



WORK CHANGES
EVERYTHING...



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Your Support of the Programs We Offer IS Making a Difference —

Melvin Young came to the Apex area courtesy of Hurricane Katrina and has lived in Apex for about 9 years. In the fall of 2014, Melvin was working two part time jobs at McDonald's and Moe's. His pastor mentioned that a training course called "Jobs for Life" was being sponsored by Western Wake Crisis Ministry. The course consisted of 15 sessions over a two month period and would cover such topics as resume writing, interviewing, and public speaking. Melvin was interested in the course, especially the part about public speaking. When Melvin arrived at the first meeting with seven other people, he learned that he would be assigned a coach during the training to work with him. Although several area companies would participate in the training, a job was not being guaranteed.

Each student would learn specific skills and the tools so that the student could obtain a job on their own. Melvin worked through these tools of resume writing, interviewing skills, and public speaking. Melvin's first speech was a "60 second commercial" about himself and what type of job he was seeking. At his graduation two months later, Melvin gave a two minute speech. Although he was still nervous during the talk, the speech was successful and Melvin demonstrated some of the skills he had learned during the course.

Shortly after graduation, Melvin and his coach were walking through Target and noticed a posting for a job. Melvin and his coach went home, worked together on the application by cutting and pasting from his resume, and submitted the application late that evening. Two days later Melvin interviewed for the position using some of the interview skills he had learned during the class. He was offered the job the next day and he began working within the week. It should be noted that Melvin had unsuccessfully interviewed at Target previously.

At his new job Melvin is able to work with minimal supervision and interact with customers using his natural outgoing, friendly personality. After five months on the job, Melvin continues to stay in touch with his coach and thoroughly enjoys his new job. Although he has no definite plans on leaving Target, Melvin retains the tools he gained during "Jobs for Life" and will be able use them if needed in the future.

Simple Gifts Community Garden



The Simple Gifts Community Garden & Western Wake Crisis Ministry food pantry have continued to expand opportunities for families to participate in the garden. Membership is open to EVERYONE, and not based on gardening ability, address, or church affiliation.

Full and partial scholarships are available.

In 2014 the Simple Gifts Garden provided 1,454 pounds of fresh produce to the WWCM food pantry. We're also extremely grateful that since 2009 the garden has supplied over 3 tons of fresh produce for distribution to our clients.

Follow the progress being made on the construction of our future home on our Facebook page.



BRANCHES of hope

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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It warms my heart each day when the Western Wake Crisis Ministry bands together with area churches, civic organizations, families, town, individuals and small groups to help our neighbors. We also have wonderful volunteers who participate each week in this effort. I would like to take a moment to thank those special "unsung heroes" that work in action unseen. We have volunteers who take out our recycling, organize food drives, and even the sweet little ones who share their birthday money! All of you are a light that shines bright! With your support, we continue to do life changing work!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Sidden
Executive Director



WE ARE MOVING & GROWING TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES!



Even with some unforeseeable construction setbacks, the planning for our move to our new facility on Olive Chapel Road in Apex continues!

Our new facility will include a larger food pantry area, flexible classroom space, a computer access area to assist clients looking for employment, and additional workspace for our volunteers.

We continue to seek financial support to obtain equipment for the new facility. Please visit www.wwcm.org to learn more about how you can help us secure items to outfit our new location. We continue to extend our thanks to JVI Development for their generous assistance with the facility and construction.

Additional updates and photos on the progress of our new facility are posted on our Facebook page .



Did You Know?

Town of Apex
Utilities & Finance
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

The Town of Apex created the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to help Apex Utility customers who cannot afford to pay their utility bill. Town of Apex residents & utility customers can contribute money to the fund, which is then distributed to those in need through WWCM, a non-profit organization. All money collected will be distributed only to Apex Utilities customers.

Who can contribute to Neighbors Helping Neighbors?

Anyone can contribute to the fund. Contributions can be added to your monthly utility bill or can be made on a one-time basis. To contribute, simply fill out the sign up form and mail with your utility bill or bring to Town Hall. Contributions to Neighbors Helping Neighbors are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Who can receive assistance from Neighbors Helping Neighbors?

Only Apex Utilities customers are eligible for assistance from Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Western Wake Crisis Ministry administers the program. WWCM has served Apex & surrounding areas since 1983.



Visit:
WWW.APEXNC.ORG
For more information about this program

NEW FACES:
Meet Tammi Greco



Tammi is currently working on keeping our pantry organized and helping with special projects to help clients—including our joint relationship with the Apex Fire Department & Allstate Insurance to ensure fire safety in client homes. Please join us in welcoming her! You may reach her by phone at 919-362-0657.



“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”
Golf Tournament

Monday September 21, 2015 at
MacGregor Downs Country Club

The Carringers, Inc. CONSULTANCY IN CROP PROTECTION R&D

JVI
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Calling All Golfers & Sponsors!

Western Wake Crisis Ministry is busy gearing up for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday September 21st at MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary.

The only thing missing is YOU!

This year we welcome back **JVI Construction, Inc.**, and **The Carringers, Inc.** as Platinum Sponsors and invite all of our previous sponsors and golfers to join us again this year for a great day of golf.

This year's tournament looks to be another wonderful day of “Captain's Choice” golf with the return of the ever popular “golf ball launcher” and some new specialty holes planned for our golfers too.

Golfer Registration &
Sponsorship Opportunities Available at
WWW.WWCM.ORG

In 2014 our golfers & sponsors helped raise over \$42,000 for WWCM. It's because of this generosity from our neighbors that we can continue to carry out the mission of our organization & help those in crisis.

Golf includes: 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch, awards dinner, snacks and drinks on cart.

Additional Sponsors Include:



“It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”
Mother Teresa

Summer Food Pantry Needs

During the summer months food donations tend to decrease while the need continues to exist. Here's a list of items WWCM is currently in need of:

Macaroni & Cheese
Canned meats
Canned fruit
Rice
Cereal
Crackers
Soup
Dry Beans

News & Upcoming Events!



Local Allstate Agent Lisa Garrity presents a check to Executive Director, Becky Sidden at the WWCM Food Pantry. Funds from this grant will assist WWCM in supporting the new smoke detector program recently put in place & available to our clients. We are so grateful and fortunate to have such great supporters like Lisa and Allstate in our community.

Whole Foods Market - Cary
5% Community Giving Day
May 19th

Mark your calendars! Tuesday May 19th is 5% Community Giving Day at Whole Foods Market in Cary-Waverly Place. 5% of the net sales that day will go to WWCM.

Please help us spread the word & plan your shopping trip for Tuesday May 19th!



You're Invited!

Western Wake Woman's Club
Unveiling Event & Fundraiser

Wednesday May 27, 2015,
6:30pm—9:30pm

“The Frontier” of
Research Triangle Park
800 Park Offices Drive, Durham,
NC 27703

Net Proceeds from event & auction to benefit
Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Tickets are \$35 per guest (women & men welcome) For additional information & tickets visit
www.WesternWakeWomansClub.org



The 4th Annual Peak City Pig Fest will raise funds to support the community through the various causes supported by Apex Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

We're delighted that WWCM has been chosen to be a beneficiary of funds raised from Pig Fest again this year. Look for WWCM at Peak City Pig Fest Saturday June 20th in Downtown Apex.



PEAK CITY PIG FEST
JUNE 19-20, 2015

For information about Pig Fest visit:
WWW.PEAKCITYPIGFEST.COM

\$ 2015 RALEIGH MONEY EXPO™
Presented by the Raleigh Coin Club

Friday & Saturday, June 26th & 27th - 10:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday, June 28th - 10:00am to 3:00pm

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For more information: www.RaleighCoinClub.org

Food & Monetary
Donations Accepted

Non-perishable food donations and financial contributions may be made at the Raleigh Money Expo.

These donations will benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Matching funds for the first \$500 raised at the event have been pledged by a Raleigh Coin Club member & WWCM supporter! Please help us reach that bench mark and spread the word about this event.