

NEXT STEP MINISTRIES

NEWSLETTER

QUARTER 3



We Need Your Voice

We are seeking Kernersville survivors of domestic violence to participate in a one-night feedback and discussion session.

This event will provide a confidential and supportive environment for survivors to share their experiences and offer insights into what support has been most impactful — and what additional services may be needed in the Kernersville area.

Your voice is vital in helping us improve and shape survivor-centered services within our community.

**210 N Main Street
Suite 238
Kernersville, NC 27284**

July 17th 2025 6pm - 7:30pm

(336) 413-7054
executivedirector@nextstepdv.org

Next Step Ministries is hosting a Domestic Violence Survivors Roundtable event in July! It will be held on **July 18th, 2025** from 6pm-7:30pm at our administrative office.

The intent of this group is to create a safe space where survivors of the Kernersville community can be actively involved in shaping Next Step's services.

This includes participating in the brainstorming and feedback process to ensure the programs reflect the needs and experiences of those they serve.

We recognize that lived experience offers a deep, hands-on understanding that cannot be taught or replicated. This type of insight is invaluable in shaping services that are truly empathetic, relevant, and effective. By honoring and incorporating the perspectives of those who have walked through their healing journey, we are better equipped to meet the real needs of the survivors we serve and build programs that are grounded in authenticity, compassion, and trust.

By sharing these experiences, we hope to spark meaningful conversations and explore new ideas that can help us identify gaps, strengthen our services, and ensure that our programs continue to evolve in ways that best support the needs of our community.

Alexandria Hicks,
Executive Director



APRIL'S EVENTS

STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

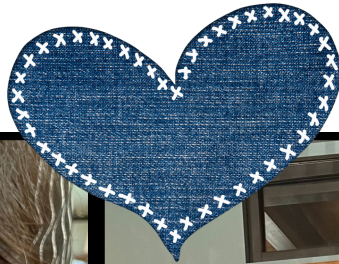


Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our annual **Stuffed Animal Drive** and **Denim Design Day**!

All of the extra stuffed animals, that were not claimed by community members, were given to the Kernersville Police Department, Children's Home Society of NC, and The Children's Law Center!

At Denim Design Day, everyone's creative and artistic abilities were on full display!

DENIM DESIGN DAY



JUNE EVENT: BREWS FOR MOO



The annual **Brews for Moo** event honors the “incredible spirit of Melissa Drumheller, who touched many lives and had a love of cows. Melissa's journey reminds us of the importance of support and awareness in the face of challenges including domestic violence.”



Thank you **Heather McCrone** for hosting **Brews for Moo** every year, benefiting Next Step Ministries! This year, over \$4,000 was raised - a new record - that will go directly to our mission and operating our victim services programming! In addition, attendees and supporters donated urgently needed supplies to our Safe House including paper towels, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, etc. We are extremely grateful for the continued support and we are already looking forward to attending next year!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

NEXT STEP MINISTRIES IS HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE! ALL DONATIONS WILL BE BENEFITING KERNERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Next Step Ministries

Back to school Supply Drive

Benefiting Kernersville
Elementary School

Donations will be collected from July 1st to July 31st, 2025 and can be dropped off in collection bins at:

Next Step Ministries Thrift Store

Next Step Ministries Main Office

Local Roots Coffee Shop

Kyle's Coffee

Main Street United Methodist Church



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- ★ Binders
- ★ Expo Markers
- ★ Colored Pencils
- ★ Pencils
- ★ Crayons

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS

Sweatpants & Basketball Shorts (gender neutral)
- larger sizes, including men's smalls

Underwear (boys and girls); larger sizes too (adult)

Cotton Sports Bras (4th & 5th Graders)

Socks (tall and short); adult sizes too

Gel (for textured/curly hair types)

Belts

Pads

Hair Brushes

Rubber Bands/Hair Ties

Deodorant

DROP OFF NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES, OR OTHER NEEDED ITEMS FROM THE LIST, AT ONE OF THE DROP OFF LOCATIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEXT STEP MINISTRIES ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT (336) 413-7054

UPCOMING EVENTS



Supply Drive: July 1st-31st



Survivor Roundtable: July 17th



Self-Care Workshop: July 24th from 12:30pm-1:30pm



Mindfulness Workshop: August 13th from 12:30pm-1:30pm



Healthy Relationships Workshop: September 9th from
12:30pm-1:30pm



Domestic Violence Vigil: October 16th at 12pm



Golf Tournament: October 17th at 1:30pm



For more information, and to stay up-to-date on the latest events, follow Next Step Ministries on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/nextstepdv/>

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



EXTREME BLESSINGS: CONNIE & SKIP HUMENIK

Founders of **Extreme Blessings**, Skip and Connie Humenik, “have committed their lives to following Jesus and serving people in a practical way. Living in the Triad of North Carolina, their ministry focuses on individuals in need, and unity with other established ministries both locally and nationally... They serve individuals and organizations such as pregnancy centers, senior programs, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, addiction programs, schools, food ministries, crisis intervention, animal welfare, church outreach projects and disaster relief. Connie and Skip have assisted Next Step Ministries many times with by supplying critically needed supplies for the Safe House and for survivors in need.”

“Skip and Connie have been involved in disaster relief since 2018 when Hurricane Florence hit the North Myrtle Beach area. That storm hit home for Connie’s brother Shane, prompting him to establish the organization **Spokes of Hope** to help his local community. Since then, **Spokes of Hope** has grown and serves throughout the country, bringing Hope and Restoration through disaster relief. Connie serves as the National Outreach Coordinator and Skip dedicates a great deal of time picking-up and delivering products and supplies locally and on mission.”

Thank you Connie and Skip for your generosity and dedication to supporting Next Step Ministries through Extreme Blessings and Spokes of Hope!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Helen Harshberger

Helen is one of our wonderful Thrift Store volunteers, who just celebrated her 95th birthday! She has been volunteering with Next Step Ministries for over a decade. Helen helps us by processing donations, tagging items, and hanging clothing to put out on the sales floor.



Helen volunteers 3 days a week and gives it her very all! The Thrift Store Staff and volunteers love her and are so very grateful for all that she does!

Thank you Helen for your continued dedication and all of the hard work you put into our store and Ministry!