

Samaritan Ministries guests attending "The Way Out" education session

## The Way Out

### Finding Unique Solutions for Every Guest

Standing at the doors of Samaritan Ministries, he was unsure about this unfamiliar place and the stranger's face that welcomed him. He had diligently tried to find somewhere to live, but because of his past, every door was closed . . . except this one.

Jerry had served his time in prison and was ready to rebuild his life. The way out of homelessness begins with a safe place to rest, caring support, and connection to resources for developing a personalized plan and determination.

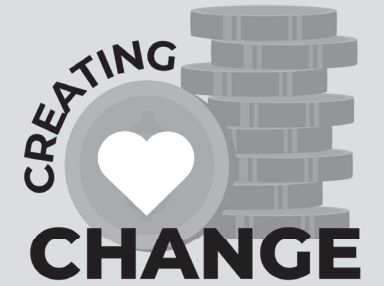
The shelter's structure—a designated bed, meals on a schedule, and rules to follow—weren't new to Jerry. The new part was the staff. They were interested in him, the barriers he faced, and his view of personal success.

Every guest we serve has a unique set of challenges. They may need job training, assistance in finding employment, or help securing a home they can afford after retirement. Their future may depend on addressing underlying issues like a mental health diagnosis or substance abuse problem. Jerry needed employment, reconnection with his family, and affordable housing that accepted his past.

Samaritan Ministries is committed to providing internal and external resources that create pathways out of homelessness for our guests. Monthly, we offer a class called "The Way Out" to educate and support our guests on navigating their way home.

For Jerry, the way out was a temporary stay in an emergency shelter, caring support from staff, connection to resources, a plan, and his determination. We are excited to share that Jerry now has a full-time job and a two-bedroom apartment with room for his family. He has a home.

Every gift you give, every hour you volunteer, and every prayer you pray for Samaritan Ministries helps our guests rewrite their life stories.



Your support made our  
2024 Penny Campaign a success!

We're excited to share that our 2024 Penny Campaign fundraiser has reached its \$100,000 goal, and that's all because of you! Your support provides vital resources in our community. Thank you for making a difference!

Become a "Year Rounder" and start collecting now for this year's campaign in November 2025. Collecting coins and dollars throughout the year ensures that we're ready to support those in need when the long winter months come along. Let's team up to make every cent count!



A special thanks to our Penny Campaign sponsors: First Horizon, Deuterman Law Group, Winston-Salem Journal, Kathy & David Murray, and Lanie Pope - Chief Meteorologist at WXII 12 and Honorary Chair of the Penny Campaign.



### Volunteer Appreciation • April 12, 2025

We're excited to welcome you to our special volunteer appreciation event hosted at Second Harvest Food Bank on April 12, 2–4pm (award ceremony at 3pm). Enjoy snacking and mingling with colleagues and be sure to pick up your volunteer T-shirt before you go. Don't forget to nominate a volunteer for the Myrtie Davis Lifetime Volunteer Servant Leadership Award. Call (336) 448-2674 or email [anna.rainey@samaritanforsyth.org](mailto:anna.rainey@samaritanforsyth.org) to let us know you're coming.

### Tour De Llama • June 21, 2025

Join us for a great day of cycling, breathtaking views, food trucks, and llamas at Divine Llama Vineyards! If you'd like to sponsor the event, call Robin Stone at (336) 448-2668 to learn more. All proceeds from the event help us pedal forward with our mission.

*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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*Samaritan Ministries guests encouraged by volunteers*

## Good News & Gratitude

### Coming Together, Past and Present

March 2025 marks the 44th anniversary of Samaritan Ministries. To open the Soup Kitchen in 1981, the community came together with a building, food, dining room tables, and more. Volunteers gave their time because people needed food for the body and hope for the soul. We simply wouldn't be where we are today without their perseverance and dedication in those early years.

Samaritan became family to all who gathered in this place to share a meal and a smile. Margaret and Kathryn cheered on the Cornerstone softball team. Tom and Chuck started a golf tournament on Groundhog Day. Temple and Robert chopped vegetables, grated cheese, and made coleslaw. Jim and Ron scheduled co-workers to volunteer every Friday. Steve and friends carved turkeys every year for Thanksgiving.

The community is still coming together today. Young Samaritans serve dinner together on the first Monday. Steve and David help with building repairs. Jim, Sue Ann, David, and others make daily grocery store runs. Al and Greg meet shelter guests with a smile and fresh towels. Winston-Salem State University nursing students lend a hand while learning about who their future patients might be. Josephine makes magical salads.

Together, we have an unwavering commitment to our guests through our collective response to Matthew 25:35. Thousands of volunteers walk through our doors each year to make life better for our guests. Their service of 27,030 hours in 2024 saved Samaritan more than \$500,000. More importantly, volunteers ensure that guests are safe, nourished, and loved as friends and neighbors.

I've heard so many people say that they get back more than they give at Samaritan. When you hear the gratitude of our guests, you know why we all continue to do what we do. Lawrence says, "You saw me. You talked to me like a human being. You gave me hope."

Sincerely,

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

## The Way Here

### Fulfilling God's Calling

Struggling through trials, Yvonne turned to prayer and was overwhelmed by God's provision. She recalled Jesus' words, "If you love me, feed my sheep," and joined the Samaritan volunteer family to embrace God's calling. Her gratefulness now inspires her to live out her true purpose.

Yvonne's journey is a powerful reminder of the fulfillment that we can find through service. Volunteering offers a way to put into action your purpose and values.

Join us in serving others and discovering your own purpose—lunch and dinner shifts are available every day of the week:

**Lunch Shifts:** Monday–Saturday, 9am–1:30pm

Sunday, 10am–2:30pm

**Dinner Shifts:** Monday–Sunday, 5pm–7:30pm

Call Arianna Moore at (336) 448-2677 or email [volunteer@samaritanforsyth.org](mailto:volunteer@samaritanforsyth.org) to sign up!



*Yvonne preparing to serve lunch in the soup kitchen*



*Curtis & Cheryl Conner*

*Nathan & Lisa Parrish*

### Planned Giving Enriches Lives, Both for Donors and Recipients

After losing their mom, the Conner siblings were heartbroken but were soon encouraged by her final gift. Shirley Conner's last wish was to donate \$2,000 from her estate to Samaritan Ministries, an organization she had supported for years.

The siblings said, "Mom was always a generous giver—whether through volunteering, donating, or offering her beloved furniture to a friend in need. Even in her final days, she found joy in giving and ensured that others would be taken care of." Her children decided to visit Samaritan Ministries for the first time, and they were deeply moved to see the life-changing work their mother supported for so long.

Nathan and Lisa Parrish are long-time supporters of Samaritan Ministries, and Lisa is a current board member and former chair. Deeply moved by the mission to provide food, shelter, and hope through Christian love, they decided to include the ministry in their planned giving.

They said, "Because this mission aligns with our beliefs, values, and desires, we want our financial resources to support Samaritan Ministries beyond our lives. We have included Samaritan Ministries in our planned giving so that Samaritan's programs and services can continue to serve guests into the future. As a result, our hopes and dreams for the Ministry will also be fulfilled."

By including Samaritan Ministries in your estate plans, you can ensure the sustainability of our programs to provide food, shelter, and hope through Christian love for future generations. Planned gifts, such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, or trusts, offer flexible options that align with your financial goals and provide potential tax benefits. Contact Jan Kelly to discuss personalized giving strategies at (336) 448-2665 or [jan.kelly@samaritanforsyth.org](mailto:jan.kelly@samaritanforsyth.org). We look forward to partnering with you to create a legacy of positive change.