



JUNE NEWSLETTER

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES



Happy June! We pray your summer is filled with sunny days, laughter, and lots of love. As the days get longer and hotter and we prepare for graduation celebrations, fun summer vacations, and trips to the beach, let us continue to keep our neighbors in need in our hearts and minds during these hot summer months.

Celebrating Success



Ray Collins, Former Shelter Guest

When Persistence Meets Opportunity, Ray stuck to his plan until he secured his home

Rowan County native Ray Collins lived with us in the Robertson-Stanback Center for 5 weeks. Upon moving in he was determined to do the work to find a place to live. Ray was kicked out of his brother's place, where he said he was, "spending his days aimlessly drinking several cans of beer." Upon arriving at Rowan Helping Ministries, he began attending life skills workshops in New Tomorrows and working diligently with his case manager on his case plan.

During his stay, Ray made a goal to walk the City of Salisbury every day to find an apartment, and in just 5 short weeks he did just that. "I walked over to Yadkin house every day, the building manager kept telling me she didn't forget about me and my name was on the wait-list," Ray explained. Ray stayed consistent with following up and received the good news of an available unit. As Ray prepared to move out he shared the great news with all staff " I get my keys on Thursday!" Ray moved into his new apartment with just a few items. In two weeks, with the help of donors, his apartment was fully furnished "I have a house full of furniture now, I slept like a baby last night" Ray stated. He shared he is so grateful for everyone who helped him on his journey.

CELEBRATE DAD

with a gift that gives back!

*Sponsor a breakfast, lunch,
or dinner in Jeannie's Kitchen*



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th, what do you get for the dad who already has everything he needs? Here's an idea: Give your dad a Father's Day gift that will honor him as well as pay it forward to someone else.

For Father's Day, you can sponsor a breakfast, lunch, or dinner in Jeannie's Kitchen. This special gift will not only celebrate the special man in your life, but it will also feed a Rowan County neighbor in need.

[Click Here To Purchase Your Gift](#)

Volunteer Highlights



ADUSA Distribution, LLC

Thank you to the team at ADUSA Distribution, LLC for choosing us for your day of service. Volunteers spent the morning working in our Food Pantry and Clothing Center. Thank you ADUSA for taking the time to serve our fellow neighbors in need.



KePro



Thank you to the Community Health Workers at KePro for your continued partnership. Members of the KePro team have made Rowan Helping Ministries a part of their outreach routine! Thank you for volunteering in our Food Pantry and sharing community resources during lunch in Jeannie's Kitchen. The work you do helps us to connect our clients to resources.



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



Erwin Middle School



Erwin Middle School 7th grade Social Studies teacher Brandy Frick led her students in an end-of-the-year project that supported Rowan Helping Ministries. The students came up with the idea to focus their project on a non-profit that supports the homeless. The 7th-grade students spent a few weeks calling local businesses to fundraise to purchase household items to create transition boxes, for our shelter guests who obtain housing.

Their goal was to raise \$1,000 and they surpassed that goal and raised over \$2,000. With the money, they purchased household supplies to create 60 transition boxes. Thank you Erwin Middle School 7th grade for choosing us as the charity of choice for your project, Your efforts will help our clients move into their homes with one less burden.

To read more about the project in the Salisbury Post [click here](#)



Social Media Food Drive

Last month the shelves in our Food Pantry were low on many food items. We decided to share the need with our social media community and the response was overwhelming. Our community partners and Rowan County residents responded to the post and went out to purchase the items we needed. Thank you to everyone that donated to our Food Pantry. We are so blessed to have dedicated supporters always willing to help where needed.



South East Middle School

Students at South East Middle School got creative for their end-of-the-year school dance. Each student that attended the dance



was asked to donate a non-perishable food item to Rowan Helping Ministries. Thank you to the students, parents, and staff at South East Middle School for donating \$800 and 1,559 pounds of food!



Community Partners





Community Connections Resource Fair

Saturday, May 14 The Homeless Task Force hosted a Community Connections Resource fair. Several of our community partners came out to the Park Avenue Community center to provide resources and free giveaways to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. J & W Hands of Hope provided a delicious lunch. We connected nearly 100 individuals and families to health care, pregnancy support, life coaching services and so much more. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, event committee, and community partners for making this event a success.

Upcoming Events/Event Recap

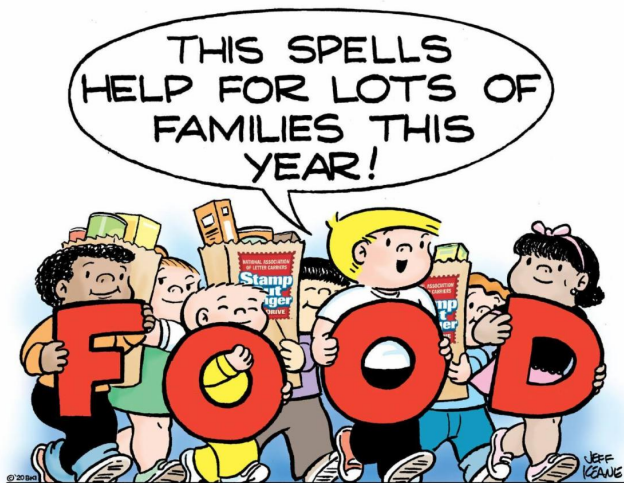


Executive Director, Kyna Grubb and Mrs. Misty Fisher, wife of Mark Fisher.

Saturday, May 7th was the Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show. This fundraiser was created to honor a friend of the community and a big car enthusiast, Mark Fisher, who lost his life to COVID. We are so grateful to be chosen as the benefit partner of the car show. The car show organizers donated a financial gift and 596 pounds of food for our Food Pantry. Thank you to the car show organizers, and the Fisher family for continuing the legacy of Mark's caring spirit.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Saturday, May 14th, was the National #StampOutHunger Letter Carriers' Food Drive. Donations made in Salisbury were shared between Rowan Helping Ministries & The Salvation Army. Because of the efforts of Rowan County citizens, we received 4,363 pounds of food. Thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers who helped sort, deliver, and stock donations. We appreciate you dedicating your Saturday to those facing food insecurity!



**LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE**

2022 Cheerwine Festival!

Saturday, May 21st, the Rowan County community joined together for the 2022 Cheerwine festival! Rowan Helping Ministries staff and volunteers weathered the storm and shared the word about the work we do with festival attendees. This year's event raised \$7,000 to support our Shelter Services and Crisis Assistance programs. Thank you, Cheerwine for continuing to support our organization and the positive impact you have on our close-knit community.





Pass The Plate 2022

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On Saturday, May 21st we hosted our largest annual fundraiser at The Country Club of Salisbury. Rowan Helping Ministries staff, Board Members, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners came together for a night of heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, silent auction, and casino games. Over \$100,000 was raised to support our shelter services and crisis assistance programs. Thank you to our generous sponsors and dedicated committee for making this year another great success.

June Needs List



JUNE

Wish List

JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

- Cooking Spray
- Flour
- Sugar
- Fresh Onions
- Fresh Lettuce
- 2% Milk
- 3-Quart Large Cans of Vegetables & Fruit (no tomato products please)
- Frozen Vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, mixed veg)

CRISIS ASSISTANCE FOOD PANTRY

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

SHELTER SERVICES

- Pillows • Blankets
- Shower Shoes
- Razors • Towels



HOUSING SERVICES

- All-purpose Cleaner • Sponges
- 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. Want to order from our Amazon Wish list [click here](#).

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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

