

Compassion in Action



Meals on Wheels Faces Funding Cuts

Meals on Wheels (MOW) has been a vital resource for many homebound adults in the Triangle Area since 1969 when WSBC joined Durham Congregations in Action to provide meals and social contact enabling many in the elderly population to remain in their homes. MOW has received substantial funding from United Way of the Greater Triangle for many years, but has been notified that this funding will be reduced by 75% in July.

In an article in the *Herald-Sun* (<http://www.heraldsun.com/opinion/article148477439.html>), Gail Adland, MOW Executive Director noted, "In a time when our waiting lists are growing, the senior population is exploding, safety nets are in risk of being removed or reduced, federal support of our programs is in jeopardy, this news is disheartening. We fear that many of the seniors who rely on us every day for a nutritious meal, safety check and visit from a volunteer will be left behind."

How can WSBC help MOW in this time of need? Three opportunities are upcoming:

- 1) On Tuesday, June 27, WSBC members are invited to help assemble and pack meals at MOW of Durham. We car pool at 8:00 a.m. from the Urban Avenue parking lot to the MOW facility at 2522 Ross Road, returning about 10:30. Please contact Bob Kruhm at rkruhm@nc.rr.com or call the church office to sign up.
- 2) On July 9, the Minute for Missions will be presented by MOW Director, Gale Adland. The loose offering on this Sunday will be donated to MOW.
- 3) Volunteers are needed to deliver meals and for other tasks. Go to www.mowdurham.org to explore opportunities and sign up to volunteer.

Bob Kruhm
MOW Liaison

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On April 25, four WSBC members, including Becky Dodson, joined others at MOW to pack over 400 meals.



Alliance of Baptists Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Anniversary celebrations are joyous occasions whether it is for a birthday, wedding or employment years. The 30th anniversary of the Alliance of Baptists was no exception. Over 400 attendees were at Pullen Memorial in Raleigh to commemorate the founding of the Alliance at Meredith College in 1987.

"Embracing God's Call for Justice and Love" was the theme for four days filled with teaching and preaching, singing and rejoicing, learning and sharing, laughter and tears. We learned what it is to be a contemporary, progressive Baptist and what is expected of us as followers of Jesus' teaching. Love and justice were words used by every speaker.

Dr. William Barber brought the congregation to its feet with his teaching and preaching on the social justice issues that confront us every day. He called for a political Pentecost where the Holy Spirit is, through us, released into today's world, and, then in the fashion of Moral Monday, led a protest on the

steps of Pullen Church surrounded by pastors and alliance members calling for justice for all people.

Naomi Tutu, daughter of Desmond Tutu, preached Sunday morning about the disciples on the road to Emmaus and asked why we, like the disciples, do not recognize Jesus in our attempt at social justice.

These speakers coupled with our own Alliance members challenged us to live up to hearing God's call to love and justice.

Workshops on subjects such as caring for the environment, prophetic preaching, defending religious freedom, transformational music plus many other interesting topics gave opportunity for learning and discussion. There were reports from Ministry partners on the work they are doing in areas such as farm workers' rights.

Every song sung and every word spoken was a call to live the life Jesus intended for us to live. It was a life-changing event that we should all experience as members of an Alliance Church.

And just as on the Oprah show, we all came away with a gift – a just-published

copy of *Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice*. Look for a copy in the church library.

And resolve to attend an Alliance meeting in the future. You'll be glad you did!

Ralph and Emily McCoy

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Opportunities with Families Moving Forward

Families Moving Forward (FMF) is a ministry with homeless families that WSBC supports in partnership with Duke Memorial and Shepherds House United Methodist churches. New opportunities are available – two to volunteer and one to raise funds and have an outstanding dining experience.

Shopkeepers are needed to open the new FMF Family Store during the week. All of the families get to shop at the store, where they find essential products, like shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Shopkeepers will open the store for an hour-long shift, keep items in the store organized, and handle “decision dollars” as residents spend them on items. Volunteers from WSBC organized the store during Watts Street on Mission on May 20.

Transportation helpers are also needed. In an effort to make community events more accessible to the guests that stay at FMF, staff are trying to gauge the availability of volunteers to help families with transportation from time to time.

Would you be willing to take some of the guests to a play, a museum, or an exhibit?

If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Scott Davis at scott@familiesmovingforwardnc.org.

AND - WSBC members are invited to support FMF by coming to their next *Chefs for Change* event on Monday, June 19th at The Rickhouse near downtown Durham. *Chefs for Change* is a fundraising dinner series that pairs the burgeoning Durham food scene with the needs of families experiencing homelessness. This is more than a dinner – FMF is creating an atmosphere of a fine dining experience with a purpose. Go to www.FamiliesMovingForwardNC.org/ChefsForChange to check out the amazing menu and purchase your tickets before they sell out. Tickets are \$75 and include a cocktail hour and a fine dining three course meal with complimentary beer and wine. Thanks for your support of FMF!

Stuart Wells
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*Dinner with Chefs
for Change supports
FMF – June 19th*

Durham Can Delegates Assembly

On April 24, 516 people turned out for the Durham CAN (Durham Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) Delegates Assembly; the Monument of Faith sanctuary was packed with standing room only. Anthony Scott, CEO of Durham Housing Authority, affirmed that he will continue to pursue acquiring the 19-acre parcel of abandoned land known as Fayette Place. City Council members affirmed that they will provide funding to Durham Housing Authority to purchase the land with the intention of using it for affordable housing.

There were also accountability reports from members of CAN regarding pledges and leadership development. Counting grants, donations, and institutional pledges, Durham CAN is on track to raise \$200,000 for its work in the next year. WSBC has committed to supporting Durham CAN with \$3,000 in annual dues and an additional \$1,000 for the Friends of Durham CAN fundraising campaign. Thanks to Matthew Clark and Clark Godfrey for volunteering to represent WSBC with Durham CAN at the Durham City Council hearing on June 5. For more information on Durham CAN, contact Bob Kruhm at rkruhm@nc.rr.com or Matthew Clark at matthew.h.clark@gmail.com.

Bob Kruhm
Liaison to Durham CAN

HELP

Health Equipment Loan Program
a service of Project Access of Durham County

HELPerS are needed at the Health Equipment Loan Program in Durham. HELP serves anyone in Durham County with a need for durable medical equipment, e.g.,



George, a volunteer with HELP, checks out a tub transfer bench before making it available for a client to borrow.

wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, tub benches, bedside commodes, etc. Training is provided for volunteers on assessing, cleaning, and sanitizing donated equipment. Adult HELPerS (volunteers) choose the assignments that best fit their skill and comfort level, choose their monthly schedule, and generally are asked to make a commitment of 8 hours/month or just 2 hours/week. Current hours are 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday. The program works out of The Scrap Exchange at Lakewood Shopping Center. Every HELPer has the opportunity to interact with the community at the storefront or during community events, and to immediately see the benefit of their hard work. Contact Anne Drennan (adrennan@frontier.com, 919-489-2942) or Emily McCoy (emccoy@nc.rr.com, 919-489-0483) for more information.

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HELP Liaisons

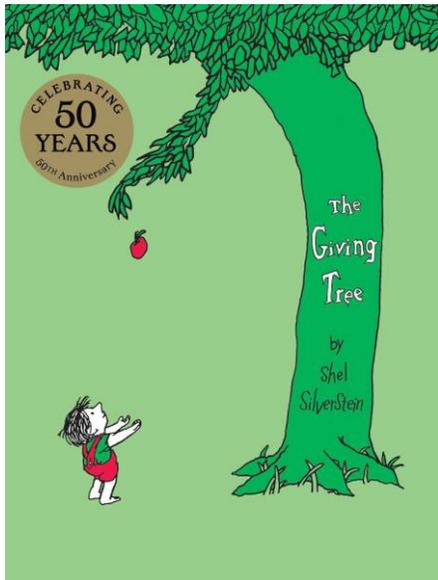
Words of Thanks

Thank you! We received your contribution of \$1,100.00 to IPMW [Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women] on October 26, 2016, to sponsor the Christmas party at the NCCIW, Raleigh Unit. Our Board of directors, staff, volunteers and the women and families we serve are all immensely grateful for the investment you have made to help us further our work.

Your generosity helps to transform lives in numerous ways:

- The Job Start Program...
- Faith-based, holistic programs and classes...
- Regular chaplaincy services...
- Mentor relationships...
- Reentry "Hope Bags"...

With gratitude,
Jennifer C. Jackson, Executive Director



May/June Mission Basket Donations To Benefit Books On Break

Books on Break collects books for George Watts Montessori Elementary students to read during the summer. Donate new or gently used paperback books, including novels, chapter books or picture books, in English or Spanish for students in grades 1 – 5.

Baskets are located in the side foyer and Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Bill McCraw, bill.mccraw@duke.edu

Words of Thanks

Dear Watts Street Baptist Church,

Larry and I would like to give you this donation for the W. E. Stanley Mission House. We lived there from Nov. 11, '16 – April 5, '17. It was our home away from home. It was so nice to know that the Mission House was available to us and others during our time of need. Having a place to stay helped to relieve some of the stress of being here with someone (Delane's heart transplant, Larry's heart surgery) that was sick. The Mission House was a blessing from God and your Church. We will never forget the kindness shown us during our stay.

Sincerely,

Larry and Denise Sellers

Delane Sellers

Whiteville, NC

On behalf of Strong Fathers' staff, board members, participants, and stakeholders, thank you and the Watts St. congregation for your generous contribution to our work... gifts like yours help to keep our services available to fathers and families in the community...

Thank you again,

Katie Bauman, Director

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Hurricane Matthew Recovery Trip

On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew struck the eastern half of NC with a tremendous amount of damage and record flooding. Several rivers crested higher than previous major flood events like Hurricanes Fran and Floyd. In all, 28 people lost their lives due to this storm. Officials estimate over \$1.5 billion in damage occurred in NC alone.

The week of June 25-30, 17 senior high youth and adults from WSBC will spend the week in Warsaw, NC, assisting with Hurricane Matthew Recovery. The group will stay at the Eastern Baptist Association building and enjoy suppers provided by local churches. The group will likely work 20 minutes or so out of Warsaw near Chinquapin along the Northeast Cape Fear or in communities along the Black River in Sampson County.

Please pray for our team as they travel, work, and interact with residents.

Kira Arges	Lily Lehman	Jason Mathes
Jemma Barton Lippin	Kyle Nichols	Margaret Mathes
Georgia Chotas	Aria Oliver	Amy Sauls
Darby Heflin	Hannah Sauls	Kelly Sasser
Joe Heflin	Steve Booth	Mack Wilkins
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"Where every member is a minister"



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Words of Thanks

On behalf of everyone at Threshold, thank you and your congregation for the \$6,975 gift of support ... We are grateful for Watts Street Church's continuing support of our members and programs... Watts Street has been instrumental in supporting Threshold's operating needs for over 30 years... With sincere thanks,
 Elizabeth Barber, Executive Director

The United Christian Campus Ministry Board of Directors and Staff gratefully acknowledge your generous gift to this ministry... We are appreciative of your prayers as we continue to serve the faculty, staff and students at North Carolina Central University...
 Terry Huff, Acting Board Chairman
 Michael D. Page, Executive Director

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Faith Connections on Mental Illness with your donation of \$771.50... Please know that your contribution... will be used to help our efforts to make connections among faith communities and those who are experiencing the effects of mental illness...
 Hugh Tilson, FCOMI Board Treasurer

Missions Committee: 2016-2017 Missions Committee Members include: Paula Januzzi-Godfrey, Chair, Juliana Caldwell, Kirsten Kruhm, Jenny Leinbach, Jason Mathes, Bill McCraw, Allyn Meredith, Amy Sauls, Joy Turner and April Walton. Please feel free to contact any of the members for more information about Watts Street's Missions.