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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



## Living on the Edge

Mike Nuckolls, Minister of Missional Engagement at Ardmore Baptist, recently wrote this article about a Living on the Edge presentation.

## Moving Forward...Building a More Stable Community

by Margaret Elliott, Executive Director

In early February, the Mayor's Poverty Thought Force in Winston-Salem released its report after a year-long effort to have extended conversations and consultation with community members. The goal of the Thought Force was to come up with recommendations that will have the most impact in reducing the poverty rate in Winston-Salem.

Forsyth Futures, a nonprofit research organization that tracks signs of our community's well-being by analyzing Forsyth County data, also released its Forsyth County Poverty Study.

The Thought Force report states, "Winston-Salem and Forsyth County exhibit disproportionately high levels of poverty and social dysfunction, measured in multiple ways." Women, children, and people of color are disproportionately affected by poverty in Forsyth County.

Visit the Forsyth Futures website at [www.forsythfutures.org](http://www.forsythfutures.org) to read the complete reports of both studies.

I am especially thankful for the work of the Thought Force and its recommendations. A key recommendation is to "strongly consider joining one or more exemplary national initiatives." One such initiative would be organized around the poverty-alleviation work of Ruby Payne, Phil DeVol

and Terie Smith and their book, *Bridges Out of Poverty*. At Crisis Control Ministry, Goodwill Industries and The Shalom Project, Bridges training has been offered over the last year. I for one am a believer! Here is a paragraph from the introduction of the book:

"People at the very bottom of the economic ladder aren't the only ones in trouble...The economic insecurity of low-wage workers and the middle class threatens the viability of our communities. When members of the middle class flee the cities...when people can't afford to stay in the community to raise their children because of the lack of well-paying jobs...and when the free and reduced-price lunch rates at the schools hit 50%, our communities are becoming unsustainable. Our work is to improve the lives of people in poverty and, by extension, **to help make sustainable communities in which everyone can do well.**" (Emphasis added)

This model educates the entire community about building economic stability for everyone. My hope is that our city and county will become a Bridges Community, fully engaging those who live in poverty, the middle class and those in high wealth to learn about each other. We all want our community to be a place where all our residents can live productive and meaningful lives.

**Forsyth County's poverty rate is 18%, or about 66,500 people. That is one of every five persons.**

"I am convinced that no matter how much we read about or study poverty, it is impossible to grasp just how deeply it cuts into people's lives. At the Crisis Control's Living on the Edge seminar, we got a glimpse of the practical side of how poverty affects people. In an exercise to enlighten us on the tough decisions one has to make when earning \$7.25 per hour, the group at my table quickly became frustrated trying to make ends meet. I complain about bills but don't have to decide between paying for my kid's school lunches or putting gas in the car. Whenever Jesus had to account for his actions, he always mentioned his calling to the poor. While we cannot walk in the footsteps of our neighbors who are poor, we can certainly walk in our Savior's footsteps and minister to them."

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## Why we Support Crisis Control *by Molly Curran*



Copey Hanes introduced Joe and me to Crisis Control Ministry. She was a tremendous advocate for the Ministry and she suggested that Joe take a tour; he immediately felt a desire to become a part of CCM. The next year, our restaurant, 1703, participated in Hope du Jour for the first time. We have now been part of Hope du Jour for more than 10 years. Joe served two terms on the Board of Directors and I served one term. We support CCM because the mission of helping people in crisis is very important to us. During our lives, we have turned to our families for help when we had a bad month. I can't imagine the feeling of despair if we did not have a supportive family. We are grateful that Crisis Control can fill that role for many people in our community.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Terry's Story

*by Shannon Heck, Philanthropy Associate*



Terry was feeling pretty overwhelmed when he arrived at Crisis Control early one January morning. He had never been to Crisis Control and was unaccustomed to seeking help. Terry is a driver who depends upon his car for his livelihood. After a serious wreck in December, Terry lost his source of income. While his car was being repaired, Terry's mother became ill and passed away in another city. The loss of income coupled with repair bills and the expenses of tending to his mother left Terry with no way to pay his rent. His apartment door was padlocked the morning that he came to our office. One of our long-term volunteers, Judi, interviewed Terry and listened to his story. Judi was convinced

that we should help. Because Terry had been a good tenant, his landlord was willing to reduce the amount of the outstanding rent. Crisis Control paid Terry's past-due rent in full and he avoided eviction. He was incredibly relieved and hopeful when he left our office. Terry's car repairs were completed shortly afterwards and he is back on the road earning a living.

At Crisis Control we believe that anyone can experience a financial crisis. We intervene to create stability in the lives of people who seek our help by offering targeted short-term emergency assistance to solve the crisis. Terry's story is an example of our mission in action.

### GIFT OF THE MONTH

**April:** Canned Fruit

**May:** Saltine and Snack Crackers

**June:** Canned Meats

The following items can't be purchased with food stamps. Please consider donating one or more of these items: dish detergent, shampoo, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, bath soap, laundry detergent, and deodorant. Visit [crisiscontrol.org](http://crisiscontrol.org) for a complete list.

### DROP-OFF HOURS:

#### Winston-Salem Location

Monday-Friday:

9:00 a.m. - noon and  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. - noon and  
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Kernersville Location

Monday-Friday:

9:00 a.m. - noon

Tuesday & Thursday:  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### LEAVE A LEGACY

You can become a member of the Ron Rice, Sr. Legacy Society by remembering CCM with a bequest in your will. For more information, contact Robin Paxton at [rpaxton@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:rpaxton@crisiscontrol.org) or call 336.724.7875 ext. 1041.

### MUSIC · FOOD · FUN

*Save the Date*

**Saturday, August 26**

for

**Shmedfest  
2017**

**at Triad Park  
in Kernersville  
to benefit CCM**

## Kernersville Office Offers New Services



In February, our Kernersville office began offering computer labs for use by residents seeking employment. The Employment Seekers Computer Lab is open on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. The lab is staffed by volunteers with experience in human resources who help employment seekers create resumes, search for jobs online and complete online job applications.

Kathy Hoffner, Director of the Kernersville Office, said, "We hope this new service helps people who are out of work and find it difficult to get to Winston-Salem to access these services." She continued, "I think Crisis Control is the only place in Kernersville where a job seeker can have access to free computer time, free resume printing, and a caring, experienced volunteer to help them with these tasks."

In addition to offering the computer lab, residents who need to apply or recertify for food stamps may also come to the Kernersville office on the first Tuesday of every month. A representative from the Food Bank is available to process those applications. For more information about programs offered in our Kernersville office, please call 336.996.5401 or email Kathy at [khoffner@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:khoffner@crisiscontrol.org).

### Winston-Salem Office

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and appreciation at the Crisis Control Ministry Winston-Salem Office (upper level) for a catered lunch on your scheduled volunteer day from noon to 1 p.m.

If you are planning to be out on your regular shift or you are an episodic volunteer, please let us know what day you would like to come.

**RSVP by April 13**  
[rsvp@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:rsvp@crisiscontrol.org)  
336.724.7875, ext. 1020

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 24–28



### Kernersville Office

The Kernersville Office will have a special Ice Cream Bar each day for the volunteers to enjoy!

An appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m. at Captain Tom's Restaurant in Kernersville.

Please let Kathy know if you are planning to attend at 336.724.7875, ext. 1100 or [khoffner@crisiscontrol.org](mailto:khoffner@crisiscontrol.org).

## Feeding Forsyth



It's not too late to be part of Crisis Control's Feeding Forsyth Campaign! Please help us reach our goal in the Hunger Challenge by April 30. Matching funds of \$30,000 are available, providing even more support for our food pantries in Winston-Salem and Kernersville. You can make a secure online donation at [crisiscontrol.org](http://crisiscontrol.org).

## Arbor Acres Hosts Hunger Awareness Fundraiser



Robin Paxton, new CCM Director of Philanthropy, and Cynthia Mickle, Food Pantry Manager, show off the large check recently received from Arbor Acres to support our food pantries.



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