

Feed My Lambs Food and Clothing Ministry Needs More!

Since 1999 Mrs. Lisa Holt has been the visionary and driving force behind Feed My Lambs, Inc. (FML). A food and clothing ministry, Feed My Lambs originated in the basement of a local church and from there has moved and grown by leaps and bounds, now residing in the former Ford dealership located on Highway 74 West. But even that space has become too small for all that its walls must house. "We need financial help, land and a bigger building," said Holt.

Many of us typically do some spring cleaning and place aside those items we haven't worn nor used during the past year. Many take those items out to Feed My Lambs. During this past spring that's exactly what I did, as I had several times before. With my bags and boxes ready to be delivered I was feeling pretty good about my offerings as I pulled in to the pick up area. While there I was greeted by Lisa and we began a conversation about the origins of the ministry and what it entailed. "Would you like to take a tour and see what actually goes on behind the scenes?" she asked. On that day I had a very full itinerary and in my mind thought, I don't have time. But how long could it take to walk through? So I agreed to follow Lisa.

As she began the tour I immediately saw lots more than I ever envisioned. There were several people at work, doing everything from pricing items for sale, breaking down boxes for cardboard recycling, loading trucks, stacking food, and the list is nearly endless.

"We break down these cardboard boxes for a few cents per pound. It is a lot of work, but we use every single penny we make to give back to those in need," Lisa said.

The trucks being loaded or unloaded were from Second Harvest Food Bank, where FML can purchase food for the pound at a much reduced price, and thus, result in more food for the needy recipients.

In order to receive local grant money, FML holds a fundraiser each year to obtain a matching grant from Wal-Mart, money used to help feed and clothe the needy people. The money raised is matched by Wal-Mart. Additionally, money donated helps to pay the \$1,200 per month rent on their current building, to pay Lisa's \$300 per month salary, and to pay one of the many volunteers for a 40-hour a month job - although that 40-hours per month is actually more than doubled that number.

"We desperately need volunteers and more workers. We need a receptionist to answer the phones so that we can continue helping those who come in to shop in our thrift store, and to process those who need food. We also need someone to drive the truck back and forth from the Second Harvest Food Bank. We can use someone who could provide fast paced, moderate to heavy labor right here in our facilities. We just need help," admitted Lisa.

When I arrived to offer my clothes and household items that day, I was feeling pretty good about giving to local people who needed them. But as my donation turned from a drop off visit to a walk through tour of the facilities and processes, I felt ashamed for not knowing further that FML was truly about and what they actually needed most - laborers, land, a bigger building and money. Driving away I was a more educated individual than when I arrived. Lisa Holt made sure of that and I'm thankful she did. I wondered how many others were like me, totally unaware of the many, many blessings this ministry provides and all it takes to make those blessings happen. So this story is an attempt to share the knowledge I learned that day.

"We are searching for funds that would allow us to purchase land and a building, but in the meantime, we will continue to invest in the lives and needs of the people in our community," said Lisa. If you are interested in one of several volunteer positions available, please contact Holt at Feed My Lambs, Inc., PO Box 91, 2290 Hwy. 74, West in Wadesboro NC 28170, or call 704-695-1820. Visit them on the web at www.feedmylambswadesboronc.com.

"We serve a variety of service areas. We want to match your skills with the appropriate position. A variety of hourly schedules need to be filled, but you must be committed to regular, ongoing service in a fast paced environment. If that sounds like something you can provide, by all means give us a call at Feed My Lambs," said the Director Holt.

And Jesus said, "Feed my Lambs."

John 21:15
Story by Melanie Lyon



David Tamura Wins a Gold Medal at North Carolina Statewide Special Olympics

Sixteen year old David Tamura of Anson High School represented all of Anson County in spectacular fashion during the North Carolina Statewide Special Olympics held in Raleigh. David won a gold medal in Softball Team, and a silver medal in the 50 Meter Dash. David competed with 1,400 other athletes from around the state. David, the son of Sarah and Richard Tamura, has competed in Special Olympics since he was eight years old.



Brittney Burch Graduates from Wake Forest University

Brittney A. Burch, daughter of Ms. April D. Burch and granddaughter of Graylon Burch, both of Wadesboro, and Bobbie Patterson of Salisbury, graduated Monday, May 20 from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. Miss Burch graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and International Affairs with a minor in Spanish.

While attending Wake Forest University she studied abroad in Accra, Ghana and in Managua, Nicaragua.

As a student at Wake Forest she was an active member in several programs which included PREPARE, a program designed to raise awareness about sexual assault on college campuses, as well as Project Launch and the Protégé program, two mentoring programs that served adolescents and discussed solutions to common problems faced by this population.

In addition to her campus involvement, Miss Burch worked as the research assistant for the department chair of the Politics and International Affairs Department at the university.

Her hard work, commitment and leadership abilities have made it possible Miss Burch to continue her educational career. She will be attending Elon Law School in the fall of 2013 on a merit-based scholarship. At Elon she will pursue a Juris Doctorate (JD) as well as a Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

Miss Burch has definitely made her family, friends and community proud.

Bowman Classes of 1968, '69 and '70 Reunion Meeting

There will be a meeting to plan the reunion of Bowman High School Classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 during 2014. The meeting will take place at Lady Bug Restaurant on Saturday, July 13 at 6 p.m.

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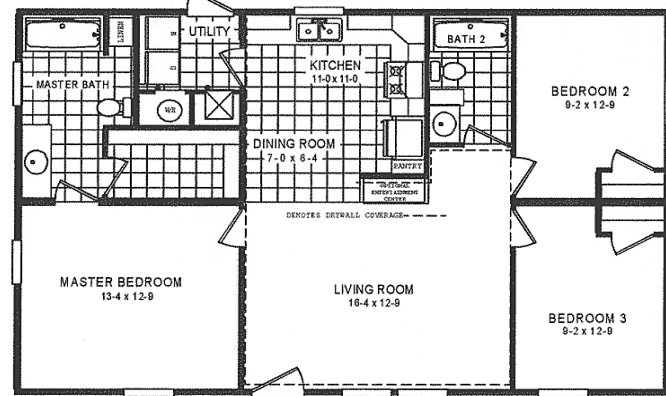
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Free Summer Camp Offered

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Health Youth Force summer camp in Wadesboro at the ACCESS Center, located two doors down from the Anson County government Center at 114 East Wade Street. The camp will run from July 15 through July 26 to address childhood lifestyle health issues such as diabetes, and obesity, to build character, and to prepare children academically in math and reading for next school year.

The year is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Healthy and delicious food will be served for breakfast and lunch. There is limited space so registration as soon as possible.

Registration is available at the HOLLA! Center in Morven. The camp is free, and donations are appreciated. Call 704-581-3144 or 704-465-8504 for more information.

Christmas In July Masquerade Ball

Everyone is invited to join in the fun during the Christmas in July Masquerade Ball. This event will be held to help raise funds for Toys for Tots, while providing a great time for all those in attendance. There will be a silent auction, a dance contest and best dressed awards.

The Ball will be held on Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Tickets are \$25 for couples and \$15 for singles.

Best of all, all proceeds from the Ball stay right here in Anson County to benefit less fortunate children during Christmas with Toys for Tots. For tickets or more information call 704-848-4412.

HUGE Post-4th of July SALE

2009 Mercury Sable Premier
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\$199 per month

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\$250 per month

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\$189 per month

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\$22,300

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