

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

### Men's Weekend

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., is celebrating Men's Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 30. On Saturday, a special Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held at the church at 9 a.m. with speaker Michael Clements of the Winston-Salem Foundation. Sunday's 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Clifford C. Coles, a former rector of St Stephen's. Dr. Hector Sintim is the current Rector. The public is cordially invited to both events. For further information, call 336-724-2614.

### NBN interest meeting

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods is hosting its Monday Night Interest Meeting on Nov. 7 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Augsburg Community Center, 502 N. Broad St. Attendees will learn how NBN's Small Grants Program assists with community projects; how organizing support builds partnerships; and how creating action plans leads to lasting change in the community. Attendees will also find out about NBN's Institute for Community Leadership. For more information, contact Program Manager Dee Washington at 336-310-5009 or [dwwashington@nbn-community.org](mailto:dwwashington@nbn-community.org).

### Health fair

The Black Political Awareness League, with support for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, will hold a free health fair on Saturday, Oct. 29 from noon - 2 p.m. at the LaDeara Crest Community Center, 2531 LaDeara Crest Ln.

### Family Services yard sale, carnival

Family Services will host a "Power of One" Yard Sale and Carnival to support the United Way of Forsyth County on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Sarah Y. Austin Head Start, 2050 Big House Gaines Blvd. (formerly East End Blvd). The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact David Roddick at 336-722-8173.

### Happy Hill Cemetery meeting

There will be a meeting of the Happy Hill Cemetery Friends (HHCF) today (Thursday, Oct. 27) at 5:30 p.m. at the William C Sims Community Center, 1230 Alder Street. All interested in this historical, legendary project are invited to attend this meeting. The next cemetery cleanup will be Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, contact either Maurice Pitts Johnson at 336-721-1081 or Jean Moses-Petree at 336-721-1288.

### Info session for veterans

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxillary Chapter #9 will host a free outreach program to inform veterans and their families of the benefits and services they are entitled to. National Service Officers will be on site and refreshments will be served. It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. at American Legion Post #55, 111 Miller St.



Locals eat lunch at the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen.

Photos by Layla Farmer

## Sounding the Alarm

Guest servers help bring attention to city's hunger problem

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

For the last three years, 23-year-old Shaun Sanders devoted his life to caring for his longtime girlfriend, who succumbed to congestive heart failure last month, leaving Sanders to care for their three-year-old son, Immanuel.

Because of the demands of caring for his young family, Sanders was unable to work a full time job, and putting food on the table has been a struggle, the city native said.

"Do you know how it feels when your baby's hungry late at night and you ain't got no food in the house?" he asked. "It feels very, very awful."

Desperate to feed his family, Sanders says that he began selling drugs. His illegal solution was short lived; he got arrested. Today, Sanders is trying to get back on his feet and back in the job market.

"I just need a job," he declared. "I want to earn it, instead of somebody giving it to me - that's the way I was raised."

In the midst of his job hunting Monday, Sanders stopped by the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen to grab a hot meal. It is a place he and his young son visit often these days.

Saunders represents a startling local trend. According to a recently-released Food Research and Action Center report, Winston-Salem has the highest rate of food hardship in households with children among metropolitan areas nationwide. Samaritan Capital Campaign Director Jan Kelly says the trend is

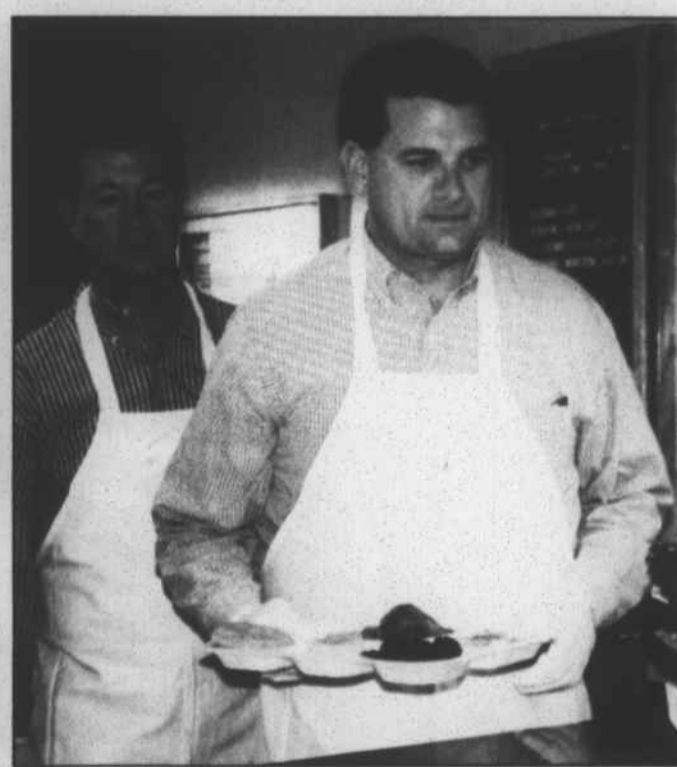


Front row, from left: Samaritan Ministries Executive Director Sonya Kurosky, Soup Kitchen Manager Cathie Dorgan, Margaret Elliott, executive director of Crisis Control Ministry and Daisy Rodriguez, director of Childhood Hunger Programs for Second Harvest NWNC. Back row, from left: WXII Anchor Cameron Kent, Joe Crocker, director of the Poor and Needy Division at Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, Scott Wierman, president of The Winston-Salem Foundation and Clyde Fitzgerald, executive director of Second Harvest.



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Clyde Fitzgerald and Scott Wierman serve meals.



Crisis Control's Margaret Elliott poses with Soup Kitchen volunteer Ruthie Hatcher, right.



Veteran Reginald Fullard enjoys his meal.



Crisis Control's Margaret Elliott poses with Soup Kitchen volunteer Ruthie Hatcher, right.