



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Happy August! This month as we wrap up summer and prepare our school-age kids to head back to school. Let us remember those families in our community that are in need of food, shelter, or, just someone to pray for them during their difficult times.

Celebrating Success



"I thank my Mom and Dad every day for dropping me off at the shelter."

It is our goal to meet our clients where they are and provide them with the resources needed to obtain stable housing and be sustainable. We did just that for Ashley. Years ago she was a shelter guest when all operations were under one roof in the Ralph Ketner Center. "I learned about the shelter because I volunteered as a part of the DSS work first program. After completing the program, I found a job, got back on my feet, and a few months later lost everything," Ashley explained. When Ashley lost her job, she packed up her kids and moved into the shelter. Ashley stayed with us for 8 months and in that time she went back to school and got an apartment. She is currently working as a CNA, and she visits us when she needs food and clothing. "I thank my Mom and Dad every day for dropping me off at the shelter, that was the best thing that happened to me, it helped me a lot," Ashley said.

Volunteer Highlights



Board Member, Libby Post

Board member Libby Post pulled her friends together and created a volunteer group to serve lunch in Jeannie's Kitchen. Every month they come together to bond over serving a meal for their fellow neighbors facing food insecurity! Thank you, Libby, for your support over the years.



Rowan Christian Assembly Youth Group

Thank you to Pastor Savage and the youth at Rowan Christian Assembly for spending a day with us. The youth group worked in our Food Pantry and packed grocery bags for our Food For Thought program.

Anchor Downs Neighborhood



Every month the Anchor Downs Neighborhood members volunteer with us to pack family food bags to be distributed in our Food Pantry. Thank you for taking the time every month to serve with us.

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 or [visit our website](#).

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Donation Highlights



Curtis Walker Football Camp

Every year Curtis Walker and the team host a youth football camp at Catawba College! As a registration requirement, camp goers were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our Food Pantry. 290 pounds of food that were donated to our Food Pantry. Thank you to the coaches, players, youth and parents for putting this together!

Cox Family Garden

The Cox Family stopped by Jeannie's Kitchen to deliver 283 pounds of squash, zucchini, cucumber, and tomatoes, grown from their home garden! Thank you so much for providing fresh vegetables to our community! We thank you!



Ava & Maisie Whisenant

Ava & Maisie Whisenant set up a lemonade stand and sold freshly made lemonade to support our Food Pantry. Their small business raised enough money to purchase 301 pounds of food and almost \$400 in cash! We are so proud of these young entrepreneurs and their dedication to serving their community! Good job!



St. John's CDC

St. John's Child Development Center teacher Mrs. Kelly lost her dear aunt Robin Shue. Robin Shue was a long-time supporter of ours and in her honor, St. John's organized a food drive. With the efforts of the staff and parents, 272 pounds of food were donated to our Food Pantry. Thank you, St. John's, for continuing Robin's legacy of caring for her neighbors. Our condolences go out to her family.





He's Alive Church Brings Bible Study to the Robertson Stanback Center

During the peak of COVID-19, our New Tomorrow's classes were meeting virtually, as a result, many of the programs were placed on pause. Education & Transitional Manager, Jeanne LeMaster, was very excited when He's Alive Church expressed an interest in hosting an in-person bible study at the shelter. Care Pastor Doug Hardin pulled his team together and started an in-person weekly bible study. The response from the guests is amazing! They look forward to the session every single week "This week I had a line of guests waiting by the door for the class to start, they love it." Jeanne shared. Thank you, Pastor Doug and He's Alive Church, for bringing the word of God back into our shelter.





F&M Bank Continues to Support Rowan Helping Ministries

Nicolas Means, Training & Development Officer at F&M Bank, stopped by our staff meeting to present us with a financial gift. F&M Bank is a long-time partner of our ministries. Thank you F&M Bank for your continued support throughout the years.

Event Recap



The Rowan Chamber's Dragon Boat Festival was a great success!

Saturday, July 23, 2022, The Rowan County Chamber of Commerce hosted their 8th Annual Dragon Boat Festival at the Shrine Club on High Rock Lake. Spectators at the event arrived with donations in hand to support our Food Pantry. 180 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated! Thank you to our friends at the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce for your long-standing partnership.

In Other News!



12th Annual Ted Luther Memorial Golf Tournament

Our annual Ted Luther Memorial Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Revival at the Crescent. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the event, becoming a sponsor, donating a door prize, or playing in the tournament, please call Volunteer Manager, Monica Seamon, at 704-637-6838 ext. 112.

For the event, details [click here](#).



Garden of Eatin' named Landscape of the Month

Great News! The Salisbury Community Appearance Commission voted the Garden of Eatin' as the Landscape of the Month and coined the garden an Urban Treasure! We are so blessed to have Rev. Steve Combs as a partner. Thank you for your dedication and for working with our guests to keep the Garden of Eatin' beautiful throughout the years and for supplying fresh vegetables to Jeannie's Kitchen.

August Needs List



AUGUST WISH LIST

JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

Cooking Spray
Flour
Sugar
Breakfast Sausage
Fresh Onions
Fresh Lettuce
Fresh Fruit

CRISIS ASSISTANCE FOOD PANTRY

Pasta Sauce/Tomato Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Jelly • Grits
Lower Sodium Options of Canned Goods

SHELTER SERVICES

Pillows • Blankets
Scrubs (Size L & XL)
Towels



HOUSING SERVICES

All-purpose Cleaner/Wipes
Sponges • Bath Towels
Dish towels/Dish Rags

HOMELESS STREET OUTREACH

Beef Jerky • Snack Crackers • Protein Bars • Rain Ponchos

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

