseworker testified that his client's clean periods were increasingly longer and rebounds following slipups occurred more quickly.

The Guilford County Task Force to End Chronic Homelessness — a group with representatives from local government, houses of worship, nonprofit



service providers and the business community — released its "Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness" last June. Among its signature strategies are to implement a housing-first model targeted towards the

chronically homeless, placing them in their own apartments with minimal conditions and then providing supportive services to help move them towards stability. To stay in housing they must meet two basic requirements: pay the rent and don't get evicted.

Those like Sims who have been on the streets for more than a year comprise only 10 percent of the overall homeless population but consume half of homeless resources, according to research presented at a recent housing summit in Greensboro. The frequent hospitalization and incarceration of chronically homeless people, who typically battle addiction and mental illness, make it more costly to society for them to be on the streets than to be housed, advocates reason.

"When a homeless person gets sick, they don't go to a family doctor; they go to an emergency room — the most expensive doctor in town," said Martha Are, the state of North Carolina's homeless policy specialist, at the summit. "And when they go there, they go by ambulance, the most expensive form of transportation available."

Funding for the program comes from the state mental health trust fund, which is administered to three nonprofits through the county. Funding goes to staff salaries to pay for deposits on apartments and for rent until the clients' federal Section 8 vouchers receive approval.

Sims received his Section 8 approval letter from the Greensboro Housing Authority on Jan. 28. Beginning this month, Section 8 will supplant state mental health funds to pay Sims' \$475 rent. Because his client receives \$657 a month from the Social Security Administration for his disability, McGee said Sims must cover about \$200 of the rent from his personal income.

Now that he has a place of his own, several other things have to work out for Sims to break the personal habits that can shuttle a person back to the streets. He has been receiving outpatient treatment for his addiction three days a week from the Ringer Center on Bessemer Avenue since last summer.

Another key piece is staying busy. Sims regularly volunteers at the food bank of Urban Ministry, the agency that initially referred him to the program. The downside is that his old friends from the street show up high, and sometimes begrudge his new status.

Read more about the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness on our website www.greensborourbanministry.org under Other Links.

CROP WALK RECOGNITION

A celebration was held at St. Pius X Catholic Church that recognized top fundraisers. Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen was presented a check for \$57,323, representing 25% of the funds collected. The rest of the money went to Church World Service to help feed the hungry around the world in places like Darfur, Guatemala, and Kenya. St. Pius X Church once again was recognized as the winner of the "Hunger Staff" award for being the congregation which raised the most money (\$21,835). ☺

*Hamp Hunter and Pam Jordan
represented St. Pius X.*



Seventeen churches and a number of private groups and individuals helped raise nearly 10,000 pounds of food and \$5,506 to purchase food through the annual Souper

Bowl of Caring held Super Bowl weekend. Participants were asked to bring a can of food or \$1 to attend a Souper Bowl party or church service.

The following congregations participated: Centenary United Methodist, Community Lutheran, Community in Christ Presbyterian, Fellowship Presbyterian, Friendship United Methodist, Guilford Park Presbyterian, Memorial Presbyterian, Muirs Chapel United Methodist, Oak Ridge Presbyterian, Oak Ridge United Methodist, Peace UCC, Rocky Knoll Baptist, Sedgfield Presbyterian, St. Johns United Methodist, St. Timothy's United Methodist, Starmount Presbyterian, and Summerfield United Methodist. ☺



Urban Ministry is trying to creatively raise funds for our Pathways Center which provides emergency housing and supportive services for homeless families. Last year the Pathways Gold Fund was started to encourage our supporters to donate unwanted gold and silver items such as discarded rings, broken bracelets, single earrings, etc. Several thousand dollars has been raised through the donation of a few items.

Please look through your jewelry and make a donation using the envelope provided in this newsletter. Bring your envelope to our administrative office, 305 West Lee Street, or give us a call, 271-5959, to have them picked up. Thanks! ☺

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE, MAY 10

Place your non-perishable food donations near your mailbox on Saturday, May 10. Your letter carrier will deliver it to the Greensboro Urban Ministry's Food Bank or the Salvation Army. ☺



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EVENT	DAY	WHERE
Jen Chapin Live	April 22 - 7PM	Temple Emanuel 713 N. Greene Street
Serving Greensboro Together	May 6	Participating restaurants
National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive	May 10	Place canned food near your mailbox
Grocery Store Food Drives	September 19 & 20	Participating grocery stores
Greater Greensboro CROP Walk	October 19	NewBridge Bank Park (formerly First Horizon)
Feast of Caring	November 20	First Baptist Church

FUNDRAISING AT-A-GLANCE



The Boy Scout Food Drive yielded 42,629 pounds! In addition, scouts at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church raised \$3,100 for Pathways Center at their annual Pancake Breakfast.



Mike Aiken received a check from William Lloyd. William donated \$500 by selling doughnuts to help serve the homeless at Urban Ministry.



Pat Spain (center) from Greensboro Urban Ministry talked to the Pre-K class at Lindley Elementary about the Food Bank. The kids donated 135 pounds of food to help feed hungry children and families.



Greensboro Urban Ministry was represented in The Human Race by very loyal supporters. Preston Mangum raised over \$2,000 for Urban Ministry.



The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) presented a \$700 check to Nathan Witherspoon, Associate Director of Urban Ministry. L/R: John Lowe, Sandra Jones, Brad Peete, Nathan Witherspoon, Jeri D'Lugin, J. B. Griffith III, and R. E. Rose.



Antonio Jackson, a junior at Greensboro Day School and a regular volunteer at Greensboro Urban Ministry, and Josh Shoemaker, director of service learning, started the "10,000 Ways to Say Thank You" project. Students and staff raised 8,620 pounds of food!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TYPICAL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

- Emergency Assistance and Clothing Bank: a 3 or 4 hour shift once a week on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.
- Weaver House: once a week or once a month, weekdays or weekends, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.
- Potter's House: once a week on weekdays, or once a month on weekends, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
- Food Bank: a 3 to 4 hour shift, once a week on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm, and on weekends during food drives (March and September)

FOR GROUPS:

- Weaver House: prepare and serve meals to 100 guests, either an evening meal at 7:00pm (any day of the week) or a breakfast meal at 7:00am on weekends. Groups plan the menu and provide the food. Most groups come either monthly or quarterly.
- Pathways Center: prepare and serve meals for up to seventeen families (usually about 16 adults and 30 small children), either an evening meal at 6:00pm or a brunch on the weekends. Groups plan the menu and provide the food. Mealtime can include activities with the children (music, art, and crafts).
- Partnership Village: provide a meal at 6:30 in the evening or a weekend brunch. Eating utensils provided. Coffee pots and stove available.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

- Needs volunteers to interview people requesting emergency food or financial assistance. The desired commitment is six months with a four-hour shift per week. Training provided.
- Needs volunteers to serve as telephone receptionists responding to calls asking about how to apply for emergency food or financial assistance. Volunteers need to be able to relate to people in crisis situations. A telephone call is frequently the first step for many people seeking food or money for rent or utilities.
- Needs screeners and interviewers for financial assistance
- Needs computer technicians

CLOTHING BANK:

- Volunteers are needed, especially on weekday afternoons, to receive clothing donations and to help clients find needed items. Minimum 2 hour commitment is required.

FOOD BANK:

- Needs one or two volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays to fill emergency food orders. Minimum 2 hour commitment is required.

POTTER'S HOUSE COMMUNITY KITCHEN:


- Needs volunteers to prepare and serve a noontime meal to an average of 350 people a day. Volunteers work from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE:

- Needs groups to provide activities with the children or with the parents in their community room. Clown and magic shows especially welcome.
- Needs groups to provide a meal at 6:30 in the evening or a weekend brunch. Eating utensils provided. Coffee pots and stove available.

For more information about any of the above positions, you may call or email Gail Gore-Lewis at (336) 271-5959 ext. 305, lewis@guministry.org. We thank you for your support!

4-STAR RATING

Did you know that Greensboro Urban Ministry has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities? Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that our agency excels, as compared to other charities in America, in successfully managing finances in an efficient and effective manner. Visit our website and read more about our rating. 



2008 MEMORIALS JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Alice Abel

*M/M James Dobyns
Kelman & Pearl Gomo
Diann Ramsey*

Gary Arnold

*Jim & "Sam" Burnette
Blanche Fedor
Greyhound Friends of NC
David & Martha Howard
Linda & Spencer Sullivan*

Mary Lou Boxley

Whirley Boxley

Sara Garber Bright

Ann & Gaylor Hageseth

John Carter

Geore & Frances Cheek

Richard Chatham

Alice Thomason

Susan Cipolla

Dave & Maxine Johnson

William Cranford

*Martha Cavan
Gerry McCall*

Faye Crutchfield

Irwin Smallwood

Agnes Dinnen

Greg & Eileen Watson

Lawrence Emery

Margaret Moreland

Catherine Faver

Martha Hicks

Eunice Fetner

*Marcella Bryant
Cardinal Garden Club
Murray & Betty Cooke
Virginia Crockett
Shirley Hart
Betty Jordan
Debbie & John Thomas
Charles & Beth Ward*

Leonard Graham

Felix & June Martinez

Grandparents

Phoebe Azar

Willis Griffin

*Pat & Rob Arnett
Linda Johnson*

Ann Harris

Nancy & Bob Paxton

Lillian Higginson

Nancy & Bob Paxton

Melton Ingram

Gary & Diane Upham

Boleslaw Jeglinski

Loretta Jeglinski

Edie Jones

Thomas Jones

Ruth Kutos

Cassandra & Leslie Ricketts

Woodrow Laurence

Glenn & Carole Lesley

Ken Lesley

*Wilma Baynes
Jo Burroughs
Carol & George Carpenter
Ruth Clark
Georgia State University
Gerald & Hilda Mitchell
Night Time Women's Circle
Daniel Urbas*

Richard Love

Jim Turner

Bob Martineau

Judith Martineau

Barbara Reid

M/M Michael McNally-Tyler

Sonny Ridenhour

Anthony Nottage

Bruce Sanders

Becky Sanders

Braxton Schell

*Anne & Carl Carlson
Mary Lane-Smith*

Mrs. V. Shultz

Joe & Marianne Browning

Jack Smith

Patricia Murphy

Randy Stewart

Deborah Juno

Susan Sutton

Janet & Bill King

Earl Upham

Gary & Diane Upham

Nathaniel Villines

Lizzie Villiness

Hubert Walker

Helen Walker

Blanche Warren

Dorothy Ballinger

Edith Weaver

*David & Sujette Brown
Sally Cobb
Tom & Linda Edgerton
Mike & Lynn Haley
Marion Hubbard
Mary Lane Smith
M/M Robert Stout*

Harry Weiler

Marie Franklin

Keith White

Auto-Owners Insurance

Glenwood Wilson

Thomas Jones



We compile the lists in this report carefully. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent. If you find that your name has been omitted, please accept our apology. We would be grateful if you would notify us of any corrections. Call Crystal Mercer at 271-5959 ext. 301.



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SPONSOR PROGRAM JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2008

The Urban Ministry Sponsor Program is a great way for you to honor a friend or loved one for a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, wedding or graduation while 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 271-5959 ext. 302. ☺

POTTER'S HOUSE TABLE

Robert & Angela Idacavage -
 1 table 2 weeks

WEAVER HOUSE BED

Buffalo's Bar & Grille - 3 beds 2 months
 Sally Cobb - 1 bed 2 months

PATHWAYS

Becky Sanders - Apt 5 months
 in memory of Bruce Sanders

PARTNERSHIP VILLAGE

Peace UCC - Single Apt 5 months

	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