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August

NEWSLETTER

August offers a chance to unwind and soak up the remaining summer sunshine. At Rowan Helping Ministries, we're filled with appreciation for your continued support. Thanks to you, our community members can face the upcoming month with confidence, knowing they have a helping hand behind them.



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Celebrating Success

Choosing Home: A Family's Pathway to Stability



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Eric was born in Rowan County and was brought up by his loving grandparents. He, his partner Andrea*, and his three young boys lived together with his grandparents in the house he grew up in. After the sudden passing of his beloved Papaw, the family continued to live with his grandmother. Not long after his grandfather's passing, she had suffered a severe stroke, leading to a month-long ICU stay in a Charlotte hospital. Eric made the drive to Charlotte every day to visit her. Sadly, her health took a turn for the worse, and she passed soon after returning home.

Because there was no will, the house Eric had lived in his whole life was inherited by an uncle, and Eric and his young family found themselves without a home. The family moved into a hotel, expecting it to be temporary, but weeks turned into months, and then a year. Despite Eric's good job, skyrocketing rents and the expense of raising three children made finding affordable housing difficult. Their troubles worsened when their only vehicle broke down and they were left without transportation.

Desperate, Eric left his longtime job, rented a car, and moved his family to the beach in hopes of finding a better life for his children. That move, he said, "broke him", as they found themselves trapped in a cycle of expensive hotel living, typically paying up to \$500 a week, unable to budget for food because they lacked a kitchen and burdened by costly car rental fees. Eric saw no way out.

An answer to his prayers appeared when an old friend offered him a job back in his hometown. He regained his previous job, which came with union wages and benefits. Sympathetic coworkers gave him rides to work and took his children to school. After confiding in his supervisor about his family's situation, he was connected with James Davis and the Communities in Schools program through his children's school guidance counselor.

Communities in Schools staff directed Eric to our Crisis Assistance Network, where he met with our Housing Coordinator. Recognizing that the family was a good fit for our new Choosing Home program, which provides rapid rehousing for those on the brink of homelessness, our Housing Coordinator set a plan in motion. After brief stays in our

Family Shelter and our Eagle's Nest I residence, a suitable apartment for the family of five was found.

The family moved into their new two-story apartment with a couple of suitcases and some bags of clothing and began making the house – their first in years – into a home. Each week, Eric and his partner would set aside money to buy a new item – pots and pans, a table, beds, and finally, a fishtank for the boys. Eric participated in our Life Coaching program and created a budget and a savings plan for his family's future. He visits our Food Pantry to help stretch their monthly budget and recently achieved his goal of buying a car with his Life Coach's guidance.

Throughout these trials, the most important thing to Eric was keeping his family together. He says, "We are all together today, and it's because of Rowan Helping Ministries. It was life-changing for us."

Eric's story shows the power of a compassionate community working together to help a loving family escape the cycle of crisis and find stability. We wish Eric and his family a bright future as they work towards achieving their goals.

*Name has been changed to protect her privacy.

July Outcomes

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

JULY 2024



We housed **167** guests in our Shelter and helped **17** successfully move out.



Provided **84** CLIENTS with **240** showers



Provided clothing to **365 FAMILIES** Equalling **6,092** items

We housed **5** guests in our VA GPD Program and served **19** veterans in our Operation Home VA Program



Helped **94 FAMILIES** stay in their homes and keep their utilities on by providing **\$35,066** in financial assistance



We served **6,965 MEALS** in Jeannie's Kitchen & **1,368 FAMILIES** with food through our 3 Food Pantries



360 VOLUNTEERS served **2,783** hours

Volunteer Highlights



Betty Terrill has been serving in our shelter laundry room for over 3 years. She faithfully shows up 4 days a week -sorting, washing, and folding items- to make sure that our guests have clean clothing and linens. Access to clean clothing is crucial to the success of our shelter guests while they work, search for employment, or pursue educational opportunities. Ensuring that linens and other items are clean and free of bedbugs helps keep our shelter clean and hygienic. Supplying guests with adequate clean clothing, sheets, towels, and other items requires approximately 26-30 loads of laundry per day. We are so thankful for Betty's dedication to this important and often-overlooked task!



Bob Williamson has been a dedicated Rowan Helping Ministries volunteer for 15 years. His journey began with a simple Christmas wish to cook a meal in Jeannie's Kitchen and has blossomed into a decade and a half of service to our organization. As one of our 2nd Helping drivers and a reliable "go-to" volunteer, Bob is always ready to lend a hand wherever he is needed. At least three days a week, you'll find him behind the wheel of his truck, picking up and delivering food donated by local grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses.

After a 41-year career at the Food Lion distribution center, Bob could have easily settled into a quiet retirement. Instead, he chose to give back. As a cancer survivor, Bob understands the importance of community support, and he pays it forward every day. When Bob learned about our need for a truck driver to collect food donations, he stepped up without hesitation. These days, he's often seen maneuvering our large trailer, bringing in donated food to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. We are grateful for Bob's kind heart, quiet dedication, and many years of selfless service that has made our community a better place.



St. John's Lutheran Church members continued their long-time support of our mission this month when ten members of their congregation participated in a packing party for our Family Food Bag program. Our Family Food Bags are packed by volunteers and then distributed to Rowan County families in need via our food pantries. The program is supported by the USDA TEFAP program, ensuring that we provide quality, nutritious food items to those who need them most.

We are deeply grateful for our long-standing partnership with St. John's Lutheran Church. Their generous congregation members are frequent faces at our packing parties and can also often be found serving meals in Jeannie's Kitchen. The continued dedication of St. John's Lutheran Church to our community's well-being is truly commendable.



This month, members of First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury's Everyman's Young Lions group joined Rowan Helping Ministries Board member Chris Bradshaw to serve dinner to our shelter guests. Max Fisher, Riley Myers, Chad Hoskins, Coleman Bergsma, Gabe Steinman, and Jack Fisher helped dish out a delicious meal of College BBQ to 75 shelter guests in Jeannie's Kitchen. For decades, First Presbyterian Church has faithfully provided meals to those staying in our shelter on the third Thursday of each month, followed by breakfast the next morning.

In the 1980s, First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury started a soup kitchen as part of Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministries. When our Ketner Center at 226 N. Long Street opened, the kitchen found a new home there. Jeannie's Kitchen is named in honor of First Presbyterian congregation members Jeannie Jordan and her friends who started the original soup kitchen in their church. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing commitment of First Presbyterian Church members and love seeing how multiple generations have embraced the spirit of service to our community!



Jeannie's Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Open Breakfast Shifts (5:15-7:15 a.m.; 3-5 volunteers; 60-70 guests served)

Thurs. 8/8, Sat. 8/10, Sun. 8/11, Mon. 8/12, Sun. 8/18, Mon. 8/19, Tues. 8/20, Wed. 8/21, Fri. 8/23, Sat. 8/24, Sun. 8/25, Mon. 8/26, Wed. 8/28, Thurs. 8/29, Fri. 8/30

Open Lunch Shifts (9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 5-7 volunteers; 90-100 guests served)

Wed. 8/7, Sat. 8/10, Sun. 8/11, Thurs. 8/15, Mon. 8/19, Tues. 8/20, Sun. 8/25, Wed. 8/28, Thurs. 8/29, Sat. 8/31

Open Dinner Shifts (5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; 5-7 volunteers; 80-90 guests served)

Wed. 8/7, Fri. 8/9, Sat. 8/17, Sun. 8/18, Tues. 8/20, Wed. 8/21, Thurs. 8/22, Mon. 8/26, Tues. 8/27, Sat. 8/31

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed!

Open First Shifts (8:30-11:00 a.m.)

Wed. 8/7, Thurs. 8/8, Mon. 8/12, Tues. 8/13, Wed. 8/14, Thurs. 8/15, Fri. 8/16, Mon. 8/19, Tues. 8/20, Wed. 8/21, Thurs. 8/22, Mon. 8/26, Tues. 8/27, Wed. 8/28, Thurs. 8/29, Fri. 8/30

Open Second Shifts (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

Wed. 8/7, Thurs. 8/8, Fri. 8/9, Mon. 8/12, Tues. 8/13, Wed. 8/14, Thurs. 8/15, Fri. 8/16, Mon. 8/19, Tues. 8/20, Wed. 8/21, Thurs. 8/22, Fri. 8/23, Mon. 8/26, Tues. 8/27, Wed. 8/28, Thurs. 8/29, Fri. 8/30

Open Third Shifts (12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Wed. 8/7, Thurs. 8/8, Fri. 8/9, Mon. 8/12, Tues. 8/13, Wed. 8/14, Thurs. 8/15, Fri. 8/16, Mon. 8/19,

Make a difference in our community by volunteering for a shift in our Food Pantry or to serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner in Jeannie's Kitchen— [click here](#) to sign up today!

Donation Highlights



Life Choices Rowan made a generous donation of men's, women's children's, and infants clothing to Rowan Helping Ministries this month. These clothing items will be distributed to individuals and families in need through our Clothing Center. Our Clothing Center provides clients with free, gently-used clothing items, ensuring they have appropriate attire for work, school, interviews, and other important occasions, with the goal of removing barriers to success for those in need. By working together and supporting each other's missions, we can ensure create a stronger safety net for vulnerable individuals and families in our community. We thank Life Choices for their donation and look forward to seeing this partnership grow.



Long-time supporters Ava, 11, and Maisie, 8, have once again shown their commitment to serving their community through their annual lemonade stand fundraiser. This year, the sisters raised \$462.50 to help support our mission and programs. Since 2019, Ava and Maisie have run their stand each summer (with a brief hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic) and donated the proceeds to Rowan Helping Ministries. They raised \$245 their first year, and more each year thereafter. In 2022, they expanded their efforts to include collecting food donations, gathering hundreds of pounds for our Food Pantry.

We appreciate Ava and Maisie's ongoing dedication, as well as the generosity of all those who have

supported their efforts over the years. Their contributions make a real difference in our community!



This month, Dana Burriss and Mariam Basso of the Rotary Club of Rowan County made a generous donation to our Food Pantry and Jeannie's Kitchen. The club members contributed a total of 181 pounds of food, including canned vegetables, oatmeal, cereal, grits, macaroni and cheese, and pasta. They also provided potholders for use in Jeannie's Kitchen.

We thank the Rotary Club of Rowan for their commitment to addressing food insecurity in our community. These contributions will help feed those in need in our county and exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."



We recently received an unexpected gift - 24 brand new pillows from an anonymous donor. This thoughtful contribution will provide much-needed comfort to guests staying in our shelter. Rowan Helping Ministries' shelter can accommodate around 100 guests each night, and these new pillows will replace worn ones and ensure each bed has a clean, comfortable pillow. We appreciate this donor's generosity which shows how community members can make a meaningful impact through simple acts of kindness.

Community Partners

Salisbury Police Department



The Salisbury Police Department is an invaluable partner in our effort to end homelessness in our community. Their ongoing collaboration and support help us fulfill our mission in many ways, particularly in our Street Outreach efforts. Each week, our Street Outreach team, including a liaison from the police department, goes out into the community and visits those who are living in places not meant for human habitation, such as encampments, abandoned buildings, and vehicles. The team works to build rapport with our homeless neighbors and connect them with supportive services including emergency shelter, housing, health services, and substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, with the goal of empowering them to end their homelessness.

Recently, the Salisbury Police Department has expanded its Homeless Liaison team, with Krystal Ortiz-Rodriguez joining Dennis Rivers as an additional liaison. Because we have a large population of unsheltered homeless people in our community, adding an additional staff member has allowed for more effective engagement with these individuals, ensuring that they are connected to the resources they need. Because lack of documentation is a common barrier homeless people face when accessing needed services, the liaisons have recently been working to assist these individuals with obtaining birth certificates from other cities and states.

Through the efforts of the Street Outreach team, we were able to engage 224 unsheltered individuals last year, connecting them with shelter, housing, and services. We are grateful for the dedication and partnership of the Salisbury Police Department as we work towards our shared goal of helping homeless individuals overcome the issues that have led to their homelessness and obtain permanent housing.



Event Recap!

Pastors' Breakfast



On July 18th, Rowan Helping Ministries hosted Pastor's Breakfast in Jeannie's Kitchen, bringing together over 40 attendees for a morning of food, fellowship, and education.

The event, attended by local pastors, Faith Relations Committee Ambassadors, and Rowan Helping Ministries staff members, showcased the important role our faith partners play in supporting our mission and programs. Faith Relations Committee Chair

Sheila Prevatte opened the gathering with welcoming remarks, introducing the Committee members and recognizing the Ambassadors for their dedicated service.

Executive Director Kyna Grubb provided the group with an overview of our mission, vision, and programs, setting the stage for a morning of shared learning and inspiration.

Attendees heard client success stories and heartfelt testimonials from our dedicated volunteers. The breakfast also featured information about our God's Table program and explored the way our numerous volunteer opportunities can create deeper engagement with our faith community partners.

Following the presentation, many attendees took advantage of the opportunity to tour our campus, getting the opportunity to see firsthand the impact of their support. Rowan Helping Ministries has deep roots in the local faith community, and our ongoing partnership with local congregations remains crucial to our success.

If you're affiliated with a faith-based organization and would like to learn more or get involved with our Faith Relations Committee, please contact Sheila Prevatte at [**sapbsn@gmail.com**](mailto:sapbsn@gmail.com).





Mark Your Calendars!

Community Resource Fair



Resource Fair

Join us for a day of connection, information, and resources!
Discover local organizations and agencies available in Rowan County.

- Child Support Services
- Medicaid & Food Stamps
- Goodwill Career Connection
 - NC WORKS
- Rowan Cabarrus Community College
 - Rowan Helping Ministries
- Rowan County Probation & Parole
- Hispanic Community Resource
- Temporary Staffing Agencies
 - Legal Representatives

When: August 15, 2024 1pm-4pm

Where: F&M Trolley Barn - 125 E Liberty St, Salisbury, NC



Join us for a Community Resource Fair on Thursday, August 15 from 1-4pm at the F&M Trolley Barn. We hope to see you there!

Annual Community Day

You are Invited !!!

Annual Community Day

**The Pride of Salisbury # 1774
&
Rainbow Temple # 1404 Salisbury**

SATURDAY | 24TH AUGUST | 12PM- 4PM

**MINNIE MOUSE ★ HORSE RIDE
FUN ★ FOOD ★ MORE.....
COME OUT !!!**

**3750 Statesville Blvd
Salisbury NC 28147**

- ★ Salisbury Police Department
- ★ Salisbury NC Fire Department
- ★ Salisbury Health Department
- ★ Davidson County Alzheimer's Department
- ★ Cancer Society
- ★ Rowan Helping Ministries
- ★ Family Crisis Center
- ★ Carolina Senior Care



**If you have any questions
please contact Lynda Sloan
336-590-2413**

Annual Community Day will be held on August 24 from 12-4 p.m. Come out and see us!

North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign

Approved State Employees Combined Campaign Charity



We are proud to announce that Rowan Helping Ministries has been chosen for inclusion in this year's **North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign**! All North Carolina state employees and retirees can designate Rowan Helping Ministries as their chosen charity through this campaign.

The SECC is the only authorized fundraising campaign permitted to solicit charitable contributions in the state employee workplace. Rowan Helping Ministries is charity number **2590**. If you are not eligible for payroll deduction, you may give by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer gift. Contributions are tax-deductible. The campaign runs from September 1st through December 31st. We will share additional details as we get closer to the campaign kickoff date.

Faith Relations Committee Meeting

September 5th, 5:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
223 N. Fulton Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Ted Luther Memorial Golf Tournament

Ted Luther Memorial Golf Tournament

Rowan Helping Ministries' 14th annual golf tournament will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21st at The Revival at The Crescent Golf Course in Salisbury, NC.

Registration starts at 12:30 pm with lunch and an optional putting contest before tournament play. Players gather at their assigned carts and begin play with a shotgun start.

The tournament is held annually in memory of Ted Luther of western Rowan County who helped start the event to benefit the many programs of Rowan Helping Ministries. Programs include three food pantries - West, East and Salisbury, Shelter Services, Jeannie's Kitchen, Food For Thought, Crisis Assistance Network, and Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. These programs help clients break the cycle of crisis and obtain stable and independent living.

\$75 PLAYER FEE INCLUDES- 2 MULLIGANS, CART & GREEN FEES, LUNCH, GOODY BAG, SNACKS, AND RANGE BALLS.

***PUTTING CONTEST AT 1:30 P.M.**



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.

THE REVIVAL AT THE CRESCENT

It is simply a "must play" course and sure to test every club in your bag! It features crenshaw bent grass greens, bermuda fairways, 31 sand bunkers, and a driving range practice area.



COMPLETE ENTRY FORM AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES
226 N. LONG ST.
SALISBURY, NC 28144
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WWW.ROWANHELPINGMINISTRIES.ORG OR TO PAY
BY PHONE, CALL KAREN AT (704)637-6838 EXT. 100.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DIAMOND SPONSOR- \$3,000

- Includes 2 teams of 4 players
- Top recognition in all tournament promotional material including signage and a hole sponsorship
- Recognition on the agency's social media, website, and e-newsletters
- Introduction at tournament awards presentation

PLATINUM SPONSOR- \$1,500

- Includes a team of 4 players
- Top recognition in all tournament promotional material including signage and a hole sponsorship
- Recognition on the agency's social media, website, and e-newsletters
- Introduction at tournament awards presentation

GOLD SPONSOR- \$750

- Includes a team of 4 players
- Hole sponsorship and signage at that hole
- Recognition on the agency's social media, website, and e-newsletter and signage at the tournament

SILVER SPONSOR- \$500

- Includes 2 players
- Recognition on the agency's social media, website, e-newsletter and signage at the that hole

HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR- \$375

- Sponsor covers cost of hole-in-one policy
- Recognition provided in e-newsletter and signage at tournament

BRONZE SPONSOR- \$250

- Recognition on social media, website, and e-newsletter

QUESTIONS ABOUT EVENT CONTACT:

PAUL ROGERS (704) 213-1986
WAYNE KLUTTZ (704) 682-2910

September 21, 2024

The Revival at The Crescent

12:30 p.m. Registration

2:00 p.m. Start

Community Connections Resource Fair

SAVE THE DATE

September 26, 2024



1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

THE HOMELESS TASKFORCE OF ROWAN COUNTY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

RESOURCE FAIR

Salisbury Civic Center
315 Martin Luther King Jr S,
Salisbury, NC 28144

Join us for:

Housing Resources
Mental Health Resources
Substance Abuse Resources
Giveaways and so much more

SIGN UP TO BE A VENDOR
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/54AZPJ2Y](https://tinyurl.com/54AZPJ2Y)



Event Contact: Cathy Wood,
Crisis and Housing Manager at
704-637-6838 ext. 107 or
cwood@rowanhelpingministries.org



In Other Other News!



Please consider

NOMINATING US

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**NOMINATE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
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It's almost time for the 2024 RoCo Gold People's Choice Awards!

Please consider nominating Rowan Helping Ministries for Best Local NonProfit .

Today is the last day to nominate!

[Nominate Us Here](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Shelter Services Associate Operation Home VA Case Manager (Part-Time)



If you're driven to make a difference, we have a exciting opportunities waiting for you. Head over to our website and apply today! We appreciate you sharing the word with your network – together, let's build a fantastic team!

[View Job Opportunities Here](#)

August Wish List

AUGUST WISH LIST



FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE NO GLASS JARS

Green Beans
Corn
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Soup

Dry Pinto Beans
Cereal, Grits,
Oatmeal
Pasta and Sauce

JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

Large Cans Of Green Beans
Large Cans Of Collards
Large Cans Of Baked Beans
Breakfast Meats
2% Milk

CLOTHING CENTER

All Men's Clothing Items
New Undergarments (Men's,
Women's, and Children's)
Feminine Hygiene Products

CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Washcloths & Towels
Shaving Cream
Razors
Panchos

Due to the limited number of volunteers, on site delivery of clothing is accepted only on Wednesdays.

All food and clothing donations are accepted at our receiving dock located at 226 N. Long Street. The receiving dock faces Liberty Street. Please ring the doorbell (on the right side of the large roll-up dock door) when you arrive.

SHELTER SERVICES

Towels
Washcloths
Pillows

Shop our Amazon Wish List

Shop our [Amazon Wish List](#).

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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