

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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16th Annual "Food Day at the Fair" Benefited Crisis Control Ministry

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (OCTOBER 11, 2019) – Food Day at the Fair, a community food drive benefitting Crisis Control Ministry, was held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds as part of the Dixie Classic Fair.

13,447 fair attendees donated at least 5 non-perishable food items to Crisis Control Ministry to gain free admission to the Dixie Classic Fair on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. With the help of over 250 Crisis Control Ministry volunteers, Crisis Control Ministry collected 70,500 non-perishable food items. The food will keep Crisis Control Ministry's client choice food pantries stocked for at least a third of the year, providing shelf stable food items to at least 2,300 people in Forsyth County. With food pantry locations in both Winston-Salem and Kernersville, Crisis Control Ministry is able to provide nourishing groceries to almost 300 families every month. "We appreciate everyone who brought donations to the fair on Food Day at the Fair. This is our biggest food drive of the year. We are grateful to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds for their partnership over the years and our media supporters who helped spread the word," said Margaret Elliott, Executive Director of Crisis Control Ministry.

About Crisis Control Ministry

Now in its 46th year with offices in Winston-Salem and Kernersville, Crisis Control Ministry's mission is to assist people in crisis to meet essential life needs and to become self-sufficient. Crisis Control Ministry also offers a client choice food pantry and licensed free pharmacy for Forsyth County residents. For additional information, go to their website at <u>www.crisiscontrol.org</u>.