

August 2014

# Operation Reach Out

A Christian organization helping meet people's physical and spiritual needs.

**"...As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me." (Matt 25:40)**



A fun food-tasting event to benefit Operation Reach Out!

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**5:00-8:00 P.M.**

Union County Agricultural Center  
3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC

Great food from over 20 local restaurants

Silent auction

50/50 raffle

Music

Advance tickets: \$20

Children (ages 10 & under): \$10

"Feed A Friend": \$20

(Purchase a ticket to be given to someone in need!)

To purchase tickets

or to be a part of Taste of Union, visit [www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org), or email

[tasteofunion@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofunion@gmail.com), or call (704) 289-4237.

(All tickets purchased online will be available at the "will call" table the evening of the event.)

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor for Taste of Union!



## Nourishing Body & Soul

Daily Bible Study & Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

Thank you to the following churches/organizations for providing lunches during July:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Blacks Memorial                | Shiloh Advent                      |
| Union Methodist                | Prospect UMC                       |
| Weddington UMC                 | Waxhaw UMC                         |
| Lakeview Baptist               | Bethlehem UMC                      |
| Memorial UMC                   | Siler Presbyterian                 |
| Essence of the Cross           | Mt. Springs/Care Club              |
| First Baptist Church of Monroe | First Baptist Church of Weddington |
| Trinity/Roanoke Baptist        | New Salem Baptist Church           |

## Reaching Out

During the month of July...

- ◆ We served over 550 lunches to those in the community needing a meal and companionship.
- ◆ Our food pantry (Joseph's Pantry) gave food boxes to 109 families, providing food for 148 adults, 68 children, & 72 seniors.

**ORO is all about meeting people where they are in life's circumstances.**

**Last month that included:**

- \* giving gas money to a family living in their van so they could run air conditioner to cool off at night.
- \* giving a fan to an elderly client
- \* helping someone who couldn't read/write very well complete a food stamp verification form
- \* helping a diabetic man with his co-pay to get diabetic medicine
- \* providing lunch items for a formerly-homeless diabetic man who recently got a job
- \* helping a young mom get water reconnected in her home so home would be in compliance with DSS rules
- \* helping troubleshoot an 80-year-old's miscommunication with Duke Energy so that she wouldn't be disconnected
- \* providing a bicycle baby seat from Finders Keepers to a man whose replacement bicycle (after his old one was stolen) did not have a baby seat, which he uses to carry items

**Operation Reach Out is 100% supported by proceeds from Finders Keepers and by donations from individuals. If you'd like to be a part of what we do, either by volunteering or making a donation, please go to [www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org) or call 704-289-4237.**

### Operation Reach Out

1308 Miller Street  
P.O. Box 403  
Monroe NC 28111

Phone: 704-289-4237

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

### Finders Keepers Resale Store

800 Skyway Drive  
Monroe NC 28110

Hours: Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm  
Sat. 9am-2pm

Donations appreciated! Drop off, or schedule a pick-up, call 704-289-4237

Website: [www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org)

Email: [opreachout@aol.com](mailto:opreachout@aol.com)

### Staff

Deb Stein—Director of Operations  
Donna Vancil—Intake Clerk  
Pastor Eddie Williams—Counselor  
David Axley—Finders Keepers  
Henry Kilgo—Driver  
Calvin Kilgo—Joseph's Pantry

### Board of Directors

Linda Hastings (president)  
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### Joseph's Pantry Food Needs:

Rice	Ramen noodles
Canned fruit	Potatoes
Tuna fish	Onions
Cereal	Apples/oranges
Peanut butter	Dry milk (1-qt. pkg)
Soups	Condensed milk
Mac 'n cheese	Spaghetti
Canned veggies	Spaghetti sauce
Canned meats	Pasta
Canned chili	Dry beans and canned beans
Oatmeal	canned beans
Pickles	Canned beef stew
Saltine crackers	Vienna sausages
Spaghetti-o's	

Food may be dropped off at Operation Reach Out, 1308 Miller St. in Monroe. Or call 704-289-4237 for pick up! Watch for other announced drop-off sites throughout the year!