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In memory of Bonnie Daniel

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

When Collaborations Work!

By Margaret Elliott, Executive Director

Within seconds of talking with Bob Schwartz, one of the founding organizers of the Moore Elementary School Food Pantry, I could sense his exuberance of the partnership he helped create between volunteers of Temple Emanuel, Highland Presbyterian, Second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC and Crisis Control Ministry. Dawn Nelson and Kit Broadhurst were the key organizers from Highland Presbyterian Church.

Now in its sixth year, the Moore Elementary School Food Pantry, housed at Highland Presbyterian Church, serves more than fifty families each month with healthy and nutritious food year-round.

They served as a model to the now eight other collaborative food pantries across Forsyth County, sharing all written procedures and tips that they had. Financially, both congregations contribute \$4,000 to be able to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank also provides food

demonstrations throughout the year and congregational members provide recipes for healthy meals using items from the food pantry.

At the beginning of each school year, a memo is sent out to every family who has children at the school letting them know that the food pantry is available to them. The families simply submit a form letting the school's community organizer know they are interested. Open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from noon to 5 PM, pantry organizers send out an email before each day they're open to determine how many families plan to visit the pantry. That's where Crisis Control Ministry plays a role. Before the pantry opens, a team of pantry volunteers meet Paul Cribb, our Operations Manager, at the loading dock of Trader Joe's where we share whatever fresh produce and healthy foods the pantry volunteers choose to stock the pantry for that day. As Bob says, "We couldn't



provide the fresh produce without our partnership with Crisis Control Ministry. It's what we call the special "stuff" in our food pantry. Our creative volunteers also pride themselves on displaying the fresh produce artistically to appeal to the shoppers."

This is a wonderful example of a true collaboration between community organizations, a grocery store, schools, and religious congregations! The school also gets involved by hosting a food drive where parents and students help to collect food to stock the pantry in addition to the food provided by the Food Bank and Crisis Control Ministry.



Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Bonnie Daniel who died on February 21st. Bonnie served as the Director of the Kernersville office of Crisis Control Ministry. Bonnie was part of the creation of the East Forsyth office of Crisis Control Ministry in 1977 and later served as the Manager of that office until 1997. Thanks be to God for her work and service to others!

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Gift of the Month

April: Instant Oatmeal

May: Toilet Tissue

June: Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna, Chicken)

Some essential items can't be purchased with food stamps. Please consider donating one or more of the following: dish detergent, shampoo, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene supplies, bath soap, laundry, detergent, and deodorant.

NEW HOURS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Winston-Salem Location

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Kernersville Location

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - noon

COVID-19

We are in unprecedented times of change which are causing fears and stress. It is important to follow the cautions and recommendations that have been made to minimize the outbreak. It is equally important that when there are many things we do not know, that we hang on to those things that we do know. Some of those are:

- We live in a caring community! Wonderful individuals in hospitals, businesses, nonprofits, etc., are working overtime to help us now as well as plan for the weeks to come.
- Sunshine and fresh air are good for you! If you are able to go outside and still observe social distancing, step out and take a few deep breaths.
- God is with us! Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Hang in there! We will make it through.

Making a Difference through Your Legacy

*By Rev. Dr. George C. Banks,
Director of Philanthropy*

Crisis Control Ministry works daily to meet the immediate food, shelter, and prescription needs of our neighbors in crisis. Every day, we open our doors not knowing who will come or what their needs may be...but we seek to demonstrate love and grace by being a beacon of hope.

You too can share hope for tomorrow and continue to make an impact on the mission of Crisis Control Ministry long after your life is over. Whether you have considered that thought or not, a legacy gift can ensure that families in crisis will continue to receive the assistance they need. Legacy giving, generally referred to as "planned giving," is a type of donation made by an individual through a will or other formal designation. Legacy gifts are usually prepared with a financial planner and are designed to reflect your desires and values as a donor.

While most legacy gifts are made to an organization upon someone's death, this is not always the case. There are times in which legacy giving can take other forms. Those other methods of giving can include recurring donations that are made while the donor is alive and which continue posthumously. Also legacy gifts can be in non-monetary forms such as property, material goods, or stocks that can be of value to the organization who received the bequest.

As the Director of Philanthropy, I have personally witnessed the powerful impact of legacy gifts. I have been in the office when a lawyer walked in with a check, carrying out the esteemed wishes of a deceased client. The story of why the donor left the legacy



gift to Crisis Control moved me in ways that are indescribable. The fact that someone had enough foresight and compassion to think about blessing others, who are alive, when they themselves are no longer alive, speaks a deep connection with humanity that is unparalleled in the human experience! I have read similar letters attached to legacy gift checks which describe the deep, abiding love the donor has for Crisis Control Ministry. Legacy giving reminds me of a verse from the book of faith I subscribe to, the Bible, which states "no greater love than this than a person lay down their life for a friend." Leaving a legacy gift may not be laying down your life, but it will ensure that your life will have a profound impact on families in crisis for years to come. Please consider leaving a legacy gift to Crisis Control Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact your financial advisor or visit crisiscontrol.org.

Update on How to Give Through your IRA

The SECURE Act that became law on December 20, 2019, allows small business owners to set up "safe harbor" retirement plans that are less expensive and easier to administer. The Act pushes back the age at which retirement plan participants need to take required minimum distributions (RMDs), from 70½ to 72, and allows traditional IRA owners to keep making contributions indefinitely. The Act also mandates that most non-spouses inheriting IRAs take distributions that end up emptying the account in 10 years. The Act allows 401(k) plans to offer annuities.

"A Person's A Person No Matter How Small." – Dr. Seuss

By Chris Grimmer, Director of Community and Volunteer Relations

When we are in search of wisdom, our first instinct is usually not to turn to the good doctor, our friend Dr. Seuss, but it's groups like the Children's Ministry at Knollwood Baptist Church that help us to remember what we know to be true. Over the previous year Crisis Control Ministry has had the honor and privilege to be served by some young and very dedicated volunteers. Knollwood Baptist has shown its commitment to its entire congregation by empowering their children to find a way to serve their peers in the community in a meaningful way.

In October of 2019, this group of faithful kids used two of their Wednesday night gatherings to assemble hygiene kits for our Winston-Salem Client Choice Food Pantry. In their mission to show



love and support to their peers, they provided a whopping 75 kits for our pantry clients! Not bad for a group all under 4 feet tall. This, however, was not enough for this mighty group of kids! They kicked off the new year by coming back (this time bringing their families) to spend a Sunday afternoon transforming the children's area of our Winston-Salem lobby by making activity bags full of fun items for the children who come to Crisis Control Ministry with their parents. They brought books to add to the children's library and spent time in the food pantry sorting donations and stocking the pantry shelves. Now, when families

come in, children are presented with many options of stories and games, which brings peace to their parents and some much-needed love is shown to the kids themselves.

Volunteering is much more than simply giving of your time. The children of Knollwood Baptist lead by example by reminding us the much greater lesson that we are all each other's neighbors in need of love and assistance. They show us that when we serve, we should keep all people in mind because at the end of the day, "A person's a person, no matter how small." – Dr. Seuss

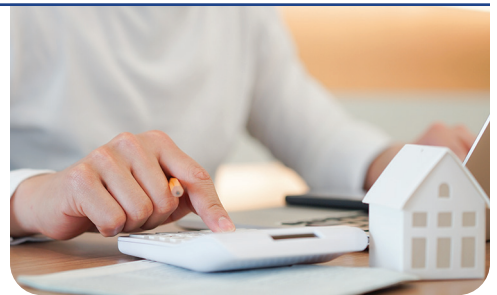
Navigating a Crisis into a Better Life

By Sandy Best, Kernersville Client Services Coordinator

Imagine you are a 78-year-old woman living alone, working a part-time job, and barely making ends meet. You are unsure how much longer you will be able to work because you're getting older. You receive social security, but it isn't enough. One day, your landlord notifies you that he is raising the rent on your apartment. What would you do?

That is exactly the crisis Dorothy found herself in. Thankfully, she had heard about Crisis Control Ministry and came in for an interview. I was the lead interviewer when Dorothy came in for rent assistance and I first heard about her crisis. I knew paying her rent increase this month

was not going to help her in the long run. She would have the same crisis the next month and the next. Crisis Control wouldn't be able to help her every month. My goal was to help her find cheaper housing so she could sustain herself. I had the interviewer recommend subsidized, senior living housing options to her. I left her rent assistance case pending until she came back with cheaper housing lined up. The interviewer and I realized she could also use food assistance. I certified her as a food pantry client, so she was able to leave with two weeks' worth of groceries from the client choice food pantry and could come back once a month for up to a year for food assistance.



Dorothy took our recommendation and came back within two weeks with new housing lined up, which was almost \$400 less than her current rent. She had some money saved up for rent, but not enough to payout her current lease and pay the deposit for her new place. We paid her rent deposit and the rest of what she needed to payout her old lease. Dorothy was happy that Crisis Control helped get her through her crisis and she wouldn't have to worry about paying next month's rent.

CCM's Precautionary Measures to Ensure Safety

We have made precautionary changes to our Client Services operations to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus. We will provide updates on our website at www.crisiscontrol.org to keep the community informed on what we are doing and how you can help.

At this point we anticipate that those who are currently laid off from local businesses such as restaurants, hotels, etc. will all be in great need of financial assistance once we start emerging from the impact of the Coronavirus.

Getting folks through a financial crisis is why we are here! We appreciate any financial donations that come our way so that we will have the resources to help those who come to us for assistance. Thank you!



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

~ April 20-24, 2020 ~

Life is S'MORE fun with our volunteers!

Crisis Control Ministry is grateful to all of our volunteers, especially during this time of uncertainty, for sharing their time and talents with us to help our neighbors in crisis.

To celebrate our volunteers, we are planning an escape to the WILDERNESS week of food, fun, and fellowship. Once we start emerging from the impact of the Coronavirus, volunteers will receive an invitation.



For more information, please visit www.crisiscontrol.org or call Chris Grimmett at 336.724.7875 ext. 1043.



Our Unifying Principles...

Love • Stewardship • Listening • Grace • Truth • Collaboration • Better Lives