

Dear Friends:

*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. (Prov 11:25)*

This scripture teaches us the value of a generous giver! Christ has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others. During the most difficult times, this nation has come together and reached out to areas that have been devastated by hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. Harvey and Irma have packed a one-two punch, and people need our help. Please give to those who are reaching out to help those in need. Your giving will be given back in more ways than you can imagine.

Blessings,

James Sessoms  
Executive Director

## **HELP FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS**

John & Tammy Case trucking company  
Trailer will be located at Shops at Nottingham (behind Hampton Inn)

**Tuesday, Sept 12 through Saturday, Sept 16**

**Open 10am-1pm and 3pm-6:30pm**

Collecting clothing, pillows, blankets, bedding, cleaning supplies, diapers, animal food, and water.

### **From our Assistant Director:**

I recently was reading a devotion on serving. Galatians 5:13 reminds us that we are to serve one another humbly in love. As I witness the daily activities at Operation Reach Out, I see restaurants, individuals, and churches serving lunch each day

to those needing a meal; I see canned food, clothing, furniture, household items being brought in to share with someone who is without; I see bags being filled with personal hygiene items to help someone who can't afford basic things that we so often take for granted; I see monetary donations coming in to support our operations and special projects.

For all the ways you have served, thank you! For those who are currently not involved, I would encourage you to talk to your church, family, friends, or group about becoming involved in our ministry--financially, tangibly, through service, and with prayer.

October 7th is our 9th annual benefit to raise money for our ministries--Taste 2017. (See info below) October is also our Throw in the Towel project. Join us as we collect gently-used towels, linens, and bedding. November will be "Harvest Time," a time to collect nonperishable items for our food pantry.

Operation Reach Out can only be as great as those who support us, and God calls us all to do something.

In Service!

Care Steele  
Assistant Director

## **TASTE 2017**

**Saturday, October 7th**

**5:30-8:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

## **302 E. Windsor St in Monroe**

**TITLE SPONSOR:** Tyson Foods

**TICKETS** on sale NOW. Only **\$30** per person

Purchase online at [www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org)

At Finders Keepers (800 Skyway Dr in Monroe)

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

### **PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS/CATERERS:**

Java Jeff Coffee & Tea Co.

Stone Table

Jefferson St Deli

Chick fil-A

Olive Garden

Bisonte Pizza

Kate Clyde's Catered Creations

Papa Murphy's Pizza

Pig-N-Vittles

Hathaway's Chicken

Mario's Italian Restaurant

Buffalo Wild Wings

Chokh Di Noodle House

Fox's Alley Bowling, Bar, & Grill

Bruster's Real Ice Cream

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Carolina Cake Artistry

Sweet Frog

Mainely Cupcakes

### **SPONSORS:**

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The Union County Weekly

First Presbyterian Church  
Obsborne Paper & Packing (Waxhaw)  
Hargett & Sons Trucking  
Union Power Cooperative  
Union County Democratic Party  
Friends of Operation Reach Out (group of anonymous donors)  
Stepp Law Group, PLLC  
Renovate It  
City of Monroe  
Vanguard

### **LIVE MUSIC**

Brian McCarn-One Man Band and Carolyn Munn

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Over 50 silent auction items to bid on! (Cash, debit, credit accepted)

### **Thank You's**

...to the Weddington UMC Men's Group for the fall garden they prepared and planted so that ORO will have fresh vegetables for those in need.

...to the Wingate track team that painted all of our outbuildings during the United Way Day of Caring.

...to all those groups and individuals who provided lunch for our Bible study friends last month.

...to the ladies from Mineral Springs UMC who spent a day sorting clothes.

...to Metrolina Christian Academy for the food collection they had at a track meet.

...to Pastor Eric Lane from Mineral Springs UMC for leading Bible study.

...to the faithful volunteers at Finders Keepers: Deanna, Susie, Diana, Christina, Carlene, Carla, Lucille, and Beth.

...to the generous support of sponsors, restaurants, and silent auction donors for our upcoming Taste 2017.

Have a blessed week!



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