JAN 2020
EAT AND CHAT
SUMMARY

In January:

We served 15 families in our Regular Program

- For a total of 41 people
- 7 of who were veterans

We gave out 26 Up Of the Floor beds to 11 different families!

Welcome New Volunteers!
Melissa
Mary Jo
Wendy
Jeanne

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Julia Barnes 1/9
Michele DeBaugh 1/11
Mary Jo Thompson 1/16
Kumu Kandiah 1/23
Sanjana Venkittu 1/27
Carole Hiller 2/10
Sue Freeman 2/12

News from the Nest

We had a great Eat and Chat on Tuesday and Thursday

On Tuesday we thanked and celebrated Sam! We enjoyed cake and loved Joanna's poem that she wrote and read. We were able to surprise Sam (and Jan too)! Sam will be at the Nest over the next few weeks as Terry adjusts to her new role. So, if you haven't had a chance to sign Sam's poster, there's still time!

More News:

- We have an intern! Maddie is a Senior at Reynolds High School and comes in 2-3 days a week. Make sure to say "Hi" if you see her around.
- For Valentine's Day, we are taking donations for Valentine Cards that we will send to a participant. See the "Season of Love" insert above and talk to Julia if you have questions or want to give.
- Thank you Mike Walkup and Beaufurn for donating some awesome, brand new, tables and chairs!
- The DASH event at Cycle Bar in January raised $500 for greeNest!
- Dewey's nominated us for an Enterprise Grant! We were awarded $1500 - thank you Dewey's!
- Speaking of Dewey's: We are expecting our check any day now (I will let you know the final amount when the check comes). Just to let you know how great a community partner they are, Dewey's will give out a total of $900,000 to all of the non-profits that hosted Holiday Stores for them!

We are preparing for our Annual Partnering Agency Luncheon. We will have a light luncheon on Thursday 2/27 from 11:00am - 12 Noon. We will need volunteers to help with the following: prep, baking, set up, serve, tours and clean up. I will send out a Sign Up Genius soon for you to sign up to help. Thank you in advance for your help!

Other Up Coming Events

-**Wake Up Winston**
We will host the Chamber's
monthly breakfast on Wednesday
March 18th @ 8:00am

- **Steppin' Up to the Plate**
Thursday 4/2 from Noon - 1:00 At the BB&T Flow Club
If you are interested in either
volunteering to help with the event
or with sponsoring a table, please talk to Karen Blaylock

- **greeNest day at Riverbirch Lodge**
Thursday 4/9, Lunch and Dinner
When you make a reservation,
mention that you are with greeNest!

Here are the introduction and the poem that Joanna wrote and read.

If Sam has ever said anything that made you mad or hurt your feelings, I can assure you it was because he has cared so much about the integrity and principles and values and foundation and volunteers of this organization that he did not want to see anything happen that could take us down a slippery slope away from where our hearts started. In those first months I was sure that Sam was in because Jan was in. He was doing it for her. But as time went on I saw that Sam "got it." He understood why we were here and he felt the Spirit of greeNest spread through the volunteers and donors and case workers and participants. Sam's heart was in from the beginning. He unselfishly volunteered his free time, from the time we first started cleaning out the building on Northwest Blvd...this while working fulltime hours with the city. Once he retired from the city he volunteered even more hours, and soon became our "part time" Facilities Manager. He has put in many more hours than "part time" implies, and I love thinking that even when Sam steps away from this position there is a part of him that he will leave behind in every single corner of this building. Thank you Sam, for helping to keep us in the road thus far!

That sam-i-am! That sam-i-am!

He's working hard, that sam-i-am!

He's always running here or there.
He's always running everywhere.

He picks up this, he picks up that
You'd think he was an acrobat!

That Sam I am, that Sam I am.
We sure will miss that Sam I am.

He's been involved right from the start
His head, his hands, of course his heart!
From painting walls to mopping floors
There's not a spot that he's ignored.

Yes, he can fill the Goodwill Bin
And dump and fill it once again!

And if there's glass we cannot stow
He takes it to the Olio
You want to see his worst tormentor?
A giant entertainment center!

It's safe to say that Sam's previews
Have saved us from some ballyhoos!

A chair? A table? Are they sturdy?
Yes, "That will do" Sam says,
"That's Purdy!"

Please send to us your pans and pots
Your candlesticks and your what-nots

A couch, you say?
What shape's it in?
Sam needs to know where it has been!
We don't want stains or something scrappy
We want our clients to be happy!
Nothing with a smell or tear
That stuff will have to go elsewhere
A scratch or nick? Let's check it out.
My crew can fix it, there's no doubt.

Sam's goal in this has always been
To do his best through thick and thin.
Our "satisfaction guarantee"
For EVERY client family!

Need this moved here or that moved there?
He'll do it all (though he might swear)

When it comes to integrity
A better model, you'll not see.

He will not let his feathers ruffle
From any large or small kerfuffle.

Just what will work and what will not:
Sam's judgement always hits the spot.

Though being tough is preferential,
flexibility's essential.
And Sam knows that consistency
has meant sustainability.

He may seem strict; he may seem tough
He sometimes seems to huff and puff.
But he's a softy deep inside
His giant heart can't be denied.

For all the dust and all the dirt
For blisters, stubbed toes, backs that hurt
For days we'd thought would never end,
Relationships and new-found friends

For spaces that are clean and neat
For closed-toed shoes protecting feet
For all the stops and all the starts
And all the many moving parts

The bottom line? Sam we will miss you!
Days of happiness, we wish you.
We'll always see your smiling face
Everywhere around this place.

Yes, Sam you've done your very best
You've dreamed and lived and breathed Our Nest
For all of this and so much more
We're thankful now and evermore