



As we transition into the autumn season, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the continued support of our community. In this month's newsletter, we'll share inspiring stories of hope, highlight the incredible efforts of our volunteers, and update you on the latest initiatives aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission, and together, we'll continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in need.

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Celebrating Success



From Streets to Hope: Diamondnique and DJ's Journey

Every Friday, our Homeless Street Outreach team ventures into the community, aiming to establish connections with individuals living on the streets. We extend invitations to them to join our shelter, but we understand that, for various reasons, some may decline our offer. Occasionally, we encounter people like Diamondnique and DJ, who didn't meet the requirements to stay long-term in our shelter.

Diamondnique and DJ's story began when they arrived in Salisbury during their arduous journey on foot from Lexington, with the destination of Greenville, SC in mind. They planned to walk the entire way, stopping each day in different parts of North Carolina and finding any available spot to rest, often in public parks. They came through Salisbury and walked into our building seeking help.

Their fortune changed when they discovered Rowan Helping Ministries. They began visiting us daily for showers and meals. Diamondnique expressed, "I felt very hopeful when we found Rowan Helping Ministries. We were being chased away from every sleeping spot, with nowhere else to turn."

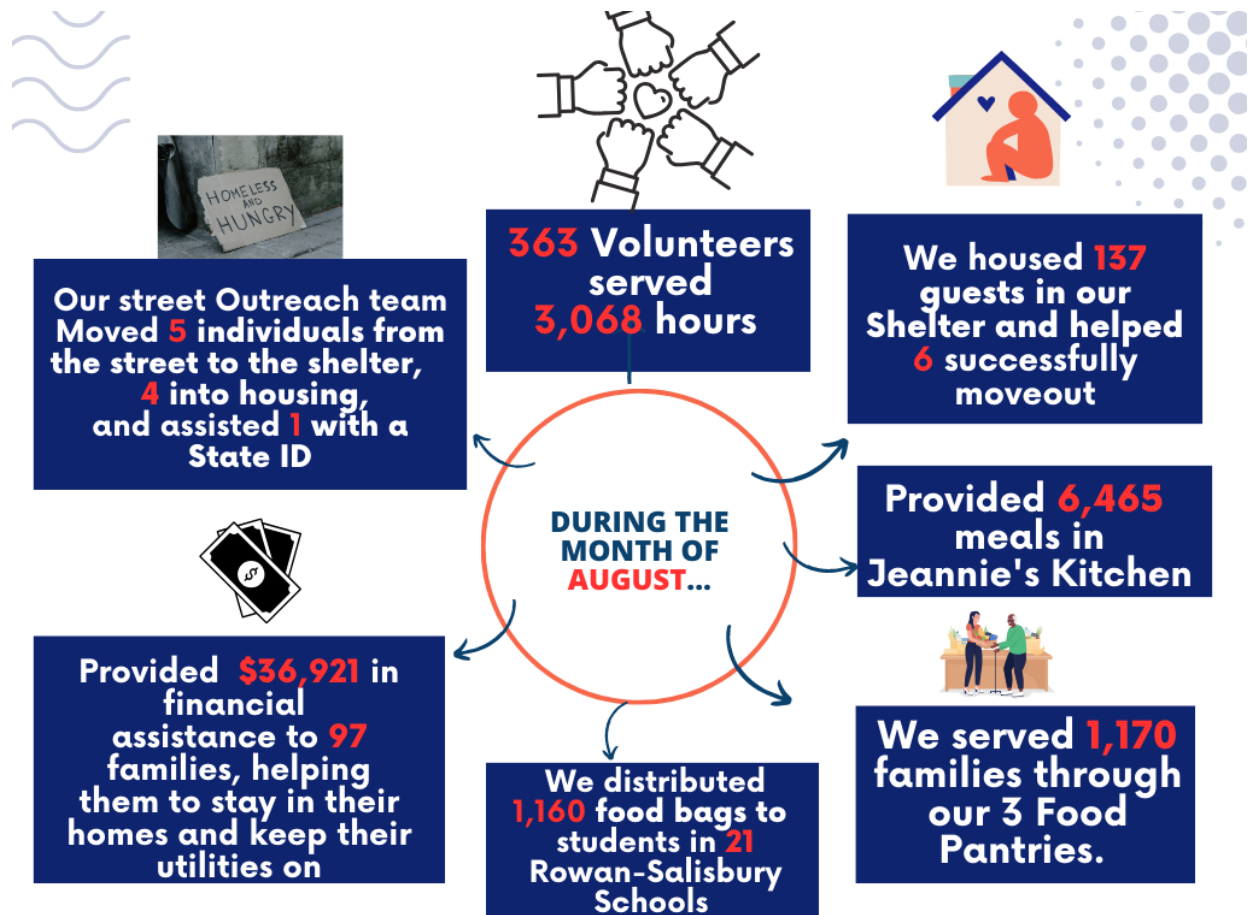
Dianne Bruce, our Outreach to Housing Coordinator, played a pivotal role in their transformation. After a meeting with Dianne, she connected Diamondnique and DJ with

family members in Greenville, SC, and purchased bus tickets for them. Diamondnique was overjoyed, knowing he had a job waiting for him at a chicken plant, and he realized that walking there could have taken an indefinite amount of time.

Salisbury Police Department Homeless Liaison, Dennis Rivers went above and beyond by providing them with a ride to the bus station. This act of kindness exemplifies the spirit of community support that was instrumental in Diamondnique and DJ's journey. Diamondnique and DJ, having been couch-hopping for months before embarking on their journey, made a brief, life-changing stop in Salisbury.

Their story serves as a testament to the impact of the efforts of our outreach team and the collaborative efforts of our community.

August Outcomes



Volunteer Highlights

Food Truck Tuesdays

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the dedicated team at Food Truck Tuesdays in Salisbury for their collective effort in providing lunch at Jeannie's Kitchen. A special shoutout to Endless Soul Food & Catering, Island Boys, Shannon's Kitchen, Mad



Lemonade, and JJ's Mama Soulfood & More for their contributions. The guests and our community had the pleasure of savoring a delightful meal, and we genuinely appreciate the time and generosity you all shared. Thank you!



Rowan-Salisbury Schools Teachers

The Rowan-Salisbury School system enthusiastically launched the 2023-2024 school year with great energy. Prior to returning to their classrooms, teachers from various local schools visited our campus for an informative tour and engaging volunteer activities.

This allowed educators to gain valuable insights into our programs and services, equipping them to effectively assist those in need within their school communities. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to host you as part of your school year kickoff, and we look forward to continued collaboration. Thank you!



Jeannie's Kitchen Volunteers Needed!!



Open Breakfast Shifts (5:15a-7:15a): Wed 9/6, Sun 9/10, Mon 9/11, Tue 9/12, Wed 9/13, Mon 9/18, Tues 9/19, Wed 9/20, Thu 9/21, Fri 9/22, Sun 9/24, Thu 9/28, Fri 9/29

Open Lunch Shifts (9:30am-1:30pm) : Sun 9/10, Sat 9/16, Sun 9/17, Mon 9/18, Sun 9/24, Mon 9/25

Open Dinner Shifts (5:30-8pm): Tues 9/5, Sat 9/9, Mon 9/11, Sun 9/17, Sat 9/23, Wed 9/27, Thu 9/28

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

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Donation Highlights

The dedicated team of staff and interns from Retail Business Services dedicated a day to making a positive impact on the community during their



"Cares" event. They began their day of service with a heartwarming check presentation of \$2,023, in honor of their internship class of 2023. We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone at Retail Business Services for consistently selecting us as the beneficiary of your annual "Cares" event. Your ongoing partnership is deeply appreciated.



Last month, interns from New York Air Brake dedicated their time to volunteering at Jeannie's Kitchen. During their visit, they became aware of our food needs and, in a truly generous act, returned with a donation of 3,422 pounds of food. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone at New York Air Brake for their generosity. Thank you!



Melody L. Moorehead graced our clothing center with her generous contributions, which included new men's pants, heated blankets, and essential toiletry items. Melody, a newcomer to Rowan County, had a desire to extend assistance to his fellow community members facing adversity. his return as a volunteer. Thank you, Melody, for your dedication!

Community Partners

CRCHC Celebrates National Health Center Week



Cabarrus Rowan Community
HEALTH CENTERS, INC.



Every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers sponsors National Health Center Week, a dedicated time to celebrate and raise awareness for America's 1,400 Community Health Centers. This event serves as a unique opportunity to spotlight the unwavering dedication and fervor of our community. This year's festivities kicked off with an initiative led by our partners at CRCHC, who launched "Healthcare for the Homeless Day." As part of their commitment to the cause, CRCHC's Outreach team paid a visit to our Food Pantry, generously donating essential food items. Additionally, we joined in celebrating our partnership during their Stakeholder's Appreciation Luncheon later in the week. Thank you CRCHC for providing access to quality healthcare to the most vulnerable.



Meals on Wheels Rowan

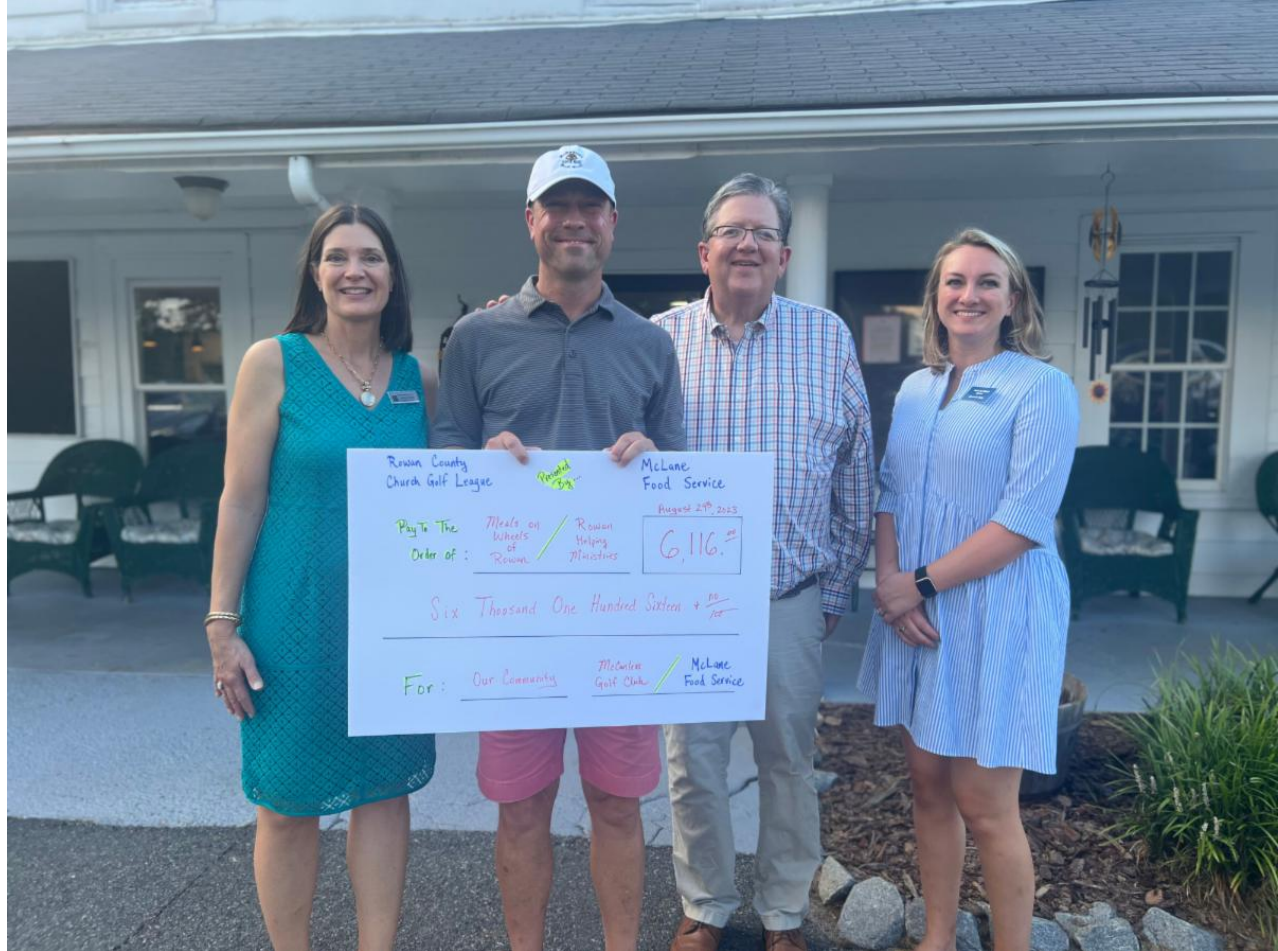
Thanks to our collaboration with Meals on Wheels Rowan, pantry food boxes are regularly delivered to individuals who are unable to visit us in person for food assistance. This vital service wouldn't be possible without the unwavering commitment of dedicated staff like Tom. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Tom for generously dedicating his time every week to ensure that our homebound neighbors do not go without a meal. Thank you for your efforts!



Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Teaches Us How to Protect Ourselves In An Active Violent Situation



Rowan County Church Golf League



On Tuesday, August 29, The Rowan County Church Golf League wrapped up its 18th season of the Rowan Church Golf League presented by McLane Food Service! Every year members of the league vote to support two local Charities! This year Rowan Helping Ministries and Meals on Wheels Rowan were chosen to split **\$6,116**. Thank you McLane Food Service, McCanless Golf Club, and the League organizers and players for your support.

Eagle's Nest III Wish List !



As we prepare for the opening of Eagle's Nest III, we are excited for the opportunity to serve more of our community in need through transitional housing for veterans and individuals moving from homelessness. We want to be sure that whomever we serve in this space is made as comfortable and without worry as possible, and you can help us achieve that. If you would like to be a part of this ministry opportunity, you can donate one or more of the items on the [wish list](#) and help make these spaces feel safe and secure for those in need.

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Please consider
NOMINATING US

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WIN \$125

It's time again for Rowan County to vote in the Salisbury Post 2023 ROCO Gold People's Choice Awards!

Please consider voting for Rowan Helping Ministries for the BEST LOCAL NONPROFIT in the Salisbury Post **#RocoGold** Awards. You could win \$125 just for participating!

[Click here](#) to cast your vote for us! Voting period ends September 12.

**Save The Date for the 2023 Trick or Treat So, Others May Eat
Food Drive**



Trick or Treat So, Others May Eat

This Fun-filled event is our biggest food drive of the year. Your group is invited to join us in a friendly competition to help feed our neighbors in Rowan County. Our goal is to collect 30,000 pounds of food.

Throughout Rowan County, volunteers will leave brown paper bags with an information flyer inviting people to fill the bags with non-perishable foods. Volunteers will collect the filled bags and deliver them to Rowan Helping Ministries on weigh-in day.

Weigh in Day: Sunday November 5th, 2023

Ralph Ketner Center

226 N. Long Street Salisbury, NC 28144

3pm-5pm

**To participate and for more information
please contact Volunteer Manager, Marissa Gainey
Phone: 704-637-6838 ext. 112.**

mgainey@rowanhelpingministries.org



Join us in a friendly competition to collect non-perishable food items to restock our Food Pantry. To participate and for more information please contact Volunteer Manager, Marissa Gainey at 704-637-6838 ext. 112.

September Wish List



SEPTEMBER WISH LIST

JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

2% Milk
Butter
Pasta
Salad Greens
Fresh Fruit
Instant Potatoes
Salad Dressing

Eggs
Mayonnaise
Bacon
Sausage
Jelly
Grits
Coffee Grinder

FOOD PANTRY

Peanut Butter
Canned Meat
Jelly
Beans (dried or canned)
Granola Bars
Protein Bars
Saltine Crackers
Canned Vegetables

Rice
Instant Potatoes
Pasta
Canned Fruit
Tomato Products
(sauce, paste, and diced)
Salad Dressing
Vegetables

SHELTER SERVICES

Pillows
Ziploc bags (gallon)
Travel Size Conditioner, Shampoo,
Bar Soap & Deodorant
Scrubs (M, L, XL)
Adult Shower Shoes
Sleep Eye Mask

CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Travel Size Conditioner, Shampoo, Bath
Soap, and Lotion
Washcloths
Towels

CLOTHING CENTER

Socks (men, women & children)
Underwear (men, women & children)
Bras

Donations may 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..](#)



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