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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## Wee Care Cereal Drive at Sedge Garden Elementary

Written by: Principal, Angela Reeves

Sedge Garden Elementary is honored to participate in Crisis Control Ministry's Wee Care Cereal Drive. At our school, one of the biggest areas of focus is spreading kindness. We try to not only instill that kindness matters to our students, but we also give them the opportunity to demonstrate what kindness means. One of the ways we are able to do that is to provide opportunities for students to show kindness to others in our community. Anytime we issue a challenge to our school, they truly step it up. We set up a competition with our kids. The classroom that brings in the most cereal will receive a pizza party. The grade level that brings in the most cereal will receive a donut party. We have had such an overwhelming response. Our students and families truly want to help our community and that excitement shows when the kids bring the cereal donations to school. They know they are helping



others and specifically helping other children. We have donation boxes set up throughout our building, most are overflowing now. With great pride, kids tell us all the time, "I brought that" or "I'm bringing more cereal tomorrow". We are providing weekly collection totals and at the end of the collection period, we will take the boxes and use them to spell out the words "Spread Kindness" just before delivering them to Crisis Control. The overwhelming response has us asking ourselves where we will put all the donations until the end of the month when we run out of room. But as we have told families, "Keep bringing in your cereal; we'll make room!"

## Help Keep Our Client Choice Pantry Shelves Stocked

Inflation coupled with an increased need has left our food warehouse especially low. There are many ways you can help us to fill the shelves.

Hosting a food drive is a fun way to connect with friends, family, or coworkers. Crisis Control Ministry is able to provide collection bins and arrange food pick up.

If you would like to learn about more ways to help, please visit [www.crisiscontrol.org](http://www.crisiscontrol.org).

**Most needed items include:** cooking oil, flour, canned meats, canned spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned tomatoes, rice, canned potatoes, applesauce, canned greens (spinach, collards, etc.), canned beans (lima, kidney, navy, etc.), salad dressing, instant potatoes.



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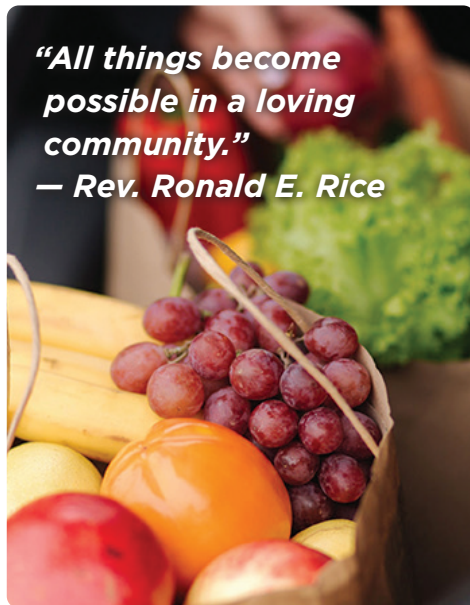


## A Client Reflects on Relationship with Crisis Control Ministry

In the early 1990s, when Rachel was homeless, she remembers coming to Crisis Control to take showers and to find items from the clothing closet. With the help of Crisis Control and other good neighbors, her financial situation stabilized and she found a home. Living on the edge of poverty is challenging, but fortunately Rachel has found a good neighbor in Crisis Control Ministry. She has met other challenges and has been able to reach out to CCM when she needed assistance paying her rent. While Rachel is able (most of the time), to maintain financial stability, even little challenges can sometimes mean the difference between being able to pay the bills each month. The food pantry's food certification program helps clients like Rachel maintain food security. With the food certification program at CCM a client is approved to receive food

twice a month for a year without repeating the interview process each time they receive assistance. Rachel commented, "I was usually able to pay my bills, but I would

always run out of food. At one time, I was only getting \$12 a month in food stamps. I have diabetes and I need to maintain a healthy diet to eat to keep my A1C under control. It was like a full-time job going to different pantries to find good, fresh food. When I learned about the food pantry and the food certification program at CCM, I called for an interview and was approved for groceries twice a month for a year. That has been years ago and now I can get all the healthy food I need from the pantry at CCM. It has been a huge blessing for me." As Crisis Control Ministry enters its next fifty years of serving the community, we strive to continue making a difference in the lives of our neighbors like Rachel. As our founder and first executive director, the Reverend Ronald E. Rice, noted, "All things become possible in a loving community."



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## SAVE-THE-DATE



**Community  
Concert  
August 26, 2023**

Enjoy an evening with live music, food, fun and fellowship with friends and family to help celebrate the work of Crisis Control Ministry.

## Stories and Remembrances in Celebration of Crisis Control Ministry's 50th Anniversary



Volunteers, community groups, board members, current, and former staff members gathered to share their stories and remembrances of Crisis Control Ministry in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the organization. These aired on WTOB's Piedmont Perspectives Program on March 12, 2023 and is currently available online at: [www.wtob980.com/piedmont-perspectives](http://www.wtob980.com/piedmont-perspectives).

# The Bridges Out of Poverty Training: What to Expect

Written by: *Katie Maxey, Serve Director at The Summit Church*

I recently attended the Bridges out of Poverty Training and found it to be eye-opening and very informative. Annette, who teaches the course, is very knowledgeable and has spent a long time digging into the effects of poverty and ways to improve the lives of those impacted by it in our community. In the training, she discusses the history of economic diversity, generational poverty and its effect on our community and around the world. While attending the course, I was giving a real-life example of someone that is living through the challenges of poverty and how that impacts their thinking and decision-making throughout each day. As someone

who wants to assist everyone with whom I come in contact, this training has helped me look at the bigger picture of each person's situation and the challenges that they face. In turn, it helps me to be a better resource for people. Relationships are key for all of us and building that relationship with someone and helping them to find the best resources is vital to their day-to-day life and their overall well-being. I highly recommend this course to anyone working with the public, no matter what population they serve. You will take away a different viewpoint about poverty and thoughts around how we can help our community walk through financial challenges.

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## Gift of the Month and Hours

**April:** Instant Oatmeal & Instant Grits

**May:** Applesauce (no glass jars, please)

**June:** Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna)

Some essential items can't be purchased with food stamps. Please consider donating one or more of the following: dish detergent, shampoo, feminine hygiene supplies, bath soap, laundry detergent, and deodorant.

### Winston-Salem Hours:

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

### Kernersville Hours:

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

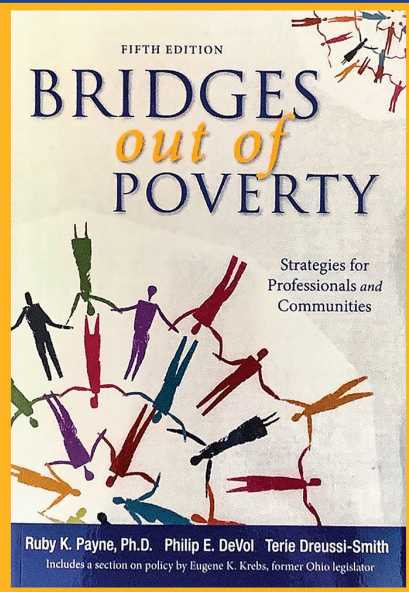
## Matching Gifts

Please consider inquiring whether your company will match your generous donation to Crisis Control Ministry. According to the website [www.360matchpro.com](http://www.360matchpro.com), **Over 26 million individuals work for companies with matching gift programs. Beyond the Fortune 500 companies, there are tons of businesses all over that offer corporate matching gift programs.**

This means millions of people work for these companies and may not realize they're eligible to have their charitable donations matched.



**SIGN UP TODAY**  
for April 28 or July 14



Visit [crisiscontrol.org](http://crisiscontrol.org)  
for more information and  
to register to attend.



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## Start planning where you will eat out for Hope du Jour

For the growing list of participating restaurants, visit:  
[www.hopejour.org](http://www.hopejour.org)

On **Tuesday, May 2**, participating restaurants donate 10% of that day's proceeds to Crisis Control Ministry. While these proceeds allow the ministry to serve our neighbors, it is also a wonderful reason for folks to get together and celebrate with family and friends. It is a great way to support local restaurants. Try a new restaurant or visit an old favorite. Treat yourself to dessert or a drink at one of the participating coffee shops or breweries. You can even pick up take out to put in the freezer so you don't have to cook on a busy day later. It's easy – eat out – take out and help out! For a list of participating restaurants, visit: [www.hopedujour.org](http://www.hopedujour.org).



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**Our Unifying Principles...**

*Love • Stewardship • Listening • Grace • Truth • Collaboration • Better Lives • Transformation*