

# THE GREENSBORO VOICE

This issue dedicated to Joe Smith (1941 - 2014)



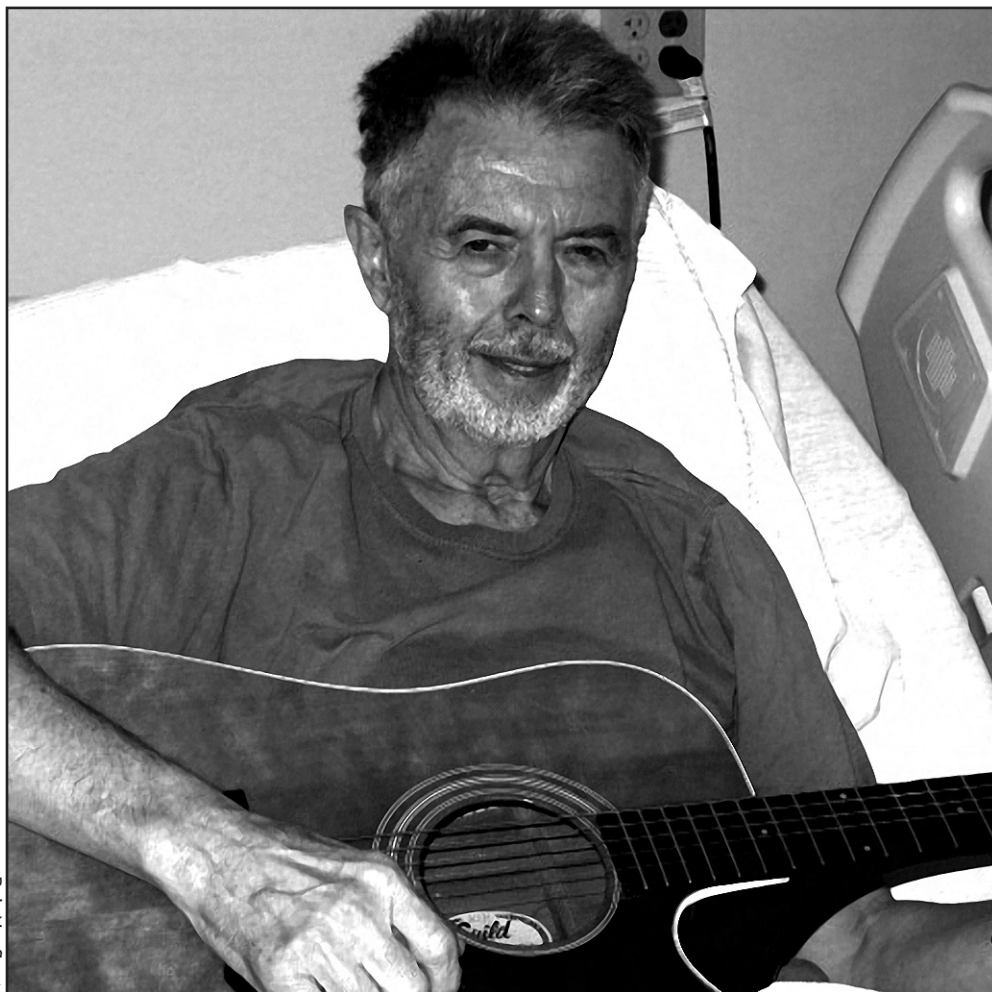
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## Missin' Joe

by Jeri Rowe



Bob Norfleet

It came about in the oddest of ways. My column on a home demolition went belly up, and I faced a Monday in which I had figure out how to cobble together a column of disparate items that seemed so disconnected.

I had a 1910 duplex saved at the last minute, and I had a local radio personality I wrote about last week announcing on the air Monday she was taking a break from WKZL and go big time. And this was the day after "Inside Edition" came to talk to her about her blog and one of her dance videos barely a minute long. That one dance video changed her life wicked quick.

So, I had two things. I needed a third. I thought of Joe.

Joe Smith was a guy comfortable in his whiskered face and \$4 cross around his neck. For more than four decades, he had worked on nuclear subs and nuclear reactors, and last year, he came to Greensboro in his RV to see his daughter and find another adventure. He ended up

writing for **The Greensboro Voice**, our city's street newspaper.

He and I talked about stories. He and I also talked about his trip in March. He was leaving Greensboro to see his son so I told him I wanted to talk to him before he left for a potential column about his adventure here and his adventure to come.

We were going to catch up sometime this month. We never did.

Out of nowhere came a deadly diagnosis: Joe had pancreatic cancer. Like the radio personality and the duplex on the cusp of demolition, it came quick.

Joe died Feb. 28. He was 72.

One of my editors, an obvious Bob Dylan fan, called it an example of our own twists of fate. They can come quick. Joe now does fly free.

*The Greensboro Voice thanks Jeri Rowe for sharing this article with us. It was originally posted on Jeri Rowe's blog: [www.news-record.com/blogs/jeri\\_rowes\\_gso/](http://www.news-record.com/blogs/jeri_rowes_gso/)*

## An Inspiration

by Anita Gilmore

Joe inspired me from the day I first met him. He had an open heart and what is real compassion and love was right on, not put on. He listened and always gave his honest opinion and never judged.

He was my biggest fan. Whenever I sang he said I brought tears to his eyes and joy to his heart. He always had a smile and said, "Anita, you have a power." We both had something in common as writers. Everyone could go to Joe and get advice. He

was a part of the Greensboro Voice family. God needed him but Joe left his legacy and you can't forget.

For me especially Joe did a special thing. When my father passed away in September, Joe attended the service and filmed the entire funeral. He came to me and handed me the DVD which for me and my family was wonderful. What an awesome man of God who will truly be missed. And I sing a song in his honor.

## A Light in the Darkness: A Young Christian Woman

By Joe Smith

Tina Chestnut is a Sunday school teacher and a computer programmer. She has experienced homelessness, pulled herself out of it, and rejoined society, all the while taking care of her small child. Tina exudes a soft confidence and a deep personal strength.

She told me the Holy Spirit spoke to her in a vision the year before last. She literally saw the words "Basket of Hope." Tina said, "Lord I don't know what you want me to do with this", but she knew that sooner or later He would allow her to be that "Basket of Hope" to somebody.

Tina started a business made up of five women who individually reach out to the homeless. Her business plan comes from the Bible and her motto is "Let the life I live speak for itself". This program is called Each One Reach One (EORO) and the mission statement of EORO comes from Isaiah 42: 6-7:

"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to my people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house." (NKJV)

### The Influence of Reaching Out

Tina and her team reach out to the homeless with love. You may have heard of the principle, "Each One Teach One," but, she says that before you can teach, you have to first reach. She offers hope and help by reaching out to the homeless and to anyone in need.

At this time she is helping six homeless people: Santino, Brandon, Rick, Terrence, George (who currently is in Ohio), and a homeless lady. I witnessed her arrival one day at the Weaver House; the homeless men came up to her with smiles of welcome and she began her ministry right there.

### How does it work?

When Tina meets a homeless person she asks if they have a phone; and if not, she takes them to Wal-Mart, gets them a phone, and buys some minutes. She takes them to look for jobs, individually or in groups - every day looking for work. She introduces them to organizations such as the Interactive Resource Center (IRC), and educates them on the services they provide. Essentially she navigates them through the available resources.

Of the 5 women in the EORO ministry, not all of them go to the Weaver House. Some transport the homeless to get food, medical service, clothing, job training, lodging, etc. One of the women allows homeless men to stay in her home; and so far, she's had three homeless living there one at a time.

Tina:

*Sometimes, I can't do any more than just give them an encouraging word or tell them to hold on. The Bible says we're always going to have poor people amongst us and at the same time the Bible also says they will never be without because God is their Father. God says I'm going to help; I'm going to restore you. And that's what I'm trying to do; I'm trying to help.*

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## Piece by Piece

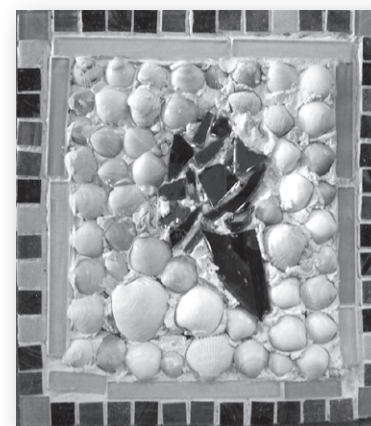
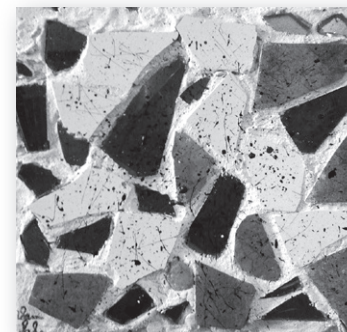
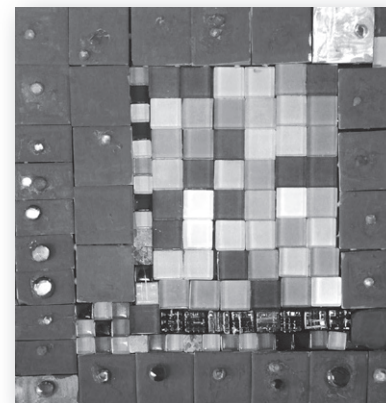
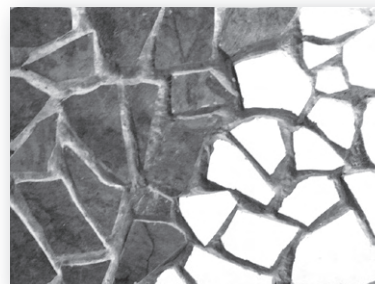
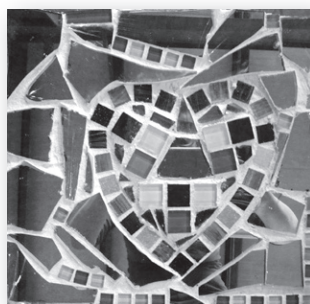
by Frances Morris

"Come see my work," IRC guest Elizabeth Lewis said proudly to Kathe Latham this morning. Kathe is the IRC Edible Garden Coordinator. IRC guests and volunteers are crowded in "Art Corner" today patiently piecing together tile mosaics. Art Corner is an open studio art program at the IRC intended to encourage creative expression and artistic decision-making in IRC guests. This month's tile project is one of several collaborations between our IRC enrichment programs. As Art Corner's facilitator, I previously worked with Kathe and many IRC guests on a glass bottle tree sculpture for the garden, titled "The Tree of Life" by IRC guest Melea Lail.

The completed mosaics will be displayed on the front wall of the IRC above the Edible Garden and around the corner over the Memorial Garden where guests have already painted rocks in memory of loved ones lost. IRC guests can create mosaics from a variety of materials, including ceramic and porcelain tile, glass shards, seashell, marbles and paint. The beauty of this dynamic art form is not the only reason Kathe and I selected mosaics for the Art Corner. Creating a coherent composition or collage from different pieces can decrease anxiety and increase feelings of relaxation. Placing the tiles in a pattern allows you to create a sense of order in your art piece.

Anita Gilmore, Greensboro Voice correspondent, stopped by the Art Corner to create her mosaic: "Reflections of Life." Anita said, "For me, its therapy." Kate Dunnagan, an Edible Garden Intern from UNCG, said that she hasn't been this absorbed by an art project in years. "Infusing art and the beauty of nature is just another reminder of our need to protect it," said Kathe Latham. "Creating partnerships between so many gifted and skilled guests creates a sense of purpose, belonging, and of working on something larger than one self," explained Latham.

In addition to Art Corner and the Edible Garden, the IRC also offers creative writing workshops, collaborative art/writing installations such as "Storyscapes," and membership in the Artifacts Cooperative of artists.



## The Voice Wins Funding

The Greensboro Voice won funding for the paper from PICNIC (Partners In City, Neighbors In Community) at an event held on January 24th at the IRC. This is the second micro-grant given to The Voice from collaborative participatory funding where guests vote on the proposals presented by non-profits in Greensboro. The event included a picnic dinner for IRC sustainers, guests, and volunteers before the presentations. The money our streetpaper received through this democratic process will support the award to our Writer of the Month. We hope these recognitions will also encourage readings from the poetry, articles, and interviews previously published in the Greensboro Voice held at Scuppernong's Bookstore.

The first of the readings took place on February 26th in front of an audience who are interested or invested in the issue of homelessness in Greensboro. Hearing stories and poetry read aloud by homeless or formerly homeless writers enlarges the community's understanding of those experiencing homelessness. The reading

was dedicated to a Greensboro Voice staff writer, Joe Smith who recently died. Joe wrote about homelessness for the paper for almost two years, many of his articles making the front page. The recent reading mourned the loss of Joe's special voice in our newspaper, along with a celebration of his life.

The money from the PICNIC event allows the Greensboro Voice to provide a modest award to the Greensboro Voice Writer of the Month for their written work. Many writers on the staff are displaced persons who describe a sense of isolation and lack of self-esteem that writing for the paper allows them to overcome. The written work by the staff also allows both a sense of accomplishment as well as a launching pad for re-entry to society.

The next reading of the Greensboro Voice will be on April 9th at Scuppernong's Bookstore. The event is free and open to those who want to celebrate the stories and poetry from the writers of The Voice. At this reading we will announce our first Writer of the Month award.

### Mission Statement

Our newspaper aims to serve as a vehicle for elevating voices and public discussion on issues that are not frequently covered in mainstream media outlets. These issues include homelessness, facing potential homelessness and the resources available to help those in need. This newspaper is for everyone: people experiencing homelessness, students, parents and anyone else who wants to have his or her voice heard. We hope the awareness gained from our newspaper will encourage the community to have a discussion about issues and people who are normally ignored.

### Join Our Team

Members of Greensboro's community who want to end poverty and homelessness publish The Greensboro Voice. We welcome you to our team! Meetings are held at the Interactive Resource Center on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m. The Interactive Resource Center is located at 407 E. Washington Street. Everyone is welcome at our meetings!

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## A Light in the Darkness: A Young Christian Woman

By Joe Smith

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### Rick's Story

Rick is one of the men she reaches out to. He sleeps under a bridge here in Greensboro.

Tina (with tears flowing) said:

*When it's cold out, it just breaks my heart. Rick gets up every morning and goes to work at 5:30 am at the Staff Zone. He has the drive and resilience to want to do the right thing, but he has a drinking problem. He said to me, "Miss Tina, I've been two years free from cocaine".*

*The thing I'm finding with some guys is that they have drug problems and also alcohol problems. Even though sometimes they go to rehab, their environment doesn't change. When I talk to them they want to do right; they want a good life; but they go back and do the same things over and over.*

*My prayer is for God to restore them; and the one thing I do know, if I don't know anything else, is that my God is able to do that. God gave us this earth to have dominion over it, and take care of it; but because we don't know what the Word says, we don't live our life according to the Word.*

### Terrance's Story

Terrance is a success story (so far). He called Tina last weekend, and told her he has his own apartment, and the church that has been helping him paid his deposit and a month's rent. He's out of a shelter and in the process of getting a job to maintain his apartment.

Tina:

*We are so thankful there are programs to help people like Terrance. With the*

*obstacles these men and women face, it is necessary to have somebody say, "Okay, I'm going to give you a chance, even though you messed up". People need to step out on faith and give them a second chance because the God we serve is a God of many chances.*

### Single Female Alone on the Street

**CAUTION:** In this reporter's opinion it is very, very, dangerous for a woman to be alone with a man they don't know - homeless or otherwise. I recommend women take every precaution and reach out in a group of at least two, or more.

Tina:

*When I go out there I feel happy and content. I'm not afraid because when I read my Bible, God tells us, "Do not be afraid for I am with you". I know He is with me while I'm out there.*

*You know anything can happen, but I stand with them, talk to them, cry with them, hug them, and love them. That is what Jesus would have done. We will not be afraid, "No weapon formed against me will prosper". No matter if I make my bed in hell I don't have to worry because He's there with me. I stand on that Word and meditate on it, and I know "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".*

*The Bible says to love one another, to love people like Jesus loved, to do the things they saw Him do. If we call ourselves Christians, we're to mimic what Christ does. He was among the people and He helped them and He was compassionate, and that is what we are called to do.*

*When I look around, even in the midst*

*of my own issues, and we all have our own issues and struggles, I'm still able to help someone even it's only with a kind word. When I am out and see someone who is homeless, I say "Lord, what can I do"?*

### Limited Energy in Overdrive

Tina told me she doesn't do as much as she'd like to; and like all of us, she sometimes gets overwhelmed with what she sees.

Tina:

*If I never have a house, if I never have a car, if I never have a million dollars, I simply want to do the will of God, even if I have to do it on the street corners.*

*Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) says, in part: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void" and we know this is true. God says we have to be resilient in all that we do. Yes we go out and we see, yes we go out and we give clothes, but if there is no shelter, no place to lay one's head, and no direction, and no love, no caring and no compassion, people are not going to make it.*

### Crumbling Foundations

You know Jesus is the foundation as the man of every family is the foundation. If you destroy the foundation, you destroy the family. That's why we see so many men homeless and on drugs - it's a setup.

These men are somebody's brother, son, child, uncle; they belong to somebody. They're not just anybody or nobody, they're somebody. They need to know they are not defeated.

Tina:

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and when He strengthens me I have the power to go out there and strengthen another brother. What I'm trying to do is give them hope. As a child of God I am to be obedient and do all things God commands me even though it's a struggle. We all know the spirit is strong but the body is weak. For me, in order to be able to teach anybody, I have to be submissive and be obedient and do all the things that God requires.*

### EORO Website

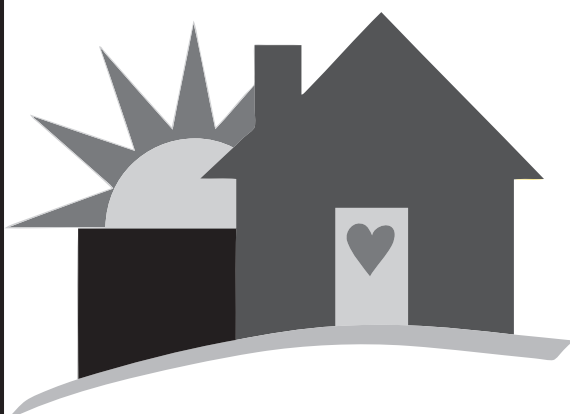
She hasn't yet gotten her EORO website setup because her main focus now is getting a car. The design of the web site is in her head, and when she starts to build it she'll have the assistance of Miss Phillips, the graphic designer on the EORO team.

### Message to Greensboro/Relationships

This journey isn't about religion - it's about relationships. It's about coming together and building a relationship with somebody who's less fortunate than we are whatever their situation may be. We're not to judge anyone, we're supposed to be there as a community.

The city of Greensboro is rich in resources, rich in love, and offers a lot of good things. We are the glue that holds the communities together; but at the same time, we have to be the light that shines brightly to overcome any darkness.

If you have any comments for Tina, send an email to the Greensboro Voice and we will try to pass it on to her.



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The Interactive Resource Center assists people who are homeless, recently homeless or facing homelessness reconnect with their own lives and with the community at large.



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## Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

By Joe Smith



Ryan Wiese, a social worker at the IRC. has a bachelor's in Sociology and has worked in the substance abuse and mental health field since 2001. He worked for alcohol and drug services for 5 years and for the Institute for Family Health Services for 6 years. Currently he's been working on his Social Work Degree and is in his last year, of that program. His final internship is at the Interactive Resource Center.

### How he got interested in social work

Ryan:

*When I was a kid growing up It was important to my parents that we kids volunteer and I got to liking working with people My mom had several sisters. We always went over and helped them with things like yard work. We also got involved in community projects. I joined the cub scouts and they promote civic duty.*

### How He Became Interested in Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Ryan recently went to a Health Care Summit. Churches in the community talked about the needs of their participants. They were focused on Maslow's Needs and stressed that everything in Maslow's needs is interrelated. While this set of needs applies to everyone, this theory is particularly important to understand the homeless.

### What are Maslow Needs?

Abraham Maslow was a psychologist who formulated his theory in 1943, and published a book about it in 1954. He said a higher need cannot be fulfilled until the need below it is completely fulfilled, and the person does not have to worry about it on a daily basis. This article focuses on the homeless in relationship to these needs..

Here is an explanation of needs using the diagram - starting at the bottom:

**Basic Needs:** A homeless person needs to focus on the lowest level of needs to stay alive. Without food, shelter or warmth they are in danger. They need something to eat and a place to keep warm. The needs include water, going to the bathroom, sleep, and physical contact.

**Safety:** This is the next higher need. Shelter is safety from the weather. But many times they hang out in crime ridden and dangerous areas. They need to have their money and keep it safe. They need safe jobs and on the job insurance. They need health care. They need to have a way to protect their belongings from theft.

**Friends:** The third level is a need to feel loved. Friendship could lead to the creation of a family. But in homelessness it is hard to support a family. They may find friends in a work group. Some street friendships can

reinforce negative behavior, but sometimes they offer a form of protection.

**Respect:** Without an education, or a career, it's difficult to have a high social status, or feel respected. Homeless are more concerned with basic needs, not their reputation. It's hard to have a sense of achievement without a job, friends, or family.

**Complete:** A homeless person is unlikely to feel complete, like they have achieved the best of their dreams.

Ryan:

*I thought to myself; these people are right. Not being able to get food is related to food and care, and keeping yourself well. If you can't access food, and you're focused on that, and that's what you struggle for, then you're not going to be worried about access to health care. If you're health fails you're in the hospital. "It's a upsetting to me that there are people that don't have the very basics".*

### Trickle Up and Trickle Down

Ryan:

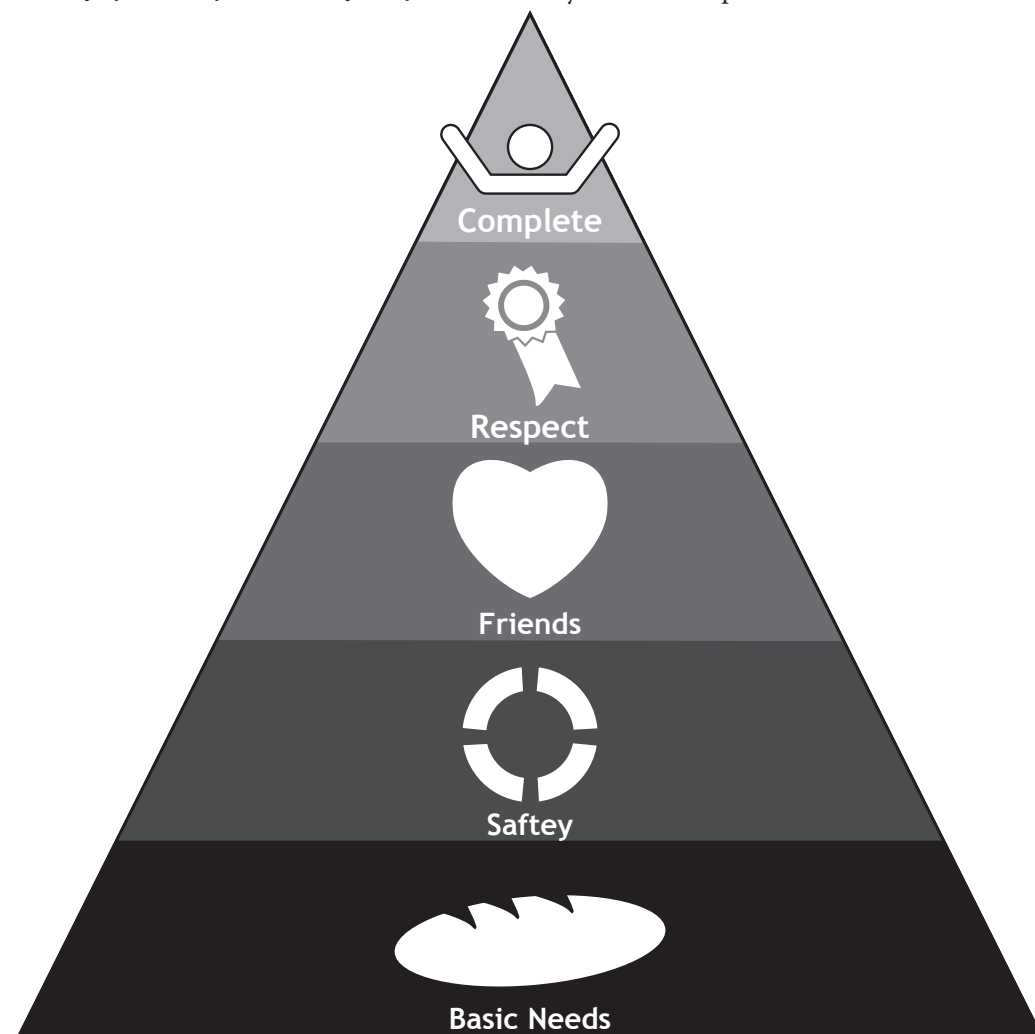
*I think of Maslow's hierarchy as working from the bottom up (trickle up). You need the basics, you need safety, and you need family and*

*friends. If you didn't have a support system, to me, I would feel hopeless. I think a lot of people that come to the IRC feel hopeless. It seems getting out of the basics and safety transitioning further is nearly impossible unless you have those basic needs.*

*One thing I heard around the IRC is that it's hard to get connected back into society if you're homeless. Some of them tell me that it's a big thing. I ask some of the people; can't you eat at your parents or can you go to your friend's house? A lot of them can't. They have burned their bridges. So I can also see falling into homelessness could be a trickle down sort of thing with family being higher than basics. Looking back to 2008; some people lost their home and/or they lost their job. The family broke up, which is another example of trickle down.*

### The IRC is Answering Maslow's Needs

Going to a place like the IRC is a good place to start The IRC provides a mailbox and that's a form of connection. For example if I live in a tent I'm disconnected, and if I want to get a job, it provides a mailing address. It provides a place to shower and wash your clothes. You can you can have voice messages left and retrieve them, and you can use a phone.





## Pancake Day for Habitat for Humanity

by Costella Graham

Ryan:

*These little things are huge, and provides a steppingstone for the basics. You can take a job skills class and perform a mock interview. The IRC doesn't have everything but they have the basics. That gives someone an option to fulfill some of Maslow's needs. There's people at the IRC that have been through homelessness, and they're here to give back - that builds community.*

### Training the homeless on Mental Dysfunctions (The Safety Need)

Through training and awareness homeless persons can begin to understand their issue(s) and seek help. Seeking help through counseling and medication opens the possibility of building friendships. It also lowers the probability of danger to the homeless themselves and others, thereby increasing their safety.

Ryan:

*Sometimes the social work team picks a topic we want to train people about and create a game. All 14 social workers have to make up a game. The social workers put together a flier to give out describing our games. At the morning meeting we ask people if they want to be part of our training. We grab a room and begin.*

*So I made up a game called, "When the Going Gets Tough the Tough Get Going". It is a matching game and the topic is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is set up like a trivia game. At the beginning of training I taught everyone about PTS and I gave everyone a pretest. Then I started the game and the winners got prizes. Part of this was a learning experience for me to be a good trainer. It also trained the homeless about the subject.. So the IRC has had a game a day for the past two weeks*

*We've done training on anxiety disorder, self-esteem and so forth. We're going to repeat the training with new topics in the spring.*

### Final Thoughts

Life is very complex. This discussion on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is not going to solve homelessness by itself. Losing one of the needs, on any level, is not necessarily going to cause a person to become homeless. Neither is it always true that providing a single need will get someone off the street. The article is meant to help us understand some basics that could lead to homelessness, and areas we should consider trying to provide, individually and organizationally, getting the homeless back into society.



Former Interactive Resource Director (IRC) Director, Brantly Grier, invited members of the National Outreach and Wellness (NOW) Center to volunteer at the Annual West Market Street United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity Pancake Day Fund Raiser. Mr. Grier is the founder of Leap of Faith Consulting, which is an organization that provides services to other institutions and organizations. Members of the NOW Center showed up to West Market Street United Methodist Church ready to serve food to members of the community. It was a total role reversal for the members of the NOW Center Committee. Many members of the NOW Center Committee are usually standing in line waiting for food to be served to them. We happily served individuals of our community and cleaned up behind them. One member called this experience "rewarding." After our volunteer service we sat together and enjoyed all the pancakes and sausage that we could eat. We were given a tour of the West Market Street United Methodist Church and it is an AMAZING CHURCH.

This event allowed homeless individuals to reconnect with their community and experience gratification from serving food to individuals. We have a greater understanding of why individuals continue to feed the hungry and homeless.... it feels amazing to feed hungry people. We look forward to participating in the Pancake Day for Habitat next year.

## Reflections From A Public Librarian: 3 Short Vignettes

By Jonah Meyer

During one of the open-mike poetry slams I help facilitate each month at Central Library, a little over a year ago, something the youngest participant present shared really struck a chord not only with me, but all of us, it seemed, gathered in the space at the public library. I can now only paraphrase her poignant elementary-school age voice, but it was something to the effect of:

*One day, you say you don't have anything to give to help the homeless man on the street corner.*

*The next day, you wake up and you are the homeless man on the corner.*

Truth, shot like an arrow. From the mouths of babes.

### Sense of Accomplishment

Another story that comes to mind is that of a young man we had for some time been 'rooting for,' as he visited the library, day after uncertain day, like so many others of our brothers and sisters - our fellow human beings - applying online for yet another job, working hours to tweak his resume, to customize it to the variety of job types for which he was applying. And just this past New Year's, he was so happy to share with many of us, the staff down

here on the first floor at Central Library, the fantastic news that he had in fact - and finally! - been offered a job. A real job. With benefits.

And how could we blame his almost giddy, heartfelt sense of accomplishment? We, too, were delighted for this most patient and persistent, hardworking and humbling young man.

"It's with an accounting department," he related, huge smile to accompany such great news, just last week, as he walked past me at the Circulation Desk. "And you know, it has benefits, a real benefit package. And you remember accounting is my background! I'm actually back to doing what I love, again."

After just a moment's pause - in which he and I seemed to be delighting in our own small way the celebration that occurs when good things actually do happen for good people - he added, "Yeah, it's nice to be able to just come in the library here to check my email and relax and what not. But not to have to get back into that daily grinding machine that it was when I was applying for all those jobs, you remember. And having all those interviews and uncertainty.

"The stress," he continued, "it's just no longer here, all over my face, ya know. It's no lon-

ger eating me alive." And that was followed by a nice, long sigh of contented reflection.

"I am so happy for you. We all are, you know."

### 'Soldier Inside'

Many of our poetry slams have brought in - and up to the mike - fellow Greensboro individuals who are experiencing homelessness. One friendly regular whose smiling face we see in here often shared reflections - totally off-the-cuff - on what it's like to be living on the streets. The daily struggles. The assumptions of stereotype.

"You can take anything of mine," he declared to the attentive crowd, "but not my dignity. You can steal any of my few meager possessions, but not my pride. Don't belittle me ... I have a 'soldier inside' me. That's how I survive. My soldier inside."

Needless to say, after his improvised spoken word piece the entire room - full of people from various walks of life - erupted into applause and a standing ovation.

For the pen is indeed mightier, yes?

*Jonah works at the Central downtown branch of the Greensboro Public Library. A freelance writer, he passionately believes "everyone has a story to tell."*

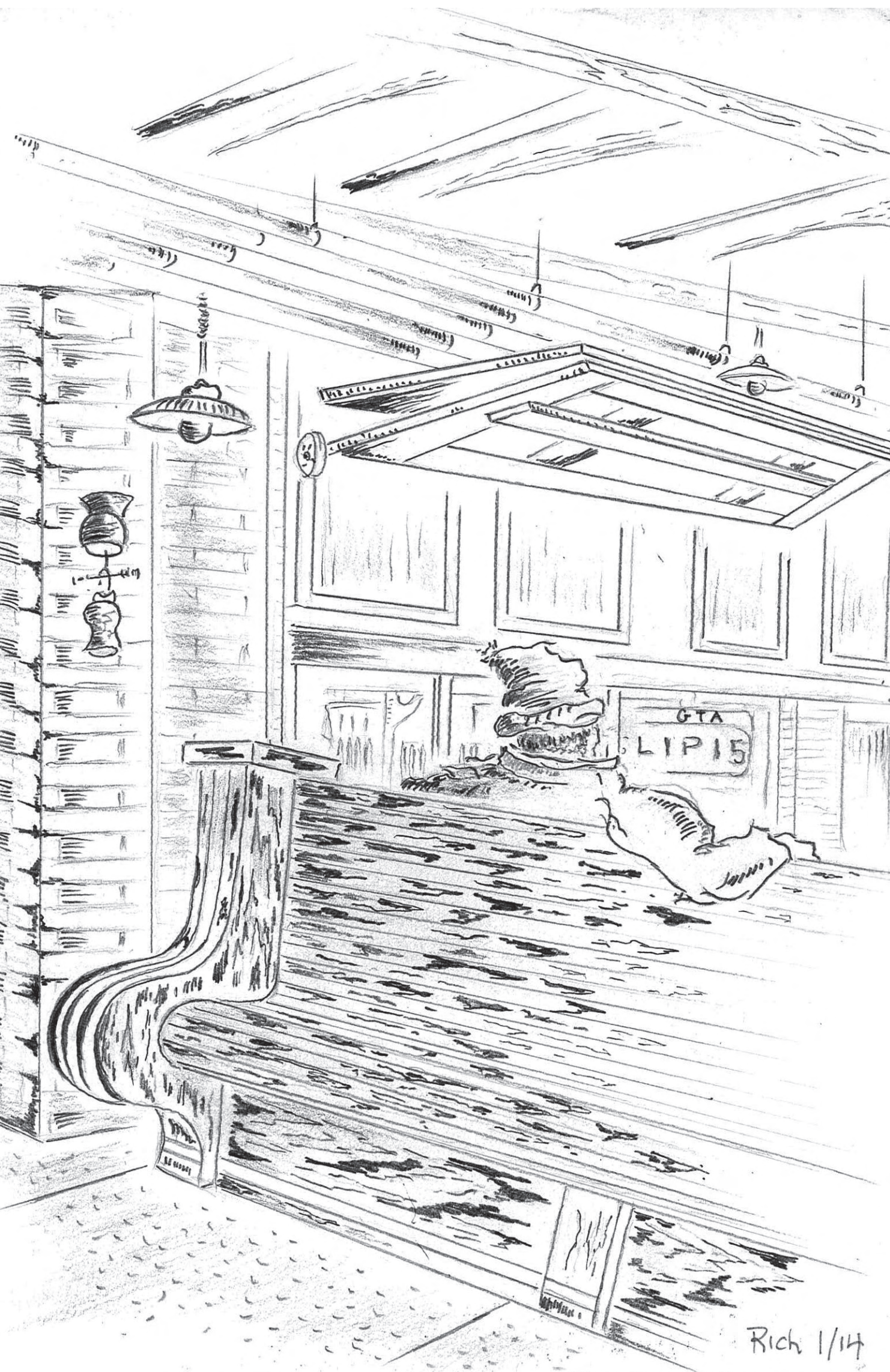


## “For the Love of Art” Art S An interview with artist, J

Jerry Rich is the newest member of the Artifacts Cooperative. He is known for his black and white ink drawings, but is exploring other mediums. Jerry participated in Artifacts' annual Valentine's Day event on Friday, February 7th at the Interactive Resource Center. Goldberg, Artifacts is one of several enrichment programs offered by the center, including creative writing, and gardening programs. Jerry was working in Art Corner, an open studio, and kind, Jerry answered my questions while meandering through the book.

“It was great,” Jerry said of the Artifacts show. He is a schoolteacher who stopped by his art table. Jerry was looking over his flock, and said, “That’s like me.” He was looking from a distance, because he had watched his child move by Jerry’s story. “I cried, and then she cried.” Artifacts Cooperative at first. “I thought they were a family.” He is excited to participate in the next show with his wife, Angel, who is also an artist.

Artifacts shows and other IRC enrichment events give IRC artists to share their stories and artwork with the schoolteacher who spoke with Jerry, these conversations and understanding by viewing and discussing these Artifacts Cooperative member, chimed in at the end of the show. “I’d like to stay away from that.” He is excited to participate in the next show with his wife, Angel, who is also an artist.



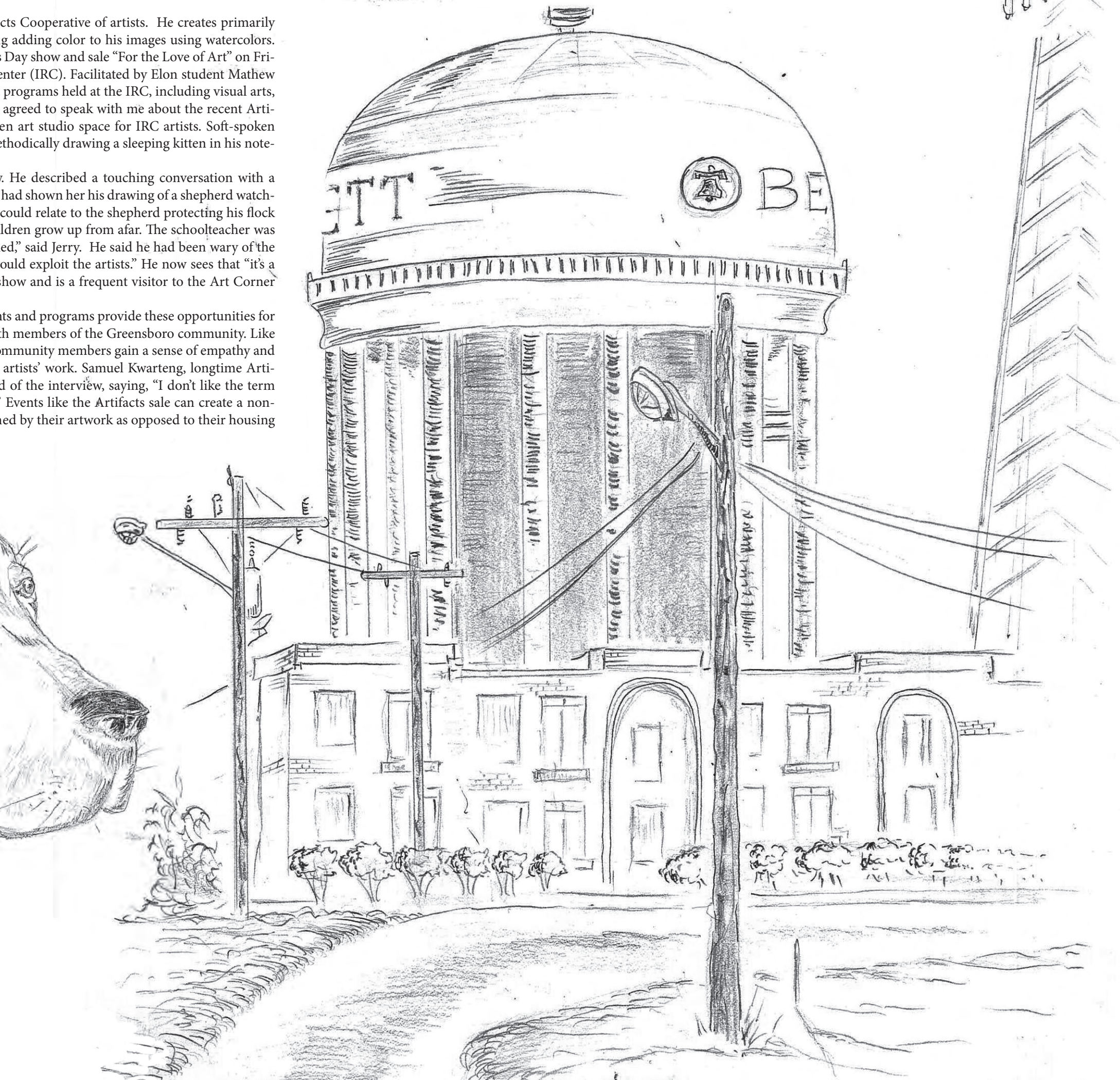


## How and Sale Jerry Rich

arts Cooperative of artists. He creates primarily by adding color to his images using watercolors. The Day show and sale "For the Love of Art" on Friday at the IRC. Facilitated by Elon student Mathew programs held at the IRC, including visual arts, Jerry agreed to speak with me about the recent Artifacts art studio space for IRC artists. Soft-spoken Jerry methodically drawing a sleeping kitten in his note-

book. He described a touching conversation with a woman who had shown her his drawing of a shepherd watching his flock of children grow up from afar. The schoolteacher was moved," said Jerry. He said he had been wary of the possibility of being exploited by the artists. He now sees that "it's a show and is a frequent visitor to the Art Corner

events and programs provide these opportunities for all members of the Greensboro community. Like many community members gain a sense of empathy and appreciation for artists' work. Samuel Kwarteng, longtime Artifacts member of the interview, saying, "I don't like the term 'art sale.' Events like the Artifacts sale can create a non-commercial space for their artwork as opposed to their housing





## Quincy Jones received the 2014 Alston -Jones International Civil and Human Rights Award

by Clatette Sutton



Clatette Sutton, writer, for the "Greensboro Voice Newspaper" poses with the Legendary Quincy Jones at the 2014 International Civil Rights Center and Museum Gala commemorating February 1, 1960.

It was a crisp cold morning on February 1, 2010. The streets of Greensboro were covered with snow. The city had cleared the snow filled streets downtown so people could attend the grand event for the opening and dedication of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

The ICRM is the site of the Sit -In movement in Greensboro where four brave men from NC A& T sat down at Woolworth's lunch counter. One member Franklin McCain died in January and the event was in memory of him and I was given a ticket to attend because I spoke after Franklin McCain in his last speech in Greensboro in August 2013 to get the city to give \$1.5 million to the ICRM to keep the doors open. I wanted to relate the sit -in movement to the homeless movement.

Quincy Jones, the Godfather of Music, has known his trials and tribulations. Jones could have been homeless after a loss during his young adulthood. In 1959,

his band went bust in Europe and the tour ended and he had to send everyone home and this one point made him come close to committing suicide, but he didn't. Jones has known trials and tribulations. A friend, Irving Green, stepped in and offered Jones a job to keep abreast. He sent money for them to eat and get home.

Jones has been friends with the great Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr. and Jessie Jackson and has embraced the Civil Rights Movement, and was organizer and composer of "We are the World" song with Michael Jackson and many other artists.

In conclusion, if we can stand up for Homelessness in a democratic way, many people's lives will be changed like Franklin McCain changed the world and Quincy Jones changed music. As the homeless pass the ICRM, stop by, they have self-guided tours and see how other people changed the course of America and you can too.

*Bill and Anna Heroy*

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## Rising to the Occasion

by Ricco Slade

It's been quite a journey. A wild roller coaster to say the least. 25 and homeless. Sad to say the last place I called home was prison. After being released December 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, reality set in. There was no one to depend on. Nowhere to go. I fell into a great depression that I forced myself to hide behind a smile.

"I got this." I would tell myself.

"I don't need anyone, anyway." But in reality, everybody needs somebody.

I must confess that my pride stagnated my growth and held me back from receiving the necessary resources I needed to survive my homelessness. It was hard to accept that I was homeless. So I was stuck in denial. I floated from place to place, living with different people. I gave myself a false sense of security. I always made myself at home in someone else's residence until they got fed up with me, and decided to kick me out.

It was a vicious cycle where I always

ended up where I started. Back on the streets. I realized that I would not survive depending on others. Living off of them to sustain my own life. The fact of that matter was that I was scared to live life for myself. I was lost without a plan. I was allowing time to pass me by.

As I sit here now, and actually become aware on my surroundings and situation, I come to the conclusion that I don't want to be here forever. I feel like I have a greater purpose in life. As a man, I have responsibilities. I have a six-year old daughter that is depending on me to be a father. I have a mother, whose heart has been broken by my past actions. I cannot continue to fail.

As the chains break, and my eyes open, my drive to succeed increases. There are so many people that love to see me down, but more importantly, there are so many people that need me to rise to the occasion.



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## Can We Re-open Our Doors

by Clatette Sutton

It was a warm Saturday morning on February 22, 2014. Concerned members of the Greensboro Community met at the United Way to strategically plan the re-opening of Joseph's House.

Many organizations have undergone redevelopment to the budgets cuts in the government and foundations. Joseph's House, a safe haven for males between the ages of 16-25 years old closed its doors in July 2013. Phone calls continue to come in to the much-needed organization. Many youth are left homeless in the cold streets and the rigid cement of side walks and underpasses.

Although they may be 18, many youth are faced with homelessness because of family disagreements or having to provide for themselves after graduation. There were 310 documented homeless high school youth in 2010 ([www.joesphshouse.net](http://www.joesphshouse.net)). Many live on the streets, stay at friends' houses, or try to find other shelter.

One such program that helped with that age group was Joseph's House on 2703 East Bessemer Avenue. This was a vision for Reverend Nancy Mclean. She said that she encountered a lot of trials with her son. It was through him that Joseph's House was established. It is a structured program and house for young males up to 25 years old.

When most young people are told to hit the door, there's another avenue open. That is, if space is available. Like many shelters, space is limited and there are waiting lists. So, to the young, if you must hit the door, remember that there may be a Joseph's House near you with extra funding.

Joseph's House is seeking new board

members and people committed to working to help solve the problems. In the next few months Joseph's current board members have made plans to recruit new board members and provide oversight of the redevelopment of its program since the shelter part of Joseph's House has closed.

If you are aging out of foster care, there are programs available also, please take advantage of them. Most foster kids are released at 18 years of age, or because they can have access to their own funds. Youth from foster care face several issues. The Children's Aid Society reports: "Already burdened by their childhood experiences of abuse, neglect or abandonment, these young people leave the foster care system without the knowledge, skills, experience, attitudes, habits, and relationships that will enable them to be productive and connected members of society." They are not equipped to find gainful employment. Many have untreated physical and mental health needs, and no health insurance. Most have no housing options. Some have no immigration status. And none have had the benefit of parental role models to transmit the expertise needed to negotiate the trials of living on one's own.

Without family or any other dependable adults to rely on for assistance, these young people are, not surprisingly, at high risk of homelessness, joblessness, illness, incarceration, welfare dependency, early childbearing, and sexual and physical victimization. According to White House Task Force studies of young people discharged to themselves in different states: "12-30% struggled with homelessness; 40-63% did not complete high

school; 25-55% were unemployed; those employed had average earnings below the poverty level, and only 38% of those employed were still working after one year; 30-62% had trouble accessing health care due to inadequate finances or lack of insurance; 32-40% were forced to rely on some form of public assistance and 50% experienced extreme financial hardship; 31-42% were arrested; 18-26% were incarcerated; and 40-60% of the young women were pregnant within 12-18 months of leaving foster care."

As a result, youth aging out of the foster care system are becoming homeless at disconcerting rates. Anywhere from 12-36% of young people transitioning out of the system experience homelessness (Cook, 1991; Courtney & Pilivian, 1998; Reilly, 2003). As many as 3 in 10 of the nation's homeless adults have a history in foster care (Roman & Wolfe, 1995). Young people aging out of public systems are confronted with critical housing needs that, left unaddressed, have the potential to cause irreparable harm.

In an effort to assist youth in their transitions to adulthood, the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 established the John Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (Chafee Program), allowing states more funding and flexibility to help young people transition to adulthood. States received increased funding and were permitted to extend Medicaid eligibility to former foster children up to age 21.

Additionally, the Chafee program allows states to use up to 30% of their federal funds to provide room and board services to youth 18-21 years of age. This includes young people who move into independent-living pro-

grams, age out, or lose touch with the child welfare agency and then return for assistance before reaching 21 (National Foster Care Awareness Project, 2000). ([www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org))

### Other programs available:

In North Carolina, **Seven Homes** is a licensed child placing agency providing traditional family foster care, medically fragile therapeutic foster care, and adoption services for children in North Carolina. Seven Homes has offices located in High Point, Greenville, and soon the western region of North Carolina. Seven Homes provides care for and works with children and families throughout the State of North Carolina. One of their programs called Independent Living can help youth aging out of Foster Care.

### Independent Living:

Seven Homes also works with less unfortunate children that do not have a permanent family and cannot find an adoptive family. These children will turn 18 and age out of the Social Services system. Annually it is estimated that 25,000 children nationally will age out of the system without a permanent home or family to help support them. To help children through this period in their lives Seven Homes provides independent living skills training and continued support after they leave care. ([7homes4kids.org](http://7homes4kids.org)).

So if you need assistance, go to the computer lab at the Interactive Resource Center (IRC) or your local library and check out these resources as the Greensboro Office of Joseph's House undergoes changes.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration

### "I am King"

by Costella Graham

Be Self Sufficient Today is a non-profit based out of Greensboro, North Carolina that walks along the side of individuals on their journey to recovery. On January 16, 2014 the Organization held its annual "I am King" Banquet. The "I am King" Banquet was sponsored by a Cricket Franchise Owner Moayad Younes and hosted at Harlem Bistro by the Owner, Clarence Boston. The coordinator of the "I am King" event, Ms. Costella Graham, selected 10 homeless men that had not eaten meals in such fine restaurants as the Harlem Bistro in many years. Several of the men arrived to the Bistro earlier than the coordinator and the event sponsor. The men were greeted and welcomed with open arms by Clarence Boston. One of the men said he was treated like a man and not treated like a homeless man

and it felt great. One man said he had never been to a restaurant like the Harlem Bistro and was grateful that he had been selected.

Mr. Moayad Younes, a Cricket Franchise Owner was able to attend the banquet and ate dinner at the table with our homeless peers. While providing social wellness and enjoying great food the group also engaged in meaningful discussions about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The group had a wide range of thoughts and feelings about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr "I have a Dream Speech."

Thank you to the men that attended this magical celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and a special thanks to Mr. Moayad Younes and Mr. Clarence Boston. Thank you for making our peers feel like "KINGS".

## Ships

by Isiahm Wardlow

what would we see, holding a mirror to our relationships  
you're scared and they're lost, that's a hesitation-ship  
we wait so patient, then we move in meditation-ship  
she's going forward, he's going backward that's a limitation-ship  
if I pretend and you pretend, that's an imitation-ship  
you can see it, but they don't that's hallucination-ship  
he knows it, but she don't that's an infatuation-ship  
I wonder why a lack of communication-ship  
look exactly like a lost in translation-ship  
our business is not they business, that's the start of an instigation-ship  
if you looking you gone find it, that's an investigation-ship  
she got the kids, the house, a new spouse that's a visitation-ship  
I can't stay away, they need to get away, praying for a vacation ship  
he still waiting for her to come back, she on an emancipation-ship  
the timing ain't right for you to leave, situation-ship  
it's too simple for them to understand, our complication-ship  
the same story every single day, procrastination-ship  
here today, gone tomorrow, overnight sensation-ship  
if R is for redundant why don't we lose it and get elation-ships  
it's messed up, but we work to fix it, that's an alteration-ship  
you don't care what the world say about 'em, dedication-ship  
she use trust to make us a better us, that's a motivation-ship  
every ship a different trip, I pray to God this one don't leave us sea sick



## Untitled

by Ricco Slade

Focus young man focus!!  
 Its time to grow;  
 Its time to blow.  
 Everything in the past must be released;  
 Your passions and ambitions must be unleashed.  
 Reach for the sky;  
 broaden your mind to obtain a natural high.  
 Live out your dreams, and accomplish your goals.  
 Then watch how the rest of the story unfolds.

## Three Landays

by Ricco Slade

Mental Explosions Come From Volatile Emotions  
 To Live To Die; To Love To Hate  
 What Is Your Destiny, What is Your Fate.

Rain Pours From The Sky As My Heart Cry  
 They Say Love Is Pain, I Ask Why?

Man I Shouldn't Been Drinking  
 I Threw Up My Heart, What Was I Thinking?

*Ricco Slade Made It*

## Sixteen Jars of Clay

By KD Spigner



Life threw a curveball at us all and we all have different stories of how we arrived at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House Shelter. This is the story of sixteen women living “dorm style” striving to rebuild lives lost and broken. We are a diverse group who make up many of the races and cultures of our community and subsequently the world. This is a story of survival and support.

While our stories may differ we all have one thing in common, we now live together in what seems rote, this regiment of life we lead with rules to follow, even as grown women, and in order to avoid the chaos which is inevitable in what could be a stressful situation, we learn to accept the challenges involved with living in a structured institution.

We adapt our days to accommodate scheduled meals as we go about our individual business, but, it is during the evenings when we are tested as we trudge up the stairs at night going over the events of the day in our minds, featuring unsuccessful job searches

and seeking out resources to assist with ending homelessness and we are depressed with the idea of having to do this all again the next day - as we begin our mornings adjusting to the habits of others (some who are early birds) and we grow irritable.

We are not without our battles among one another but it is amazing how resilient we are after we argue and fuss and sometimes cuss and then we forgive and hug and pray as we really do “get it”: We are all women who are experiencing a crisis in our lives and we experience it together as we give advice, and hugs, and point out resources, and congratulate one another as we see others make it over that mountain and I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 4:7-9 (the Bible) Treasure in Jars of Clay “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

And we do it together

## Random Act of Kindness

by Keri Key

It was a mild December Sunday afternoon when my daughter and I decided to serve a small meal to the visitors at the Interactive Resource Center (IRC). We bought seven McDoubles and seven large sweet teas from McDonalds and headed to the IRC. En route, we talked about this small meal being a blessing for some and the importance of providing simple gifts if and when we can.

As we stopped at a busy stop light in downtown Greensboro, we saw a homeless woman smiling and holding a sign declaring she was homeless and hungry, but still thanked God for his blessings. My daughter and I instantly had the same idea; we were going to give her one of these hamburgers and sweet tea. Since we were at a busy intersection and the stoplight turned green, I put on my emergency signals and asked the woman if she would like what we had to offer. She was beyond pleased

and appreciative, thanking both God and us for her gift. I apologized to her that I didn't have more to offer or even French fries, but she was thrilled with what she received. As I prepared to leave the intersection that I had blocked traffic in, I looked in my rearview mirror fully expecting to see another driver yelling at me or waving a fist in anger at my direction. Instead, I was brought to tears when I saw a couple in a convertible directly behind me giving the homeless woman a container of French fries. My daughter looked back and saw the French fries being given to the woman and simply said, “Awesome.”

I recall so many emotions from that one event, but I am pleased that my daughter was able to see for herself that one person can influence others to make good choices and perform random acts of kindness that they never expected they would do that day.

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# Community Resources

SHELTER

**Christian Counseling and Wellness Center**  
*(Temporary housing & counseling services)*  
1118 Grecale Street  
336-273-8305

**Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House**  
*(Housing, food and clothing assistance)*  
305 W. Lee Street  
336-553-2665

**Greensboro Urban Ministry Pathways Housing**  
*(for families with children)*  
3517 N. Church Street  
336-271-5988

**Mary’s House**  
*(for single mothers recovering from substance abuse issues)*  
520 Guilford Avenue  
336-275-0820

**Room at the Inn of the Triad**  
*(Temporary housing for homeless, pregnant women)*  
734 Park Avenue  
336-275-0206

**Salvation Army Center of Hope**  
1311 S. Eugene Street  
336-273-5572

**Act Together Crisis Care**  
*(Youth ages 11-17)*  
1601 Huffine Mill Road  
336-375-1332

**Joseph’s House**  
*(Youth ages 18-21)*  
1600 E. Wendover Avenue  
336-389-9880  
Hotline: 336-558-1695

MEALS

**Breakfast**  
**7:00 – 8:15 a.m. at Beloved Community Center Hospitality House**  
437 Arlington Street  
336-230-0001  
Serves on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church**  
1309 Larkin Street  
336-275-4680  
Serves on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

**8:00 a.m. at Grace United Methodist**  
438 W. Friendly Avenue  
336-272-2171  
Serves on Tuesday

**Breakfast (continued)**  
**7:00 a.m. at Potter’s House**  
305 W. Lee Street  
336-271-5959  
Serves on Wednesday

**8:30 a.m. at Nu-Life Church**  
209 W. Florida Street  
336-275-3243  
Serves on Saturday

**Serves Lunch Every Day**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Potter’s House Community Kitchen**  
305 W. Lee Street  
336-271-5959

**Dinner**  
  
**2:00 Sunday Dinners**  
Center City Park  
Sponsored by Church of the Covenant, The Remnant Seekers, and Ebenezer Baptist Church

**5:00 - 6:30p SOUP Unity Christian Center**  
803 Waugh Street @ E Wendover  
336-790-8285  
Serves on Wednesday

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service & Meal**  
**New Creation Community Presbyterian Church**  
617 N. Elm Street  
336-478-4775  
Serves on Sunday

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Greensboro Central Library**  
407 E. Washington Street  
Serves on Monday

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church’s Mul-lin Life Center (arrive by 6:30 p.m.)**  
617 N. Elm Street  
336-373-0445  
Serves on Tuesday & Thursday

**6:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church**  
643 W. Lee Street  
336-379-1936  
Serves on Wednesday

**5:30 p.m. at New Birth Sounds of Thunder**  
2300 S. Elm-Eugene Street  
336-324-7902  
Serves on Friday

**4:30 p.m. at YWCA**  
1 YWCA Place  
Meal served by REAL OutreachServes on Saturday

RESOURCE CENTERS

**Family Service of the Piedmont**  
315 E. Washington Street  
336-387-6161

**The Servant Center Grocery Assistance Program**  
1312 Lexington Avenue  
336-275-8585

**Beloved Community Center**  
437 Arlington Street  
336-370-4330

**Joseph’s House Resource Center**  
1600 E. Wendover Avenue  
336-389-9880  
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Interactive Resource Center**  
407 E. Washington Street  
336-332-0824  
Open Monday through Friday  
from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Women’s Resource Center**  
628 Summit Avenue  
336-275-6090

**Sherri Denese Jackson Foundation for Domestic Violence Prevention**  
2200 East Market Street Suite B  
336-510-9292

**Malachi House II**  
3603 Burlington Road  
336-375-0900

**OTHER RESOURCES**  
**Joblink Career Center**  
303 N. Raleigh Street  
336-373-5922

**Word of Life Food Pantry**  
Call 336-517-7755  
Monday-Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Focused Sistas Outreach**  
336-501-6570 or 965-8739  
Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Goodwill Industries**  
1235 S. Eugene Street  
336-275-9801



## Community Resources

### Shiloh Baptist Church

1210 South Eugene Street  
336-272-1166  
Food Pantry open Monday through Friday  
from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Utility assistance may be available*

### RESOURCE CENTERS (continued)

#### St. Phillip AME Zion Church

1330 Ashe Street  
336-272-1301  
Clothing and Food Bank open every Wednesday  
from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### Prince of Peace Lutheran

1100 Curtis Street  
336-378-9738  
Farmers Market every other Thursday

#### St. Paul Missionary Baptist

1309 Larkin Street  
336-275-4680  
Food bank open on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Utility assistance Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### Rabbit Quarter Ministries

2904 Esco Place  
High Point, NC 27260  
336-307-0119

#### Renewal Center for Battered Wome

Brenda McGibbone, Nessbaum Ceter  
336-988-7622

## Food Banks

Food is a commodity and a necessity. Many people who are in need of food and Nutrition do have places to go. The homeless can receive meals at several places listed in the resource section and many food banks operate in Guilford County. Here is a list of the food banks in the County.

### Guilford County - Food Pantries

201 Church Avenue, High Point  
(336) 883-4127  
*This organization offers referrals and information. They partner with local churches, food banks, and pantries across the region to provide help to the needy.*

### Grocery Assistance Program

**The Servant Center**  
1312 Lexington Avenue, Greensboro  
(336) 275-8585 x310

### Triad Health Project

620 English Road, High Point  
(336) 884-4116  
*While focused on health care, a pantry is also open on site.*

### Salvation Army

812 Anthony St., Burlington  
(336) 227-5529  
*This location also serves the low income, unemployed, and struggling families in Guilford County. Various social services are offered, including a free food pantry, thrift store, clothing closet, and help for rent and bills.*

### Open Door Ministries of High Point

400 N. Centennial Street, High Point  
(336) 885-0191

### Greensboro Urban Ministry

**Emergency Assistance Program**  
305 West Lee Street, Greensboro  
(336) 553-2657  
*Call them if faced with a crisis. Numerous resources are available, including baby formula, meals for senior citizens and more.*

### Loaves & Fishes

**Christian Food Ministry, Inc.**  
509 S. Lexington Avenue, Burlington  
(336) 570-4668  
*Offers free meals, groceries, food, and government surplus items.*

Christ Wesleyan Church -  
One Harvest Food Ministries  
2400 S. Holden Road, Greensboro  
(336) 299-8062

One Harvest Food Ministries -  
Gospel Baptist Church  
5945 N. Church Street, Greensboro  
(877) 818-1778

### One Harvest Food Ministries at The Grove

3827 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro  
(336) 285-8807.  
*Site is open limited hours. Call for food and referrals.*

## Artifacts Cooperative Sale

by Keri Key

Immediately when I entered The Interactive Resource Center, I felt the lively music and laughter buzzing in the air. The energy was palpable and the creativity before me was amazing.

As I moved along the room taking in all the art, I enjoyed meeting the artists and learning about their unique styles. During my encounter with most of the artists, they were quiet and reserved, sitting behind their display tables awaiting the opportunity to share their work. They were all eager to share their pieces and answer questions. As I talked with Ricky Edwards, I mentioned to him that my daughter enjoys sketching animals and struggles with drawing people. He immediately stood up from behind the table and began teaching her step-by-step how to draw facial features. He explained that he has a passion to teach, and I as I watched him teach my daughter, I could see the light in his eyes shine a little brighter. I have no doubt he would be an excellent teacher.

I was later approached by Sam Kwartang who expelled confidence like an artist from a Manhattan Art show. He explained to me that much of his work were pieces of his life. It was intriguing to hear his story.

With so many great art pieces, I loved that the art was available on note cards. I have limited wall space and am thrilled to be able to present their art to my family members and friends with each note card I give.

I look forward to seeing future art created by these talented men and women. Until then, I am going to share their work with many others as they have shared their work and this great experience with me.

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- Printing and publishing costs
- Program costs
- Stipend for homeless and low income writers

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**The Guilford Center Information Services**  
1-800-853-5163

### Domestic Violence Line

336-273-7273

### NAMI Hotline (Mental Health Services)

336-370-4264

### United Way 211

1-888-892-1162

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