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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Small Donors Make a Big Difference, Wee Care!



This spring, preschool and elementary school-age children across Forsyth County donate cereal through Crisis Control Ministry's Wee Care! Cereal Drive. While the donors may be wee-sized, the impact they make is huge! In 2023, nearly 6,400 students participated and donated nearly 10,000 boxes of cereal, weighing more than 11,500 pounds (nearly 6 tons)! This year, more than 13,000 students in 63

schools are participating. The cereal donations are currently being collected from schools. We are excited to report the totals in the next newsletter.

In addition to collecting cereal, Wee Care! is an opportunity for Crisis Control Ministry to provide information to families who might need our services. Through the Wee Care! program, children learn about the importance of caring and sharing with others.

The Wee Care! Cereal Drive is a great example of the huge difference that can be made by each person doing a small part. No donation, or donor, is too small to make a difference!

Below are just a few small ways you can help to make a big difference in the lives of neighbors who are experiencing a crisis.



Wee Wee
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Your Support Impacts Lives



Danela and her husband Antonio work hard to support their five children, and most months they make the ends meet. However, due to unexpected circumstances, they were forced to file for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), in order to feed their family. They were approved for SNAP, but due to a language barrier, they were only approved for a family of four. There is a six-month waiting period before they will be able to submit amended paperwork to correct the mistake.

Crisis Control Ministry is able to help fill this gap until they can file their paperwork and begin receiving their full government assistance. Danela, Antonio and their children would like to thank you for helping them.



DONATE

to help families in crisis, at crisiscontrol.org/donate.

Here are small ways that you can make a big difference.

MONTHLY GIVING	BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR A recurring gift of just \$5-\$10 can make a significant difference in the life of a neighbor in crisis. Set up a recurring donation at crisiscontrol.org/donate .
EAT OUT FOR HOPE DU JOUR	MAKE PLANS NOW TO SUPPORT HOPE DU JOUR ESTABLISHMENTS ON TUESDAY, MAY 7. For a list of participating establishments, visit hopedujour.org .
MATCHING GIFTS	DOUBLE YOUR GIFT You can easily double your donation with a matching gift. Currently, you can give through Feeding Forsyth, to double your gift. crisiscontrol.org/feedingforsyth Many employers have matching gift programs. Ask to see if your company will match your donations.

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Let Us Help with Your Spring Cleaning



Help Fill Our Pantries

Our client-choice food pantries in both the Winston-Salem and the Kernersville locations are especially low.

For a list of Most Needed Items, and resources to help promote Food Drives and Gift of the Month programs, visit our website.

[crisiscontrol.org/resources](https://www.crisiscontrol.org/resources)

Gift of the Month

April: Pancake Mix & Syrup

May: Spices
(Cinnamon, Cumin, Salt, Pepper, Basil, Vanilla Extract, Tajin, etc.)

June: Condiments
(BBQ Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Hot Sauce, Salad Dressing)

Location Hours

Winston-Salem:

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - Noon
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Kernersville:

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - Noon
Tues. & Thur. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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The weather is warming and the flowers are blooming all around us! Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes the opportunity to refresh, renew, and make a meaningful difference in our community. As you tackle your Spring Cleaning tasks, consider teaming up with Crisis Control to turn your clutter into hope for those in need. Our Kernersville location accepts donations of gently used/like-new household items, decor, small appliances, jewelry, accessories, collectibles, and name-brand items. These donations are sold at local consignment stores and on eBay to raise vital funds that support our food pantry, emergency assistance programs, and pharmacy. Visit www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/consignment to learn more about donating and shopping to support Crisis Control.

If you have grass growing under unwanted "lawn ornaments," Crisis Control can help with those, too! We accept cars, boats, jet skis, motorcycles, and even airplanes. Our donation partner will handle the pickup, making the process hassle-free. Simply call **1.855.500.7433** to start the donation process. By donating your items and vehicles to Crisis Control, you not only declutter your space but also contribute to a cause that uplifts and empowers our community. Your generosity will provide essential resources and support to those who need it most.

This spring, let's work together to create a ripple effect of kindness and make a lasting impact on the lives of our neighbors in need.



Angie

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Youth Lead the Drives in Kernersville

Share the Love Food Drive

Lexi Olive is leading Kernersville residents to "Share the Love" this spring. This is the sixth year that she has coordinated this event. In 2022, she was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Triad Chapter for her work. This year Lexi collected **1,562 pounds** of food and a substantial amount of financial donations for Crisis Control Ministry.

Scouting for Food Drive

Also in February, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Kernersville collected **4052 pounds** of food in the annual **Scouting for Food Drive**. Thank you to Troop 710, Troop and Pack 940, Troop 944, and Troop and Pack 990, for all your hard work.



Lexi Olive, Share the Love



Scouting for Food 2024



Our Volunteers Mean the World to Us



April is National Volunteer Month

YOU CAN HELP US CELEBRATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

THANK A VOLUNTEER

Honor an individual or all our volunteers with an honor donation. A beautiful card will be sent. Donate at: crisiscontrol.org/honor. Cards sent to: Crisis Control Ministry, 200 East Tenth Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101 will be displayed at the Volunteer Luncheon in April.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people with the common interest of supporting community. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about volunteer opportunities, contact **Abbey McCall**, 336-770-1621 volunteer@crisiscontrol.org.

New Employee



Chontel Holman
Intake Specialist

At the beginning of the year, Crisis Control Ministry identified the need for a new staff position to address the increased demand for services.

In February, Chontel Holman was hired as the new Intake Specialist. Chontel is, for many clients, their first contact with Crisis Control Ministry. Her warm smile and pleasant demeanor are welcoming to our neighbors facing a crisis. We are pleased to have Chontel as the newest member of the Crisis Control Ministry team.

Lewisville-Clemmons Poverty Simulation

Thanks to a grant from the Shallow Ford Foundation, Crisis Control Ministry was able to provide a poverty simulation free to the general public. It was held at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center in Lewisville on January 25, 2024. Sydney McCoy, a journalist for Spectrum News shadowed board member, Dan Schuller and reported on his experience. To view the story, scan the QR code below or visit: <https://bit.ly/3PbKtga>.

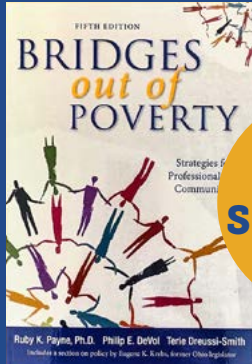


In the January 25 poverty simulation, Crisis Control Ministry board member Dan Schuller assumes the identity of Betty Boiling, a 39-year-old head of household who is living in poverty.

To learn more or to help with a Poverty Simulation, contact **Abbey McCall** at 336.770.1621 or email volunteer@crisiscontrol.org.

SIGN UP TODAY

April 26, July 12 or October 18



FREE SEMINAR

You're invited to attend this free community seminar, exploring the impact of poverty. It delves into the hidden rules for individuals living in poverty, the middle class, and those with wealth, with the goal of providing avenues of success for all. Individuals who work regularly with those living in poverty or want to advocate for those in poverty will benefit from this discussion. It is based on the book, "Bridges Out of Poverty," by Ruby Payne, Philip DeVol, and Terie Smith.

To register: visit
crisiscontrol.org/news-events.



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For the growing list of participating establishments, scan the QR code or visit: hopedujour.org.