

July 8, 2024

Knights of Columbus
Holy Cross Council #8509
616 S Cherry St
Kernersville, NC 27284

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We're grateful for your gift of **\$580** which supports Samaritan's crucial work right here in our community. With your help, we serve our guests daily to meet the very basic needs of food and shelter.

A few weeks ago, I stopped to check on a man who was leaning over a table just outside our dining room. This was one of his first visits to our Soup Kitchen, and he was curious about the words hidden behind the table on the wall. The quotes are from former guests and are meant to encourage people while waiting for a meal:

My life was in pieces when I came here. I didn't know what to do, but Samaritan helped fit me back together again.

We need each other for support, and it's okay to ask for help.

Really, it's about helping someone else. All your life, you do for you, your family and your friends. But what about a stranger?

It was the last sentence that the man was clinging to . . . the end of the wall holds the words of Matthew 25:35 . . . "I was a stranger and you invited me in."

We didn't know this man nor his wife who suffers from chronic pain. They live in a car, their last significant possession, so they can stay together. The hot summer heat impacts them because they have to run the car for air conditioning which drains the gas tank. The meal we provide not only nourishes their bodies but helps stretch their very limited income.

"I like that part about the stranger," the man told me. "I sure am glad you were here to help us today." We're thankful for *your* support which helps these strangers who have become our welcomed guests.

Sincerely,



Jan Kelly
Executive Director

*Thank you for your generosity
& concern for our guests.*

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