



As we welcome the month of February, we wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our team, volunteers, and supporters. Your unwavering support has allowed us to continue serving our neighbors in need in Rowan County.

Celebrating Success



From Tragedy to Triumph: Ramonte's Journey from New Orleans to North Carolina

Meet Ramonte a skilled woodworker from New Orleans who, after surviving several devastating hurricanes, found himself homeless and struggling to make ends meet. Despite his trade, Ramonte lost everything and was forced to start over in a new place. He packed his bags and headed to North Carolina in search of a better life.

Ramonte initially moved in with a friend, but after a few months, he was kicked out and

left with nowhere to go. Despite the setback, Ramonte refused to give up. He found temporary shelter at Rowan Helping Ministries and used the time in the Robertson-Stanback center to get back on his feet. He continued to work, complete his assigned chores, attend classes in New Tomorrow's and, after just two short months, was able to secure his own apartment.

With a roof over his head and a steady job, Ramonte has now set his sights on a new goal, starting his own woodworking business. He's been diligently saving his money and is determined to turn his passion for woodworking into a successful business. Ramonete is excited about the future and the prospect of being his own boss. He knows that it won't be easy, but he is confident that with hard work and dedication, he will be able to achieve his dream. Ramonte's journey hasn't been easy, but he says " living here has really made me stronger."

Ramonte's story is a reminder that it is never too late to start over and chase your dreams. Despite the challenges he's faced, he has refused to give up and is now on the path to a brighter future. We can't wait to see what he will achieve and wish him all the best in his new venture.

Volunteer Highlights



Rowan- Cabarrus Community College S.O.A.R program

Every month, a group of students from the RCCC, Skills, Opportunity, Awareness, Readiness (S.O.A.R.) program come out to volunteer with us. The S.O.A.R. program is a community college program designed specifically for adults with intellectual disabilities. The focus of the program is on helping the individual become more independent and self-directing by acquiring basic literacy and life skills needed to function successfully in daily living.

The student volunteers helped us prepare Food For Thought bags to be delivered to 27 Rowan-Salisbury Schools. We were so excited to have them join us, and can't wait to have them back next month!



First United Methodist Church of Salisbury

We're so thankful for the members of



First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, who take the time each month to volunteer with us, whether it's serving a meal in Jeannie's Kitchen or packing Family Food Bags for distribution through our Food Pantry. They have been doing this for years and it is always a joy to see them in action.



Brittany Waller, Food For Thought driver

Food For Thought Drivers

Thank you to our Food For Thought volunteer drivers for going out every week to deliver Food For Thought bags to the most critical students at risk of food insecurity, as identified by our partners in the Rowan-Salisbury Schools System. We currently serve 983 students in 27 schools. We can't get this work done without the help our volunteers.



Dave Root & Kendall Mason, Food For Thought drivers

When asked "Why do you volunteer at Rowan Helping Ministries?" Volunteers shared:

"I benefitted from Rowan Helping Ministries when I was little and I wanted to give back. We want our kids to know that they're a part of a community and we care for others."

Brittany Waller, Food For Thought driver

"I do this because we care – it's that simple. It's our obligation as Christians and it's in my DNA to care for others."

Dave Root & Kendall Mason, Food For Thought drivers

Jeannie's Kitchen Volunteers Needed!!



Open Breakfast Shifts (5:15a-7:15a): Sat 2/11, Sun 2/12, Mon 2/13, Thu 2/16, Sun 2/19, Mon 2/20, Tue 2/21, Wed 2/22, Fri 2/24, Sun 2/26,

Open Lunch Shifts (9:30am-1:30pm) : Sat 2/18, Sun 2/19, Mon 2/20, Wed 2/22 , Sat 2/25 Sun 2/26, Mon 2/27

Open Dinner Shifts (5:30-8pm): Wed 2/15, Tue 2/21, Thu 2/23, Fri 2/24, Sun 2/26

Are you interested in volunteering? Visit our website for a list of our volunteer opportunities, and to sign up and serve. For questions, contact Volunteer Manager, Monica Seamon at 704-637-6838 ext. 112.

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Donation Highlights



Concord Lake Steam Academy

The National Junior Honor Society Rocket Chapter at Concord Lake STEAM Academy in Kannapolis organized a donation drive to benefit us. The 7th & 8th grade students, collected essential items such as blankets, pillows, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students for demonstrating a commitment to giving back to the community and making a positive impact in the lives of others. Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of our Rowan County neighbors in need.



North Rowan Elementary School

To mark the 100th day of school, North Rowan elementary math coach, Ashley Miller urged the students to contribute 100 items from our January wish list. The staff, students, and teachers rose to the occasion and collected a total of 383 pounds of food to the Food Pantry. Thank you for helping us stock our pantry shelves!



North Hills Christian School Helping Hands Club

We would like to express our gratitude to the students at North Hills Christian School who invited us to attend their Helping Hands club meeting. The club, made up of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, meets monthly to work on community service projects. As a holiday service project, the students created and sold handmade Christmas ornaments.

With the funds raised from this effort, along with their club dues, they were able to purchase items to assemble 20 blessings bags.



These bags, filled with toiletries and treats, were then donated to distribute to unsheltered individuals through our Street outreach program. A big thank you to AIM Instructor, Donna Boger for organizing this initiative and to the students for their thoughtful and generous gesture.

Community Partners

**Rowan County Point-In-Time Count &
The Community Connections Resource Fair**



We wanted to take a moment to share the highlights of the recent Community Connections Resource Fair hosted by the Homeless Task Force of Rowan County.

On Wednesday, January 25th, the fair took place in Jeannie's kitchen after lunch and provided a variety of resources for attendees. Community partners such as Walgreens, legal aide, CRCHC and so many more, were on hand to offer flu shots, access to free legal advice, blood pressure and glucose screenings, employment and housing resources and more.

The event also marked the start of the Rowan County Point-in-Time Count, which was led by Rowan Helping Ministries. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the vendors who participated and to everyone who helped to organize the event. Your efforts helped make a positive impact on the Rowan County community.

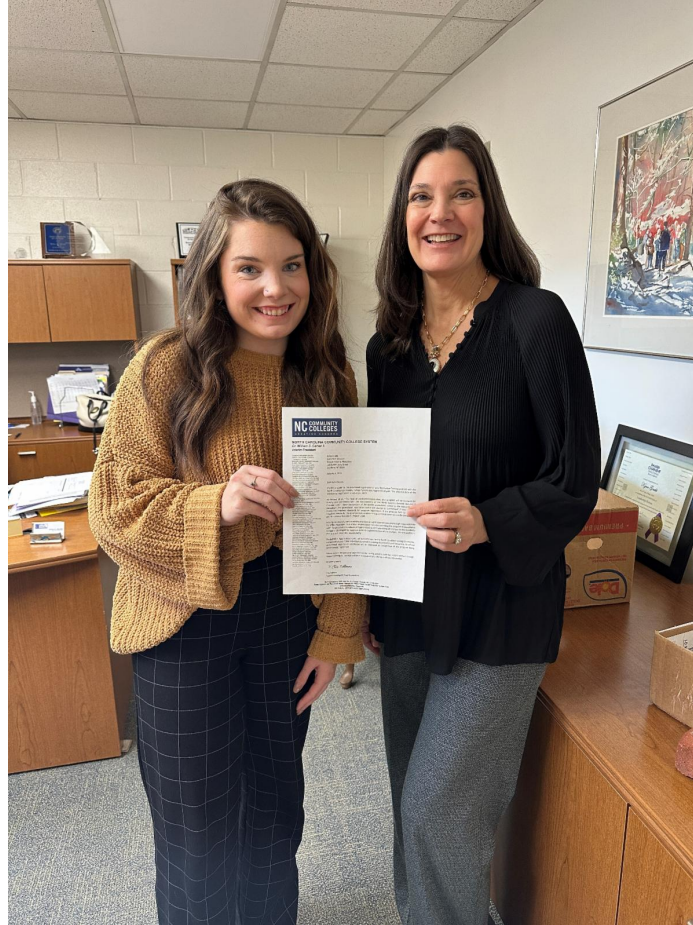
To learn more about the 2023 Point-In-Time Count
[Click Here](#)

Rowan County Health Department



Thank you to our partners at the Rowan County Health Department. They continue to provide us with a generous amount of masks and COVID-19 tests. Thank you for helping us protect the health and safety of our staff, volunteers and shelter guests.

North Carolina Community College System and Apprenticeship NC program



We are excited to announce our partnership with the North Carolina Community College System and Apprenticeship NC program. This new partnership will allow our organization to offer apprenticeship opportunities to our employees and provide a pathway for them to develop new skills and advance their careers.

We are proud to announce that our new office manager, Brianna Lyles, is the first staff member to participate in the program. Brianna will receive on-the-job training and will have the opportunity to take college courses to further her skills.

The Apprenticeship NC program is a great opportunity for employees to receive hands-on training and earn a salary while they learn.

We are grateful for this partnership and the opportunity help our employees grow.

To learn more about ApprenticeshipNC [click here](#)

Event Recap

2023 Resolution Run



On Monday, January 2, 2023, the Salisbury Rowan Runners organized their yearly Resolution 5K Run/Walk, which was a great success. The event raised more funds than ever before, with a total of \$2,200 collected. It's a fantastic way to get exercise while also supporting our community in need.

Many thanks to presenting sponsor Bradshaw Financial, the SRR, event sponsors, attendees, and volunteers for their contributions. Your support for the Resolution Run will allow us to continue providing resources to those who need them most.

Faith Relations Committee Ambassador Meeting



On Thursday, January 12th, the Faith Relations Committee held their first Ambassadors Meeting. 14 ambassadors attended, representing 22 churches across Rowan County. During the meeting, the committee explored ways in which Rowan Helping Ministries can revitalize its relationship with Rowan County faith communities through volunteerism, collaborations, fundraising and other initiatives.

We appreciate the support from the faith-based community throughout the years and would like to involve more faith communities. If you are affiliated with a faith based organization and would like to know about the next meeting, please contact Director of Community Relations, Raeshawn Palmer at 704-637-6838 ext. 123 or email rpalmer@rowanhelpingministries.org


In Other News !



Major sporting events like the Super Bowl bring families and communities together to watch, cheer and eat. But what if everyone watching the game on Super Bowl Sunday donated just \$5 to a local food charity? It would be a game changer! We invite you to join Rowan Helping Ministries and take the #Tacklehungerchallenge for our Rowan County neighbors in need through Souper Bowl of Caring. Share your caring spirit by setting up a “soup bowl” to collect financial donations on Super Bowl **Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

The Souper Bowl of Caring unites communities to support local hunger relief charities across the nation and encourages neighbors to tackle hunger in their local communities. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups, and caring individuals, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$170 million worth of support that stays completely local.

[Click here to donate today!](#)



GIVE HOPE

*Sponsor a meal
for the one you love
this Valentine's Day*

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Last minute Valentine's Day gift? What better way to show the person you love appreciation, than to sponsor a meal in Jeannie's Kitchen in their name. You can sponsor breakfast, lunch, or dinner in Jeannie's Kitchen to have your loved one's name published on our website and you will receive a copy of the 2023 HOPE calendar!

[Click here to donate TODAY!](#)

Mark Your Calendars !

Will Run for Food 5K

Sat February 25, 2023

Mount Ulla, NC 28125 US  Directions



On Saturday, February 25th, the Will Run for Food 5K is back. This run will take place at Centenary United Methodist, 620 Centenary Church Rd, Mt Ulla, NC 28125, all proceeds will support Rowan Helping Ministries!

[Click here for event details](#)



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

MARCH

TUESDAY

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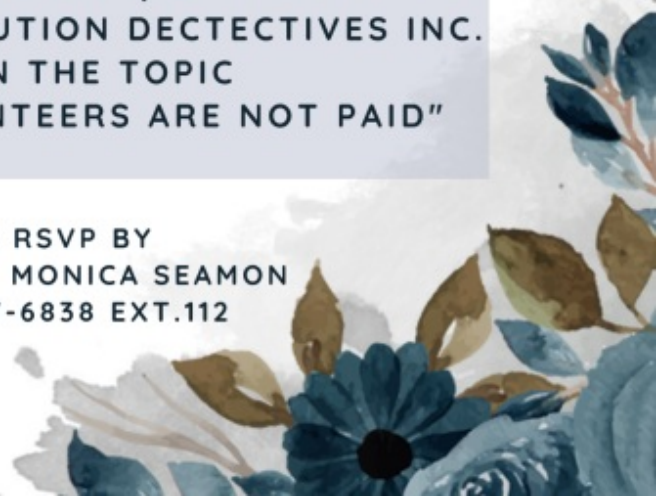
AT 6 PM

2023

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALISBURY
FIRST MINISTRY CENTER
220 N FULTON STREET
SALISBURY, NC 28144

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. FRANCIS P. KOSTER, ED.D
AUTHOR, SPEAKER, &
PRESIDENT OF THE POLLUTION DETECTIVES INC.
SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC
"THE MYTH THAT VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT PAID"

PLEASE RSVP BY
MARCH 10, TO MONICA SEAMON
AT 704-637-6838 EXT.112



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MEMORY
OF
RICHARD
KELLY**

**SAL
SAMUEL C HART
POST 14
CAR: TRUCK: BIKE
SHOW**

**\$25
ENTRY FEE
FOR SHOW
VEHICLES
SPECTATORS
FREE UNTIL
6PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS GOES TO
ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES
EAGLE NEST III (HOMELESS VETERANS)**

**Live
Auction**

MOJO STOMP

MOTEL SOAP

TRACEN HOLLOW

9AM-11AM

6PM-10PM

12PM-3PM

FOOD

\$10 COVER 6PM

**GUN RAFFLE
GRILL RAFFLE
\$10
EACH TICKET
Drawing
@ 5pm**

**MARCH 25TH
9AM-5PM
RAIN DATE:
APRIL 1ST
5865 SOUTH MAIN ST**

**50/50
1 FOR \$1
OR
6 FOR
\$5
Drawing
@ 5pm**

SALISBURY NC 28147

**TROPHY FOR BEST
SPECIALTY
TROPHIES**

**SPECTATOR PARKING @POPPIES GUN STORE HANDICAP PARKING
AROUND THE BACK OF AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING
SHUTTLE GOLF CART RIDES TO EVENT PARKING LOT**

**1ST 2ND AND 3RD PLACE
WINNER
FOR EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING
CATEGORIES
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* CUSTOM TRUCK
*CLASSIC CAR
*CLASSIC TRUCK
*RAT RODS**

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Drawing when all
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Pass The Plate

benefitting
Rowan Helping Ministries

Saturday
April 1, 2023

6:00pm

Country Club of Salisbury
747 Club Drive

Tickets
\$70



Pass the Plate is Rowan Helping Ministries' largest annual fundraising event: **hors d'oeuvres, casino games, music, dancing and silent auction**

Our highly-anticipated Pass the Plate fundraiser is just around the corner! Join us for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, April 1st, 2023, starting at 6 p.m. at the Country Club of

Salisbury. Get ready to dance, enjoy delicious food and drinks, play casino games, and bid on exciting items in the silent auction – all while making a positive impact on the lives of our Rowan County neighbors in need. We invite you to join us as a sponsor and make a difference in your community.

Check out our sponsorship levels by [clicking here!](#)

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor [visit our website](#) today

February Wish List



FEBRUARY WISH LIST

JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

2% Milk	Eggs
Butter	Mayonnaise
Salad Greens	Bacon
Fresh Fruit	Sausage

CRISIS ASSISTANCE FOOD PANTRY

Cereal • Grits • Oatmeal
Granola Bars • Protein Bars
Saltine Crackers • Canned Fruit
Tomato Products: sauce, paste, and diced
Rice • Instant Potatoes • Pasta

SHELTER SERVICES

Travel-size shampoo
Travel size conditioner
Travel size lotion
Bath Soap
Pillows

HOUSING SERVICES

Laundry Detergent
Bath Towels
Winter Hats
Dish Towels/Dish Rags
Blankets

Equipment & Specialty Items

Small equipment for Jeannie's Kitchen and other specialty items are found on our *Amazon Wish List*

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at our receiving dock facing Liberty Street at 226 N. Long Street in Salisbury. Clothing donations are accepted on Wednesdays only. If you want to order from our Amazon Wish list, [click here.](#)

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Our mission is to serve, through cooperative community action, our neighbors in Rowan County who are in crisis, by providing essential life needs and educating and empowering them to break the cycle of crisis.

[Donate Now](#)



Rowan Helping Ministries | 226 North Long Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

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