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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Impact of the Economy on Our Clients

Imagine waking up one morning and not knowing if you and your family will have food that day. Or if the lights will be on when your children return home from school. For Rosalyn, a single mother of three, this was her reality after she suffered an injury that required surgery, and was unable to work for an extended period of time.

Although she had saved money for emergencies, without any steady income it wasn't long before all her savings were largely exhausted; and with bills piling up and the first of the month quickly approaching, Rosalyn didn't know how she would provide for her family.

Fortunately, as one of the largest non-profit providers of emergency assistance, Crisis Control Ministry specializes in providing hope for the hopeless. In 2025, Crisis Control Ministry responded to 2,735 requests for housing and utility assistance at a value of $803,127. Over that same period of time, the client-choice food pantries assisted 16,536 people and the charitable pharmacy filled 20,207 prescriptions.

After completing her initial interview with client services, Rosalyn received assistance for her rent and received two weeks of food from the client-choice food pantry.

With the rise in the cost of groceries, gas, prescription medications and other essential needs, more and more of our neighbors are finding themselves in vulnerable situations like Rosalyn. Studies show that grocery prices across the country have risen nearly 3% and total inflation has risen to over 4%. Here in the North Carolina, inflation is the highest it has been in over three years.

"What we're seeing is that it doesn't take much for a family that is already stretching every dollar to suddenly find themselves in crisis. People are working, saving, trying to make ends meet, but an unexpected illness, a missed paycheck or a rising grocery bill can change everything in the blink of an eye. Knowing this is a rising reality, Crisis Control Ministry is here to help our neighbors through their difficult moments," said Nasia D. Creamer, director of philanthropy.

We are grateful to those who have generously donated and graciously volunteered hours to help our neighbors in crisis. Your willingness to give helps ensure neighbors like Rosalyn can continue to provide for their families in times of uncertainty. Thank you for helping Crisis Control Ministry serve our neighbors and our community. To find out how you can support the mission of Crisis Control Ministry, visit crisiscontrol.org.



Bringing Home the Gold!

Client-Choice Food Pantry Earns Gold Tier Certification

At Crisis Control Ministry, we are continually finding ways to better serve our neighbors and expand access to nutritious food. As part of that commitment, our Winston-Salem client-choice food pantry recently earned Gold Tier Certification through the Healthy Food Access Pantry Training Program. This achievement reflects our dedication to providing healthy food choices while ensuring that every neighbor we serve is met with dignity and care.

The program is part of an initiative led by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and NC Cooperative Extension. It is designed to provide resources from multiple programs and topic areas. To receive the certification, Pantry Manager Tonya Hairston completed a six-month interactive course that covered a number of topics including; understanding community food needs, finding more donation sources, keeping food safe, encouraging healthy food choices, and using the Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) model, a color-coded nutrition ranking system that helps sort food and label shelves.

Hairston said in many ways the program is changing the way food pantries serve communities. "This program is six months of honing in on providing the best food and information to our neighbors," she continued. "We want to make sure that we are providing our neighbors with the best that we can. I think this program is changing the perspective of food pantries and letting people know that we do have healthy options."

Crisis Control Ministry's client-choice Food Pantry in Winston-Salem, is the first pantry in Forsyth County to receive Gold Tier Certification. Currently, staff and volunteers at the Kernersville location are completing the program and are on pace to receive Gold Tier Certification as well.

"Intentionally adapting to the social and environmental changes to better serve our community and neighbors is at the heart of the work of Crisis Control Ministry. With this gold-tier certification, we are elevating the choices available for our neighbors. Our neighbors want and deserve healthy food options and we want to meet this need," shared Executive Director Ashley Edwards.

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Help Fill Our Pantries

For a list of most needed items, visit

crisiscontrol.org/resources

Gift of the Month

October:	**Canned Meats** (Canned Salmon, Ham, Chilli, SPAM, etc.)
November:	**Baking Items** (Cooking Oil, Baking Mixes, etc.)
December:	**Spices** (Salt, Pepper, Cinnamon, Basil, etc.)

Kid's Gift of the Month

October:	**Candy & Cookies** (Mini Chocolates, Fruit Candies, Gummies)
November:	**Snack Cakes** (Oatmeal Cakes, Cakesters, Twinkies)
December:	**Hot Cocoa** (Hot Chocolate Mixes)

Healthy Gift of the Month

October:	**Fruit** (Fresh and/or Canned Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice)
November:	**Vegetables** (Fresh and/or Canned Vegetables, 100% Vegetable Juice)
December:	**Whole Grains** (Brown Rice, Oatmeal, Bread, Tortillas, Pasta)

Winston-Salem Office:

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

Kernersville Office:

Monday-Friday	9 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday and Thursday	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Ashley Edwards

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A Word From Our Executive Director

Greetings,

Crisis Control Ministry holds a special place in the heart of many in our community. From loyal volunteers that serve alongside staff to community partners that trust and rely on our partnership to meet the needs of our neighbors and so many more, this organization is more than two offices providing human services to the residents of Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

When I interviewed to become the Director of Philanthropy in 2025, it was clear to me that Crisis Control Ministry was a unique organization. Everyone that I met during my interview shared a passion, deep connection, and calling to the mission. With every shared story, it was evident that Crisis Control Ministry was a place where servant minded individuals fulfilled their why. I knew, if given the opportunity, I wanted to be part of this impactful organization. I had found my place – a mission focused organization where my why could also be fulfilled.

Today, my to-do list and calendar looks different as the Executive Director. However, the one thing that is unchanged is the feeling that my why is fulfilled through service to the community as a Crisis Control Ministry team member.

As our founder, Rev. Ron Rice noted during his time of dedicated service, "it is an area that has somehow come to be sacred ground. It has been sanctified with the sweat, tears, and prayers of a lot of God's people." Crisis Control Ministry continues to be this special place where neighbors help neighbors.

It is an honor and a privilege to continue to serve our community at Crisis Control Ministry. As we partner together to meet the needs of our neighbors, may you find ways to fulfill your why. If you are still seeking your why, I would love to invite to you to explore discovering and fullfilling it at Crisis Control Ministry.

Grace and Peace,



Ashley Edwards
Executive Director

New Staff Member



Nasia D. Creamer
Director of Philanthropy

Nasia joined Crisis Control Ministry in July of 2026. A Wake Forest native with roots in Wilmington, Delaware, and a proud graduate of Howard University, Nasia brings with her more than 10 years of nonprofit development and fundraising experience. Passionate about service and philanthropy, Nasia considers joining Crisis Control Ministry "a God thing." She's confident the Lord opened the door of opportunity and faithfully directed her steps to this ministry.

Crisis Control MINISTRY

2026 Holiday Honor Cards

HELP NEIGHBORS BY HONORING FRIENDS, FAMILY & COLLEAGUES

Introducing Our Featured Card Designs



BC26
Holiday Cardinals
Original Art
by Barbara Campbell



TC26
Hope, Peace, Joy
Original Art
by Tammy Caudill



J16
Peace & Joy
Original Art
by Beth Jones

This holiday season, you can help provide food, medication, housing, and utility assistance to our neighbors in crisis by purchasing Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Cards. Proceeds from card sales are used locally to help our neighbors in Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

The Holiday Honor Card is:

- the perfect way to spread holiday cheer while giving back to the community
- a great alternative gift for those friends and family members who have everything
- a memorable tradition of recognizing important clients or colleagues
- a wonderful way to honor special people in your life
- the best means of taking the work out of sending holiday cards

For a minimum donation of $5 per card, Crisis Control Ministry will beautifully hand address, stamp with a holiday stamp, and mail these high-quality cards FOR YOU. Or, if you prefer to sign, address, and send the cards yourself, you can pick them up at our offices, or we can mail them to you (shipping and handling charges apply).

This year you can choose from the two new designs, the holiday encore design or eight designs from previous years. All available designs pictured on the next page.

Three options to order cards:

- scan this QR code
- visit crisiscontrol.org/HolidayCards
- fill out the enclosed order form, and mail to:
  Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Cards, 200 East 10th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

For more information: contact a team member at 336.724.7875 or give@crisiscontrol.org.

See the Holiday Honor Card Catalog on the next page.

HELP NEIGHBORS BY HONORING FRIENDS, FAMILY & COLLEAGUES

NEW 2026



BC26
Barbara Campbell
"Holiday Cardinals"

"Holiday Cardinals" by local artist Barbara Campbell captures three cheerful cardinals gathered together among winter greenery. With its playful watercolor style and warm holiday greeting, this charming design celebrates the beauty of togetherness, connection, and sharing joy with those around us.

NEW 2026



TC26
Tammy Caudill
"Hope, Peace, Joy"

Wrapped in the spirit of giving, "Hope, Peace, Joy" by Tammy Caudill features Crisis Control Ministry's signature houses nestled among festive greenery and topped with a beautiful golden bow. This original design is a reminder that the gifts of hope, peace, and joy are even more meaningful when shared with our neighbors.

HOLIDAY ENCORE



J16
Beth Jones
"Peace & Joy"

"Peace & Joy" is a special Holiday Encore that we are excited to bring back from the archives. This beloved design, originally created for Crisis Control Ministry by Beth Jones in 2016, returns with its beautiful reminder that Peace & Joy are timeless gifts worth sharing, season after season.



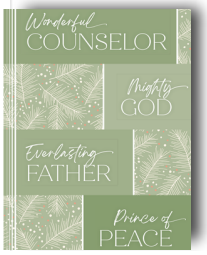
V24
Tim Vogel
"Season's Greetings"



C25
Tammy Caudill
"Peace"



J22
Beth Jones
"Trees, Light, Love"



J24
Beth Jones
"Prince of Peace"



C23
Barbara Campbell
"Chickadee Tidings"



J23
Beth Jones
"Merry & Bright"



T25
Evie Toner
"Holiday Flowers"



J19
Beth Jones
"Merry, Merry, Merry"

Scan the QR code
to order online or visit
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Holiday Honor Card Order Form

Step 1: Provide Your Contact Information

☐ Dr. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Hon. ☐ Miss ☐ Rev.	Your Name (First, Last)
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address	
City	State / Zip Code
Contact Number	Email

Step 2: Choose a Delivery Option for Your Cards

Check a delivery option below for your Holiday Honor Card Order.

Option 1: Mail my cards FOR me. My list of honorees and their addresses are included on the back of this form or they were/will be emailed to give@crisiscontrol.org. Crisis Control Ministry will begin mailing cards December 1. Orders will be processed as they are received.

Option 2: I will pick up my cards from Crisis Control Ministry. **Circle pick-up location: Winston-Salem or Kernersville**
Crisis Control Ministry will contact you when your order is ready for pick-up. Processing of order will begin after October 30.

Option 3*: **Mail blank cards TO me** to personalize myself. ***Please add S&H charges to your order in Step 3 below.***

Step 3: Select Your Cards

Select the designs and quantities of cards you wish to order in the table below.

Card Design ID	Design Name	Qty. Ordered
BC26	Holiday Cardinals	
TC26	Hope, Peace, Joy	
J16	Peace & Joy	
V24	Season's Greetings	
C25	Peace	
J22	Trees, Light, Love	
J24	Prince of Peace	
C23	Chickadee Tidings	
J23	Merry & Bright	
T25	Holiday Flowers	
J19	Merry, Merry, Merry	
	Total # of Cards Ordered	
	x $5 each =	
	Delivery Option 3 Only add S&H Fees*	$
	Total Donation Due	**$**

*Shipping & Handling Fees

Delivery Option 3 Only.

If you selected **Option 3** as a delivery option: find the S&H fee in the table below that corresponds to the number of cards you ordered and enter it into the S&H box to the left.

The fee is considered part of your donation.

Total # of Cards Ordered	S&H Fee Required
1 - 4 cards	$2.00
5 - 10 cards	$6.00
11 - 20 cards	$8.00
21 - 100 cards	$10.00
100+ cards	$15.00

Step 4: Complete Your Donation

☐ My donation is enclosed. ☐ I made my donation online on _____(date).

☐ Please contact me to make payment over the phone

Holiday Honor Card Addressee List

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Mail this completed form with your donation
to: Crisis Control Ministry - Holiday Cards
200 East 10th Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Which Card?	Name(s) of Recipient(s)	Address	How should the card be signed?
Who to send it to.		Where to send it.	Who is it from?
J20	*John Jones*	*123 Sesame Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101*	*G-ma Jones*



Crisis Control Ministry staff members Nasia Creamer, Tara Moore, and Tevin Stinson take a photo with Jim and Mary Taylor during the check presentation at the Kernersville Auto Museum.

Local couple donates $20,000 to Crisis Control Ministry

Longtime Kernersville residents Jim and Mary Taylor recently donated $20,000 to support Crisis Control Ministry and our mission to assist people in crisis. The donation was made possible by a donor advised fund through the Kernersville Foundation, which is a convenient flexible tool that allows donors to support causes they are passionate about.

Jim and Mary are the owners of the Kernersville Auto Museum and well known for their charitable efforts. In addition to Crisis Control Ministry, the Taylors also presented six other local nonprofits with $20,000 checks. During the check presentation held at the museum, Jim said they felt it was the perfect time to make a contribution to the organizations doing the work to uplift people in need.

“This is really not about Jim and Mary, we’ve been so blessed and the more we give, it seems like the more we are able to give. I know the Bible speaks to that, but it really works. What we’re doing here today is for the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” Jim said.

Crisis Control Ministry’s Director of Philanthropy Nasia Creamer thanked the Taylors for their generosity. Creamer said the funds will be used to provide financial assistance including rent/mortgage payments, utility bill assistance, food, and prescription medications for those in need. In 2025, Crisis Control Ministry aided more than 20,000 people in Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Taylor family for this generous gift to Crisis Control Ministry. Their generosity allows us to continue supporting our neighbors when they need us most. Providing nutritious food, helping families remain safely in their homes, and keeping our charitable pharmacy accessible so neighbors can receive the medications they need, is the continued impact we're able to make here, thanks to their kindness,” Creamer continued. “No family should have to choose between putting food on the table, keeping the lights on, having a roof over their heads, or filling a prescription. This gift helps us ensure basic needs are met with dignity and compassion in our community.”

To read more about the Taylor’s genorosity or find out how you can support our mission, visit crisiscontrol.org.



Volunteer Spotlight

With Gratitude for Larry Elliott

Volunteers play an important role in the work we do at Crisis Control Ministry. From assisting clients in the Food Panty, helping fill orders in the pharmacy, working in client services or helping at one of our many special events, without volunteers like Larry Elliott, we couldn’t do the work we do everyday to assist people in crisis.

Elliott has been helping further the mission of Crisis Control Ministry as a volunteer for a decade! A retired pharmacist, just a month after making his retirement official in 2016, Elliott started helping fill prescriptions in the pharmacy. He said at first he was just looking for something to get him out the house, but it didn’t take long for it grow into something much more. He started out volunteering sparingly, but when he saw the need grow, he didn’t hesitate to commit more time to the cause.

Today, Elliott regularly volunteers twice a week and is always just a call away if he’s needed in a pinch. He also serves on our Board of Directors. When discussing his time volunteering at Crisis Control Ministry Elliott said he’s enjoyed every moment.

“The staff and the other volunteers are great to work with and I’ve really enjoyed it. I think the best part about volunteering at Crisis Control Ministry is at the end of the day you really feel like you’ve made a difference,” Elliott said.

In 2025, more than 2,500 volunteers helped further the mission of Crisis Control Ministry. To find out how you can become a volunteer and help make a difference, visit crisiscontrol.org/volunteer.

2026 FOOD DAY AT THE FAIR RECAP:



WE DID IT!

Thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, we collected over 2,000 MORE pounds of food than last year! We couldn't have done it without all of you that donated, our amazing volunteers, and our partners at the Carolina Classic Fair!

* If you missed Food Day at the Fair on October 7th, but would still like to donate non-perishable items to our Winston-Salem and Kernersville food pantries, we are still collecting donations!

For more information, visit www.crisiscontrol.org

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Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Cards return THIS FALL

A holiday tradition that gives back.

Do more than just brighten a mailbox with holiday cheer. Every card you send provides our neighbors with HELP for today & HOPE for tomorrow. THANK YOU for being part of this mission.



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