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Community Calendar

Ongoing

Shepherd's Center Volunteers Needed

The Shepherd's Center needs caring volunteers to assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, minor home repairs, friendly visits and caregiver respite. Volunteer opportunities can accommodate a variety of schedules. Reimbursement is provided for orientation and mileage. Call 336-748-0217 for more information.

Girl Scout Volunteers Needed

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) has opportunities for volunteers who are committed to helping girls develop courage, confidence and character. Must be at least 18 years of age or older, be a positive role model and must become a member of the Girl Scouts for \$12 per year. Volunteers can lead troops, help with events, serve on committees or help at camp. Visit www.girlscoutsp2p.org for more information or contact Leisa Fink at 336-274-8491 or e-mail lfink@girlscoutsp2p.org.

Lowes Foods Annual Food Drive

Lowes Foods' annual food drive, "Friends Feeding Friends," has already begun collecting food donations in all Lowes stores and will continue through Monday, Dec. 31. These donations will be delivered to the local food bank agencies in the areas where the food is collected. In-store, customers may purchase pre-made bags of non-perishable items most needed or donate cash at the register.

Teddy Bear Drive for Sandy Victims

Family Services Child Development Center Head Start in Forsyth County is currently receiving donations of brand new standard sized teddy bears to ship to hurricane ravaged Head Start Centers in Staten Island. The teddy bears will be given to the children so they'll have something warm and cuddly to hold onto. Deadline for donations is Dec. 7. Monetary donations also accepted. Donations can be dropped off at any of the five pre-school centers: Sarah Y. Austin, 2050 Big House Gaines Blvd.; Buchanan, 2555 Buchanan St.; Kernersville, 512 West Mountain St.; Mineral Springs, 4527 Ogburn Ave.; WSSU, 601 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive or Family Services, Inc. Gateway office, 1200 South Broad St. Contact Marcy Sheets at 336-727-0617, ext. 211 for more information.

City Calendar for Thanksgiving

City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23. CityLink 311, the city's 24-hour citizen service call center, will be open for needed assistance. Garbage collections regularly scheduled for Tuesday-Thursday.

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Tara Brown (left) and Donne Terry chop bread for the stuffing.

Photos by Layla Garms

Turkeypalooza

Wake Forest opens its heart for Thanksgiving

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Four hundred area residents were the beneficiaries of home cooked meals this Thanksgiving season, thanks to the generosity of Wake Forest University students and staff.

More than 150 volunteers took part in the university's annual Turkeypalooza feeding campaign in recent weeks, preparing a savory meal of turkey, green bean casserole, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin cookies for local citizens in need. The first shift of volunteers - a contingent of employees from the university's Human Resources Department - gathered in the Campus Kitchen on the evening of Nov. 13 to craft the meals, which were delivered to the SECU Family House the following day.

"It's good - it's a humbling experience," Americorps Vista member Takira Dale said of this year's Turkeypalooza effort, which she helped to organize. "It's something that makes people feel really good after a long, nine hour day. It's good for faculty and staff to get together."

Turkeypalooza, which is now in its 11th year, is an extension of Wake Forest's Campus Kitchen food recycling program,



Adam Lavis sports a festive Turkeypalooza-inspired hat.

which pairs food that was prepared but never served in the university's dining halls with fresh produce donated by Whole Foods

to create nourishing meals to be distributed by roughly 10 different partner agencies in the city. Shelley Sizemore, assistant director of Campus Life and Service and a former Community Kitchen director, said the event carries deep meaning for the volunteers and staff.

"For me, Thanksgiving is really about comfort, and the food is really about comfort, and the issue of food insecurity in Winston-Salem is upsetting for me," said the Wake Forest, N.C. native. "...I see this week of serving food as just a way to take that extra effort to allow people to have that comfort."

Additional groups of volunteers flocked to the kitchen on Nov. 14, 18 and 19, to prepare meals for organizations such as The Children's Home, Prodigal's Community and Samaritan Ministries. The Turkeypalooza event has grown in popularity and reach, more than doubling its meal output in the last four years, explained Sizemore, a two-time alumna of the university. Volunteers have also stepped their efforts up, adding one new from scratch item to the menu each year.

"We have to extend our regular cooking shift from two to four hours, but I think it's

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Beth Fay (left) and Recruitment Coordinator Mini Komos share a laugh.