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Because You Gave

From January 1 through May 31, 2015 you helped us provide:

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| 90-day Program Graduates | 33 |
| 1-year Program Graduates | 5 |
| Permanent Housing | 15 |
| Employment | 17 |
| Men Attending College | 1 |
| Bed Nights | 14,178 |
| Meals Served | 78,287 |
| Salvations & Rededications | 8 |
| Clothing Closet Items | 4,807 |
| Food Pantry Meals | 17,636 |

MISSION NEEDS

- Summer Volunteers
- Resident Room Renovations
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Thrift Store Donations



Thrift Store
715 N. Cherry St.
Winston-Salem, NC
Call (336) 723-1848
for pickup of your donated items!

A Life Transformed



Zollie Williams

After 43 years of alcoholism, 60-year-old Zollie Williams states, "I am not the man I used to be." Originally from Henderson, NC, Williams grew up with an alcoholic mother. He remembers, "When I was eight I had to go get her liquor in the morning before I was allowed to go to school." Determined to get out of this kind of life, Williams quit school and ran away from home when he was 16. "I decided it was time to find my own way in life," he comments. However, when he got the news of his mother's passing a year later, Williams turned to alcohol to deal with the grief. "It was what I knew, what I had seen all my life," he explains. For the next 43 years, his life was consumed with drugs and alcohol. This addictive lifestyle prevented him from having meaningful relationships, getting an education, and maintaining stable employment. Williams adds, "I tried different programs off and on, but nothing worked. I wasted my life."

In 2014 Williams' life began to change. While staying at a homeless shelter, he realized that he didn't want to live this way anymore. Williams admits, "I realized that if I didn't get help, I was going to die." After hearing about the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, Williams entered the 90-day Life Builders Program. **"For the first time in my life I realized that there were people who cared about me, and I began to think that there might be a purpose for my life."** After completing the Life Builders Program, Williams entered the 12-month Transformers Program. He states, "I entered Transformers with the hope of getting job training and an education, but God did something better – He saved my soul." On January 9, 2015, Zollie Williams surrendered his heart to Christ. He exclaims, "After 59 years on earth, I finally had a Father, someone I could talk to and trust in. I had a sense of peace that I had never had before; I was a new man."

“...God used this ministry to save my life...”

Williams will be graduating from the program on September 25th and is excited about what the future holds. While in the program, he has received counseling, learned computer and job skills, completed classes in addiction recovery, and has begun working towards obtaining a G.E.D. "Everyone at the Mission has played a role in making me a better person. God used this ministry to save my life." Williams goes on to say, "Without the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, I would have never been able to discover who God created Zollie Williams to be, and for that I am eternally grateful." Moving forward, Williams possesses the tools he needs to walk a new road in life, and has the desire to encourage others who feel there is no hope.

Consider Including Winston-Salem Rescue Mission in Your Will

To bless your family with a God-honoring Will, go to www.christianwill/wsrsm or for more information, contact Ken Heater at (336) 723-1848 Ext. 112.

From the Director

God is not good because of what He gives us – God is good because that is His character – It is who He is. King David understood this in Psalms 34:8 where he proclaimed, “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” God can be trusted no matter the circumstances because He is good – He never changes – His character remains true. That’s why we are blessed when we trust Him.

“God is good because that is His character.”



Ken Heater
Executive Director

We, as staff, witness God’s goodness in our lives and throughout the Mission every day. Not only are we being transformed, but men in our programs like Zollie Williams (front page) experience that same power. We rejoice for the change God is bringing in Zollie. Let’s praise Him together – for **GOD IS GOOD!**



Sole to Soul: Running with Purpose

By Greg Cooney

One of the key components of addiction recovery is developing healthy physical habits. In order to emphasize the importance of exercise, volunteers from First Presbyterian Church run with residents of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission on a weekly basis. What began as training for the annual Mission 5K three years ago grew into an ongoing ministry called Sole2Soul. One of the organizers, Davis Murphy, states the purpose of the ministry as being **“to empower those of Greater Winston-Salem who need a fresh start through training for 5K and 10K races with coaching, encouragement, and shared faith.”** Kelly Harris, another faithful coach, said, “It has been encouraging to watch many of the participants grow into leaders. If they arrive before the coaches, they are already circling the track.” Over the past ten months the group has participated in nine races in the community. Harris adds, “The races continue to be rewarding and many of the men are getting stronger and faster.” On any given Thursday evening there are approximately ten coaches and five to ten residents preparing for the next race.

When asked what he appreciates about Sole2Soul, Jon Hutcherson, a graduate of the Transformer’s Program explains, **“I am getting exercise and building positive relationships in the community. It feels great to run with a purpose!”** The group is currently training for the Mission 5K which will be held on August 22nd. To keep up with this key ministry partner visit their Facebook page which is **run4Sole2Soul**.

Volunteer News

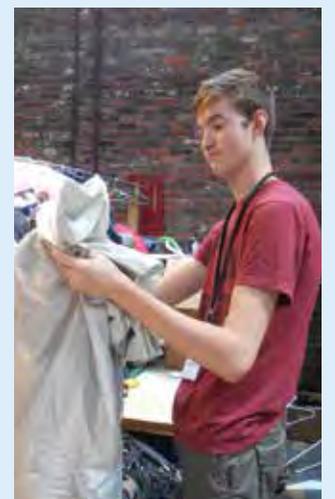
By Billie Holley

Thank you, volunteers, for your commitment to the programs of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

Volunteers are a vital part of the ministry at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and their commitment to the residents is evidenced by their dedication and servant’s heart attitudes. One such volunteer is Scott Kochanek, who serves three times a week in our clothing ministry. Scott recently grew very ill, having to stay in the hospital for a time. However, as soon as he was home, Scott contacted us to come back and work in his volunteer position. How inspiring that he put the needs of the residents at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission above his own physical needs!

Volunteers are needed throughout the year, including the summer months. Currently, we are in need of extra help in the clothing intake area of the Thrift Store warehouse as well as tutors who can assist in our educational programs.

If you are interested in investing your time in either of these ministries or in another area, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Billie Holley at billie.holley@wsrescue.org or (336) 723-1848, ext.116. Come help make a lasting difference in the lives of our residents!



Scott Kochanek



Welcome!



Preston Ward
Director of Development

Join Us in Welcoming Preston Ward Our New Director of Development

Greetings! It's an honor to serve and to be a part of such an amazing team here at the Mission!

John 21:25 speaks about how the miracles of Jesus are so numerous that if written down, the world would not be large enough to contain them all. I have gained enormous insight from this verse which has been life changing for me.

I want to challenge you as ministry partners to visit the Mission and see the miracles taking place here on a daily basis! I welcome you to call (336) 723-1848 ext. 139 to schedule a tour and allow me the privilege of showing you the difference your support makes in the lives of others. God is at work in our community through the ministry of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission!

I'm thankful God has led me to serve in this ministry with you!

For His Glory and Renown,
Preston Ward

Family Night at Alpha+Acres A Place of New Beginnings

By Luke Money

A mother recently called in tears, crying with distress, "If only I could get him to stop using drugs!" Almost every week a mother or wife calls Alpha Acres, wanting help for their son or husband. **Each man in the program represents a family**, and even though the men have often severely damaged their relationships because of substance abuse, their families still love them.



Family Night is a time designed to give support and information to the hurting families of Alpha Acres' residents. Many family members have never encountered the challenges of addiction until their son, husband, or nephew became addicted, and they now find themselves at a loss with how best to offer support. The classes taught at Family Night help family members learn to keep the men accountable and headed in the right direction while offering a supportive atmosphere.

The most recent Family Night was held May 8th, with a delicious meal and time of fellowship. Two 30-minute classes were taught, entitled "Encouraging Versus Enabling" and "The Brain and Chemical Dependence." The families went away with a better understanding of substance abuse and the necessary tools to help their loved ones overcome their addictions.



Golf Tournament is a Big Success!

By Matt Bohannon

On April 30th, the Winston Salem Rescue Mission held its 9th Annual Golf Tournament at Salem Glen Golf Course in Clemmons. The field of 112 players enjoyed beautiful weather and good fellowship during the day, followed by a lunch catered by **Mr. Barbecue**.

We want to give a special thanks to our two major sponsors for Hole-In-One prizes – **Flow GM Auto Center** and **Windsor Jewelers** – and to our Eagle Sponsors, **Net Unlimited** and **Hibco Plastics** and to the many other par and hole sponsors that helped make all of this possible.

Congratulations to our first-place team, Dean Holcomb and friends from **Lamps and Shades Inc.!** Thank you to all the participants and volunteers who made this a great event. All proceeds help support our programs.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, August 22
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Transformer's Graduation

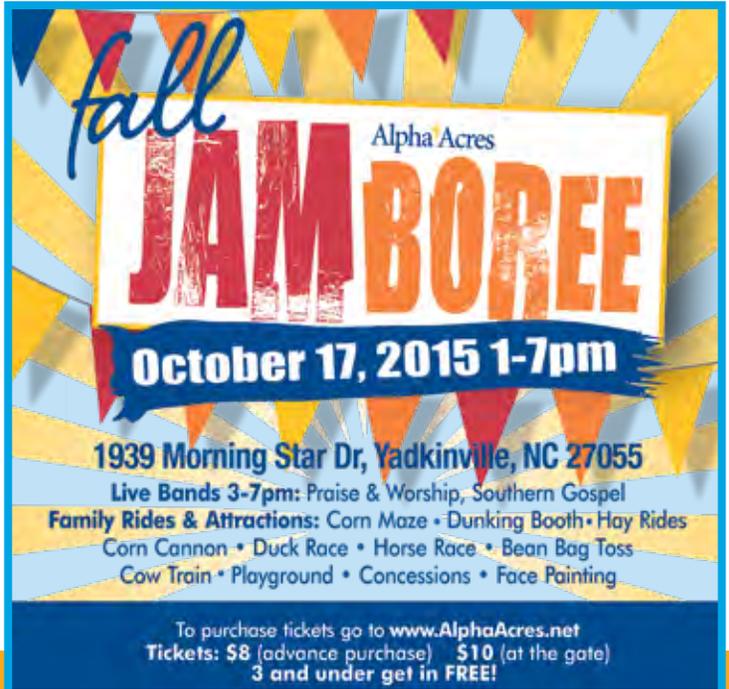
Friday, September 25 at 7 pm
 Center Grove Baptist Church
 8750 Lasater Road • Clemmons, NC 27012

Save the Date!


48th Anniversary
BANQUET

Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem
Thursday, October 15, 2015
6:30 pm

For information, please contact
wsrescue.org or call 723-1848



fall Alpha Acres
JAMBOREE
October 17, 2015 1-7pm
 1939 Morning Star Dr, Yadkinville, NC 27055
 Live Bands 3-7pm: Praise & Worship, Southern Gospel
 Family Rides & Attractions: Corn Maze • Dunking Booth • Hay Rides
 Corn Cannon • Duck Race • Horse Race • Bean Bag Toss
 Cow Train • Playground • Concessions • Face Painting

To purchase tickets go to www.AlphaAcres.net
 Tickets: \$8 (advance purchase) \$10 (at the gate)
 3 and under get in FREE!