

Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes, Inc.

HUNGRY FOR NEWS?

May 2016

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PROJECT BACKPACK: We received this email: "I wanted to take a moment to share with you the positive impact the backpack program has had on students at C.C. Wright Elementary. It is so important for students basic needs to be met before they can achieve growth academically. I have witnessed this year how many families that have been positively influenced by the program.

In particular, one of our families suffered from a loss of housing this



year. The students and parents were struggling with basic needs and necessities. Each week when I took the students the food from Project Backpack the students would thank me for it. One day one of the students had not seen her bag delivered to her classroom yet

and became concerned because she was dependent on it for her weekend. She came to my office to see where her food bag was. She shared with me during that time that she loved opening the bag when she got home each Friday evening to see what it contained. She told me the things that she loved most about it-the canned tuna and crackers because her mom could warm it up for her. For many of the students receiving a bag of food on Friday afternoons is like receiving a Christmas gift. Their eyes light up with excitement. To students that benefit from this program the small things are what mean the most to them. I just want to thank you for supporting the needs of students! Having a partner in the community that truly understands the needs of our families is so important. Thank you!"



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Samaritan Kitchen is not affiliated
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*Our mission is
"to feed the hungry
in Wilkes County."*

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes was held Monday, May 9 at 5:30 at First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro. Chairman Denis Lachapelle presented the Annual Report, and the 2016-2017 annual budget was approved. Director of Operations Dick Johnston presented the Loaves and Fishes Volunteer Award to Carolyn Miller, Eleanor Wilborn and Elva Hayes. Johnston said, "Volunteers are very important. Samaritan's work is labor intensive. We average over 6,000 pounds of food a week going out of the food pantry, feeding an average of 90 families a week, all done by volunteers. I want to express a heartfelt thank you and to all the volunteers who give so much of themselves and expect so very little in return."

Officers re-elected were Denis Lachapelle chairman, Glenn Smith vice-chairman, Nada Lawrimore secretary and Kimberly Ellis treasurer.



Pictured from left are Dick Johnston and volunteers Eleanor Wilborn, Carolyn Miller and Elva Hayes.

RETIREMENT AND NEW FACES

Jennie Schardt retired in April after working tirelessly to help grow the ministry for many years.



Dick Johnston is Director of Operations. His passion for social causes close to home plus his experience in business and marketing will allow us to expand our programs. Formerly the Construction Manager for Wilkes Habitat for Humanity, he is Chair of the Church Council for First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro. Married to his wife Barbara, they have five children.

Brad Caudill, our new Facilities Manager, is involved in teaching Sunday School and working with the youth at Millers Creek Baptist Church. Working at Lowe's Companies for 21 years, Brad was responsible for producing print materials needed at all Lowe's locations. Married to his wife Stephanie, they have one son, Chase.

Roy Jarrard is new at the Intake Desk. He is very experienced in dealing with all kinds of people, and he is already making improvements in getting clients to pay more attention to their appointment time and dates.

Stamp Out Hunger

Letter carriers across Wilkes joined together for the 24th annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. On May 14, community members left donations in bags at their mailbox for pickup by their letter carrier. Volunteers unloaded the donations at the post office and placed them on our van for delivery to Samaritan Kitchen.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Tommy Elledge Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, May 11, at Cedarbrook Country Club in Elkin. The morning was dark and rainy, but the sky brightened and we had a beautiful day. A big “Thank you” to Keith Huffman and all the volunteers who made this project a success!

WISH LIST

Project Backpack: We served just over 600 students this past school year. This fall, we would like to serve 700. We are seeking grants and donations to expand this worthwhile program.

Client Choice Pantry: This spring we have

been swamped with folks needing food, many of them are first-time clients. With our current resources, each family can visit the pantry one time every seven weeks. We need to get this down to every three weeks. The need is here.



With your help, we can do more.

Please patronize our donor businesses:



Gerald Johnson, one of our many good volunteers who keep our Wilkes Communications building spiffy, repaired our sign out front. Thank you Gerald.

DONATION FORM

OR DONATE VIA PAYPAL ON OUR WEBSITE!

Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes, Inc. is a non-profit, 501C3 charitable organization and a United Way Partner Agency whose mission is to "feed the hungry in Wilkes County." No amount is ever too small. Please give what you are able. *Any size gift is greatly appreciated.* Thank you. Enclosed please find my gift of: _____

Your Name: _____

Name of your Organization: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____ If you

would like to receive our newsletter via email, please give us your email address. Not only do you save us postage, but you save a tree, too!

Please make checks payable to Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes or SKW and mail to:
PO Box 1072 Wilkesboro NC 28697

Whenever you make a donation in someone else's name, they will receive a card from us acknowledging the goodness done in their name. You will also receive an acknowledgement.

Please make my gift In Honor of / In Memory of: _____

Honorarium/Memorial address: _____

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My donation is designated for:

Client Choice Pantry

Project: Backpack

Wherever needed

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