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## The University of NC School of the Arts Hosts Music For Food Concert Series

Co-written by Rebecca Nussbaum, and Domantas Karalius, UNCSA.

Concerned about the numbers of food insecure people in our community, UNCSA faculty member and world-renowned violinist Ida Bieler are bringing *Music for Food* to Winston-Salem to help address this need. *Music for Food* is a musician-lead initiative that began in Boston by violist Kim Kashkashian to help fight hunger in local communities. Based in the belief that music and food are essential for human life to flourish, this program relies on musician volunteers to create musical experiences in exchange for audience donations to hunger-relief agencies.

Motivated by social activism through classical music, many musicians have participated in the *Music for Food* concert series spanning 18 cities across the nation. Ida Bieler and her performing colleagues believe that artists must be strong social advocates and active community members, now more than ever, since the pandemic has drastically increased the number of families who face hunger in their homes.

The UNCSA School of Music is pleased to partner with Crisis Control Ministry, Temple Emanuel, and SECCA in presenting two

concerts featuring faculty and students with all proceeds going to Crisis Control Ministry's food pantries. The concerts will feature the UNCSA faculty ensemble, the Reynolda Quartet and student ensembles. The Temple Emanuel concert will take place on March 30 at 7:00 PM and include the performance of Brahms' *String Quartet Op. 51 No.1 in C minor*. The SECCA concert will happen on May 1 at 2:00 PM and feature Beethoven's *String Quartet Op. 16 No. 6* and Bartók's *String Quartet No.6 in D minor, Sz.114*. For more information, visit [crisiscontrol.org](http://crisiscontrol.org).



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



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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### Little Ones Can Do Big Things

Written by Kathy Hoffner, Director of CCM's Kernersville Office

During the month of February, the Kernersville food pantry was blessed by the hard work of the youth in our community by who did big things to help those in need.

Lexie Olive may be small, but her heart is huge. For several years now, this industrious young lady has organized her own food drive for the Kernersville Crisis Control Ministry Food Pantry. She likes to do this project during the month of February to celebrate Valentine's Day. She calls her food drive "Share the Love."

She plans out where she is going to place collection boxes and even makes a list of items that are most needed and shares that information with donors. Then, with some support from Ameriprise Financial, who creates a matching fund, she raises money for CCM so we can purchase items needed to fill our pantry. She really thinks of everything! This year her work really paid off! She collected 562 pounds of much-needed food and personal care items, and \$2,640 in cash donations! Thank you Lexie for sharing your love for helping others!

In February, the Kernersville Scouts made an impact in their community with their annual food drive, "Scouting for Food." This year's collection surpassed previous years' bounty by several hundred pounds. Participating were packs and troops

from Sedge Garden UMC, Main Street UMC, Kernersville Moravian Church and Pisgah UMC. Local scouting groups in our area are supported by the Old Hickory Council.

The collection of non-perishable food items delivered to the Kernersville Crisis Control Ministry office weighed in at 4,934 pounds; that's almost 5,000 pounds of much-needed supplies received on Saturday, February 12th, and Monday, February 14th. The retail value of all that food would exceed \$13,000. A big thank you to these scouts! The food collected will keep the pantry well stocked for approximately one month.

In January of this year, the Kernersville food pantry was able to provide 4,743 pounds of food to local families because of annual and monthly food drives like these. In the fiscal year 2021, the Kernersville food pantry distributed over \$88,000 worth of groceries to families in crisis. This would not have been possible without the generous donations from our local supporters. They are helping their neighbors receive nutritious food year-round!

You can help the youth of Kernersville keep up the good work by hosting a food drive of your own. A list of monthly needs for the Kernersville and Winston-Salem food pantries can be found on our website at [www.crisiscontrol.org](http://www.crisiscontrol.org).



The Kernersville food pantry was blessed by the hardworking youth in our community!

The Boy Scout troops in Kernersville, delivered an impressive 4,934 pounds of much-needed supplies to the food pantry.

Lexie Olive collected \$2,640 in cash donations and 562 pounds of food and personal care items to Crisis Control in Kernersville.

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## Welcome Our New Staff Member

Welcome to Heather Mestemacher, new Office Manager here at Crisis Control Ministry! Heather was initially drawn to CCM because she appreciates our mission. Having previously worked as Volunteer Coordinator at Senior Services and with her love for organization, she is a great fit for the new position! After a brief time spent in Illinois, Heather is happy to be back in North Carolina. We are grateful that she is part of our team.

## CCM Assists Elderly Couple in Keeping Their Home Warm

*Written by: Chelsea Franzese, Assistant Director of Client Services*

Recently, we received a call from a concerned daughter. Her parents, in their 70s, had just filled their fuel oil tank for the second time in a month only to discover that there was a hole in the tank and all the oil had leaked into the ground. They contacted their property owner who agreed to fix the problem, but in the meantime, had to use space heaters to heat their home. We could see that their energy use had doubled during the month of January, presumably due to the strain from those space heaters. The clients, who are on a fixed income of social security, now had an astronomical power bill and no funds leftover after having bought oil twice in one month. On top of this, the elderly couple was also facing a



garnishment of their income and a \$40/month rent increase. The confluence of these events made it impossible for them to pay the large power bill. Thankfully, CCM was able to assist with \$508. We verified that the property owner replaced the oil heat with an HVAC system and hope that they will experience more affordable energy costs going forward.

## We Couldn't have Handpicked Better Volunteers

*Written By: Abbey McCall, Director of Community & Volunteer Relations*

What makes Crisis Control Ministry the wonderful place it is — an organization in which you are excited to be involved? We do valuable work in the community by assisting neighbors through their crises, but it is the people that truly make a difference at CCM! I was reminded of this when speaking to Tiffany, a Forsyth Tech nursing student who is helping in the food pantry to get some service

hours for school. On her third day of volunteering, she told me she had spoken to some of her peers about her time at Crisis Control and encouraged them to reach out and volunteer. I was taken by surprise to realize that after a couple of volunteer shifts at CCM, she was already recommending us to others. When asked what she enjoyed most about volunteering with us, she said the people.

The people at CCM uplift, pray, celebrate, and support each other during the good times and the difficult ones. It is because of our volunteers and staff that the atmosphere of CCM is full of love and compassion.

Please join us in recognizing the incredible people who volunteer at CCM during National Volunteer Week, April 18 - 22, 2022. As a donor, community partner, client, or admirer of CCM, we invite you to submit a note of appreciation for our volunteers by emailing [volunteer@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:volunteer@crisiscontrol.org). We will share them throughout the week.

To all our volunteers, mark your calendars! Whether you are a weekly, bi-weekly, episodic, or a one-time throughout the year volunteer with us, we will be celebrating you! You will be receiving an invitation in the mail soon.

We are grateful to have more than 950 volunteers from all walks of life choosing to spend their free time making a difference in the community by our side. By volunteering at CCM, you serve alongside others who genuinely want to get to know you. You could form friendships that will last a lifetime. I have been amazed to witness and hear about the relationships between volunteers through their connection of CCM.





# Welcoming the Asset Building Coalition

Written by Margaret Elliott, Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Crisis Control Ministry (CCM) and The Asset Building Coalition of Forsyth County (ABC) signed an agreement in early February that our offices are now in the same building! ABC Executive Director, Vivian Perez Chandler moved her office into the CCM building. The vision of the Asset Building Coalition of Forsyth County is “for all people to have an opportunity for financial stability.” On the website, [abcforsyth.org](http://abcforsyth.org), it is explained that they do this “by uniting Forsyth County to raise

awareness about asset poverty, its effects on individuals, families, and our community overall and to coordinate strategies we can all work on together to build asset wealth for a more resilient community.”

“We believe that every person in Forsyth County deserves to have access to the financial resources necessary to meet their basic needs, achieve their goals, reach their potential, and make a positive impact on the community.”

As a member of the coalition, CCM looks forward to finding more ways to partner with the organization to help them achieve their vision!



Welcome Vivian and ABC of Forsyth County!



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**AUGUST 27th, 2022**  
**WINSTON-SALEM FAIRGROUNDS**

*Celebrate the work of Crisis Control Ministry in the community with an end of summer bash!*

# Donate A Vehicle and Make a Difference

Written by Rev. Dr. George Banks, Director of Philanthropy

We are so grateful for our donors who trust us with their generous donations, allowing us to make a difference in the lives of neighbors. Through financial contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteering, our supporters undergird the work we do at CCM in amazing ways! As springtime approaches, there is another way you can support our mission: vehicle donations. We partner with CARS (Charitable Adult, Rides, and Services) to make donating used car an easy process. CARS takes care of all the details—from pick up, sale, and sending you all the necessary donation receipts and tax documents.

Here is how to donate your used vehicle to Crisis Control Ministry:

1. Go to <https://careasy.org/> home.
2. Click the “Donate Now” button or call 855-500-RIDE (855-500-7433).
3. Fill out or provide the information to the customer service representative on the phone.
4. Schedule a pick-up time.

Thanks again for taking advantage of another opportunity to give neighbors hope!



## Gift of the Month and Hours

**April:** Instant Oatmeal & Grits

**May:** Salad Dressings & Condiments

**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.