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# KING OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Help Given From "Neighbors to Neighbors"*

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## A NOTE FROM MIKE

*By Mike Culler, KOM Executive Director*

Hello friends and neighbors! The late country comedian, Jerry Clower, wrote a book once entitled *Ain't God Good!* In the book amidst his country humor, Jerry talked about the goodness and benevolence of God, and of the multitude of blessings He pours out on all His creation. We see that so many times here at KOM. Your donations of food, housewares, clothing and other essentials, in addition to your financial support allows us to help so many of our neighbors who need a hand up. And regardless of how hard we might try, we can never out give Him! So thank you, dear folks, for all you do to help us.

Alan Shawn Feinstein has for the 14<sup>th</sup> year issued his challenge to proportionally provide up to \$1,000,000.00 of his money to help feed the hungry in this country. This will be our third year of participation in this campaign and with your help, we will pass last year's total of over \$11,000.00 in money and food donations received. For every pound of food and every dollar given to us in this challenge, he will match it up to \$1.00 per pound or dollar contributed. If you are donating money, your check has to indicate it is the "FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE" donation. His letter is included in this newsletter.

The Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America conducted their annual "Scouting for Food" on February 11<sup>th</sup>. This year we had 12 Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs working together to bring us a total of 7,861 pounds of food and personal care items – what a blessing! Way to go Scouts!

Recently, Jane Morgan Smith organized and conducted a fundraising dinner with 48 couples in attendance. Their donations for the meal, plus donations from several organizations brought us almost \$2,100 to help fund the Backpack Program to feed hungry children. Jane spoke of a story that has inspired her and given her a burden to help feed the hungry. I am including that in our newsletter as well. Please see [Sleeping With Bread](#).

It is such a wonderful blessing and honor to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers in an organization that has the support of such a large part of this community, working together to help those in need. Thank you, friends and neighbors for your support. God is good, **all** the time: and **all** the time, God is good! We thank Him for each of you!

## The Little Blue Star

*By Carolyn Harbour, KOM Board Chairperson*

"Thud" was the sound of something hitting the hardwood floor behind me. I turned around and saw my little two-year-old sister lying on her back beside the couch. I scooped her up in my arms, gave her a hug and sat her on my knee. She seemed a little confused. I was reminded of a comic book account of a bump on the head causing stars to orbit around the head of the injured person. So, I asked her "Are you alright? Do you see stars?" "Yes, isn't that little blue one cute" was her reply. She tried her best to make me see the blue star as she pointed in the air and smiled. She was too small to be making up the story but what was clear and in living color to her was invisible to me. The star existed for her even though it was impossible for me to see. Aren't we all like my little sister sometimes? We expect everyone to see exactly what we see. We do not realize that the circumstances of our lives may cause us to view things much differently. Some of the clients I have interviewed at King Outreach Ministry have experienced hunger, sickness, loneliness, abandonment, homelessness, abuse, neglect and torture. These clients try to help me to see the impact of the circumstances on their lives. I know it exists; even if I have not seen it myself. The Holy Bible tells us in Luke 3:11, "If you have two coats," He replied, "give one to the poor. If you have extra food, give it away to those who are hungry." At King Outreach Ministry we are entrusted to distribute the food and clothing donations we receive. We make our decisions based on the information we receive from the client, the Department of Social Services and other help agencies. We do not know all the circumstances of every case but we do our utmost to do God's will and let Him be the judge of the actions of our clients.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Deodorant, Bath Soap, Detergent  
Diapers –especially sizes 4, 5, & 6; pull-ups too!  
Feminine sanitary products  
Personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

## OTHER NEEDS

Good used furniture for our Thrift Shop  
Good used linens & curtains for our Thrift Shop  
Good clean blankets  
Household items (dishes, flatware, pots & pans)

### Electronic Newsletter Distribution

In order to be environmentally friendly and more cost efficient, King Outreach Ministry is using email to distribute our newsletter electronically using the Adobe Acrobat format as a .pdf file attachment. We currently have over 200 families and organizations that have opted for this method. Please help us reduce costs by opting to receive the newsletter in this manner. Just send Mike an email at [kingoutreach@triad.twcba.com](mailto:kingoutreach@triad.twcba.com) and we will add you to the electronic distribution list. We do not share our email lists with any organization or person.

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

*By Barbara Hunsucker, Thrift Shop Chairperson*

This year has brought lots of exciting items to our shop. We have a variety of colors, styles and sizes in men's, women's and children's clothes. Our racks are full just waiting to be selected by our customers. We pride ourselves in having the "best for less" to meet the needs of our community. You can't beat our friendly atmosphere and attractive displays. If its help you need in finding the right outfit or accessory, please ask our ladies to assist you. They are there for our customers.

While shopping with us please don't leave without browsing in all of our rooms. We have lots of household items and lots of linens of every kind. There is always a need for good used furniture. If you have extra items that are just sitting around, please consider donating them to us. Call the Thrift Shop for information about donations. We are an IRS certified 501(c)(3) organization.

Our hours are Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Our phone number is 983-3600.

## TIME TO DIG IN!

*By Dr. Jack Darida, KOM Board of Directors*

There comes a time when we all must dig in. When you hold a bat in your hand with two strikes and two outs the best strategy is to dig in, take a deep breath, narrow your focus, and shorten your swing. When the economy turns south and dollars are scarce it is time to dig in, hunker down, get to work and stick to the necessities.

Sometimes God waits for us to dig in before He pours out His blessings. There is a wonderful reminder of the "dig in" principle found in the story of the prophet Elisha in 2 Kings 3. Three kings went out to war: King Joram of Israel, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, and the King of Edom. As they headed south to Moab, the desert suddenly became very dry and hot (as deserts are prone to do). The kings underestimated their needs and they were in danger of exposing their armies and livestock to dehydration and exhaustion. The King of Israel began to complain. The King of Judah looked for a prophet. The clear comparison between kings can teach us plenty about how to act in the midst of a crisis. When the going gets tough – the wise seek a word from the Lord!

Elisha the prophet happened to be in the midst of the armies that day. He stepped forward when Jehoshaphat called, secured a harpist and began to prophesy. The Lord spoke through Elisha saying, "Dig in." The prophet instructed the armies to dig holes throughout the desert. Against all reason, they listened to the Lord and spent their remaining energy digging holes in the desert. The next morning, the holes were filled with water. No rainstorms, no flooding, not even a gust of wind – but the Lord filled the holes with water. "The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was—water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water." – 2 Kings 3:20

The progression of this story is important. First the armies obeyed the Lord and dug in. Then the Lord blessed them with life-giving water. If you have become parched by the dry desert of everyday life, maybe its time to dig in. Open holes for God to fill with His life-giving blessing. Don't give in to temptation, like Joram, and complain. Follow the example of Jehoshaphat. Call on the Lord, prepare yourself to obey, and expect to see the Lord's blessing.

This has been a difficult season for many families in the area serviced by KOM. Jobs have been lost, home values have decreased, and fuel prices have increased. We could react by complaining. But what would that solve? Instead, the body of Christ needs to get to work and step up our efforts to help those in need. Grab a shovel! Let's dig some deep holes for God to fill with His blessings.



### 2011 Christmas Assistance To Client Families

**56 Families adopted** for gifts by churches, Sunday School classes, businesses, and donor families  
240 people were in these 56 families; 118 Children were given gifts in these 56 families

The locations where these families live and number of families helped from these areas:

Germanton	5	King	34	Lawsonville	2
Pinnacle	10	Tobaccoville	2	Westfield	3

The list of these families and their requests was shared with the Salvation Army who handled Stokes County DSS sign-ups this year, Stokes County DSS, and Pilot Mountain Outreach Center. This is done to prevent duplication of efforts and to stretch resources as far as possible to help as many people as possible.

**Donors** contributing to KOM for this program included: 1 business, 12 churches and Sunday School classes, 17 donor families, 3 civic groups, 1 school PTO, and a group of local government employees.

**31 Additional families** were assisted w/gifts donated thru Dollar General and other toy donations provided from the community. There were 129 people in these 31 families and 63 children were given gifts.

The locations where these families live and number of families helped from these areas:

Germanton	3	Lawsonville	3	King	15
Pilot Mountain	1	Pinnacle	5	Rural Hall	1
Westfield	3				

**The totals for the 2011 Christmas season for all gift assistance given through KOM are:  
87 total families helped, 369 people in these families, 181 children provided gifts.**

Locations where these 87 families live and the number of families from those areas are:

Germanton	8	King	49	Lawsonville	5
Pilot Mountain	1	Pinnacle	15	Rural Hall	1
Tobaccoville	2	Westfield	6		

This is only possible because of the generosity and care given by the greater Stokes County community and surrounding area. We sincerely appreciate the assistance given to us to allow us to provide this type assistance to our neighbors in need.

## Scouting for Food

The photos on this page and the next are from past Scouting for Food events to show what takes place on those days. We regret not having current pictures; we will try harder next year.





# Scouting for Food



## **Sleeping With Bread**

From the book Sleeping With Bread, Holding What Gives You Life  
by Dennis & Sheila Fabricant and Matthew Linn © 1995

During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, "Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow." [p. 1]

### Giving Our Bread Away

This book began with the image of World War II children sleeping with bread to reassure them that they would eat tomorrow as they did today. Many of them survived the concentration camps only because other prisoners had given their own last piece of bread to these children. Viktor Frankl wrote of how this bread brought not just survival but also hope and interior freedom:

"We who lived in concentration camps can remember men who walked the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number ... but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of his freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." When we sleep with bread we are empowered to choose our own way under any circumstances. We become like the men and women in the concentration camps who could give others the bread of life they held. [Viktor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning, New York: Washington Square Press, 1963. p. 44]

Jane added a personal message to those in attendance that evening: "I read this book some years ago and was so touched by the message that, when I read the article recently in the Stokes News about the Backpack Program in Stokes County Schools, it really resonated with me. I realized that I was being called to do something about this issue and that maybe others would also feel that way..."

KOM would like to add our sincere appreciation to Jane Morgan-Smith, her husband Rick, and to all those who played a part that evening, including: those who purchased tickets or donated money for this event; Truffles NC; Sanders Ridge Winery and Restaurant, Surry Oak Vineyards; Coffee Tea & Me; Meadows Family Farm; Whole Foods Market W-S; Sysco Foods; Plum Granny Farm; Chef Andy Furness; Flint Hill Vineyards; RagApple Lassie Vineyards, Protect Pest Control, Deborah Smith and the Forest Oaks Country Club. It was a wonderful evening and a fantastic meal made possible by so many people working together to help feed hungry children.

### **Local Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs Use "Scouting for Food" Program to Help KOM!**

On Saturday, February 11, twelve (12) Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops worked for several hours gathering food for King Outreach Ministry throughout this area. The Scouts went out the previous weekend to distribute plastic bags to area home announcing the program. We would like to thank the following Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs for **their collective efforts that brought us 7,861 food items!** Way to go Scouts of the Old Hickory Council!

Cub Scout Pack 409, Sponsor: King American Legion Post 290  
Boy Scout Troop 409, King American Legion Post 290

Cub Scout Pack 415, Sponsor: Capella Church of Christ  
Boy Scout Troop 415, Sponsor: Capella Church of Christ

Boy Scout Troop 440, Sponsor: West Stokes High School

Cub Scout Pack 450, Sponsor: Trinity United Methodist Church  
Boy Scout Troop 450, Sponsor: Trinity United Methodist Church

Boy Scout Troop 900, Sponsor: New Hope United Methodist Church

Cub Scout Pack 914, Sponsor: Kingswood United Methodist Church UM Men  
Boy Scout Troop 914, Sponsor: Kingswood United Methodist Church UM Men

Cub Scout Pack 992, Sponsor: Bethania Moravian Church  
Boy Scout Troop 992, Sponsor: Bethania Moravian Church



*Alan Shawn Feinstein*  
*37 Alhambra Circle*  
*Cranston, RI 02905*

**Please use MY money to help  
your neighbors in need!**

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My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 14 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...

WHATEVER YOU DONATE TO THIS AGENCY,  
I WILL ADD MONEY TO IT. THE MORE  
YOU GIVE, THE MORE OF MY \$1 MILLION  
THEY'LL GET—THANKS TO YOU!

**Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. You got this letter because we feel that YOU believe that, too.**

My money started this campaign but it is **YOU** who will help decide how many needy people in your city or town will be fed this year. *All that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me!

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We Are Needed Now!

**Please give whatever you can - I will gladly add some of my money to yours.**

(My \$1 million will be divided proportionately in full among the agencies receiving donations toward my offer.)

Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that—someday—no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,

*Alan Shawn Feinstein*

Alan Shawn Feinstein

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*Thanks for your support!*

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