

July 16, 2021

Bruce Baden & David Kempka
Knights of Columbus
Holy Cross Council 8509
616 S Cherry St
Kernersville, NC 27284

Dear Bruce & David,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500 to Samaritan Ministries. Your gift enables us to fulfill our mission of providing food, shelter and hope through Christian love.

Throughout the last year, we've continued to serve our guests and keep them moving forward. We knew in March 2020 that Samaritan could not disappear from the lives of our guests. They've come to rely on our consistency of service, and this has continued over the last 15 months.

What makes Samaritan unique is not just that consistency but the sense of community we have developed with our guests. We welcome them to Samaritan. We learn their names. We ask about their stories without judgment about where they've been. Sometimes it's a Band-Aid – giving a warm meal and some fresh produce to take home -- or a safe place to stay. It's the community that grows around providing a meal or a bed that's important. It's the smile and encouraging word from a volunteer, the sense of belonging and the relationships we form as guests begin to trust our team.

This community gives guests the opportunity to seek additional help. Recently, a guest told a staff member he was having a mental health crisis, and she was able to reach out to a crisis team immediately to help. Another guest beamed proudly as he moved out to his very own apartment; he didn't smile much while he was here, but he wanted to share his relief and excitement with our staff. A number of guests gather with our Cornerstone men on Wednesday nights for AA meetings to help each other through the journey of recovery.

It's these examples that show we've built a community here at Samaritan. I am daily inspired by the way God continues to equip our staff and volunteers with compassion to care for those in need. You support enables us to be a consistent presence and to continue to grow our sense of community each day of the year. Thank you for making Samaritan one of your giving priorities.

Sincerely,

Jan

Jan Kelly
Executive Director

*Thank you for this generous gift! You
are making a difference in the lives
of our guests. We appreciate being
included in the proceeds from your
golf tournament!*

*Samaritan Ministries has not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for this contribution. You will
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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ... I was a stranger and you invited me in ...
Matthew 25:35