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Ways to Support Yokefellow

Annual Campaign

Yokefellow's Annual Campaign launched on May 1. You should have received a letter via snail mail sharing the success story of a Yokefellow "graduate."

Please consider making a donation to the ministry as part of the Annual Campaign to help Yokefellow cover its operating costs, which are used to cover the funding needed to continue launching new ministries at prisons that do not yet have local Yokefellow meetings.

Fundraising Benefit

On September 7, Yokefellow will host its first Fundraising Benefit in Greensboro. Yokefellow is collecting donations for a silent auction, which will take place during this event. Do you have items to donate for this purpose?

Contact Executive Director Vita Alligood at 336-724-9801 or yokefellowprisonministrync@gmail.com for a letter with tax information if you would like to help solicit donations for this event.

Exciting New Volunteer Opportunity!

Yokefellow Prison Ministry is excited to announce a new initiative that volunteers are invited to participate in. The ministry is adding a Resource Board, which is an opportunity for volunteers to serve on Board of Director committees (typically meeting monthly via teleconference) as added resources. Three Committees are currently seeking volunteers to assist with their missions:

- ◇ **Budget and Finance Committee** (Fundraising and Finance experience preferred)
- ◇ **Personnel Committee** (Human Resources experience preferred)
- ◇ **Programs Committee** (Yokefellow volunteer experience required)

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Dan Palmer, Nominating Committee Chair at danielpalmer9898@gmail.com or (904) 509-9898.

Yokefellow Local Coordinators

Please submit your Quarterly Report if you have not already so. Thank you!

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Glad Tidings

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY



Volunteers meeting in preparation for Swannanoa launch

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More New Ministries Launching

- ◇ **Warren Correctional**
Manson (near Oxford)
- ◇ **North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women**
Lexington (Triad area)

Contact Carlton Gooding at yokefellownc.statedeveloper@gmail.com or 336-740-0392 to volunteer.

New Prison Ministry Launched



On March 21, Yokefellow launched a new prison ministry at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW) in Black Mountain. Six volunteers participated in the launch. Many of the inmates at SCCW previously attended Yokefellow meetings at other women's prisons and asked Chaplain Carol Dalton to bring Yokefellow to SCCW. Volunteers stated they felt blessed to be a part of this new ministry.

Service Club Helps with Annual Campaign



Left to right: Rachel Lurie, Josh Spinks, Lilly Tell, Emma Wagoner, Ann Adams, Emma Allen. Not pictured: Parker Hahn, Natalie Bateman, Allison Hughes, sponsors Samantha Stichter & Javaria Johnson.

Thank you to the Service Club at Noble Academy in Greensboro for preparing over 500 envelopes for Yokefellow's Annual Campaign! Under the direction of sponsors Samantha Stichter & Javaria Johnson, Service Club members, who are junior high & high school students, affixed return address labels and stamps to over 500 business-sized envelopes and then stuffed each envelope with a remittance envelope in preparation for Yokefellow's Annual Campaign, which launched on May 1. The Service Club invested many hours in completing this project. Thank you for your assistance!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Makayla McLaughlin, Senior Intern with Yokefellow Prison Ministry

Makayla McLaughlin, high school senior at Noble Academy in Greensboro, completed a three-week senior internship with Yokefellow Prison Ministry in March. Makayla is interested in event planning and volunteered three full weeks (35 hours a week) to learn more about the event planning aspects of the ministry.

On her second day, Makayla manned a table for Yokefellow

Prison Ministry at the 2019 North Carolina Reentry Summit.

Makayla also helped shop for decorations and silent auction items for Yokefellow's Fall Fundraising Benefit, processed materials for the Annual Campaign, and helped prepare all materials for a volunteer event in Durham.



High school student Makayla McLaughlin manned the registration table at the Volunteer Event for Orange Correctional Volunteers on March 23. Pictured here checking in State Developer Carlton Gooding.

New Volunteer Training in Fayetteville



On February 23, 12 new volunteers and 4 seasoned volunteers attended the New Volunteer Training Event in Fayetteville at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist. Yokefellow Prison Ministry plans to launch a new ministry at Scotland Detention Center (jail) later in 2019.



Spotlight artwork courtesy of <https://openclipart.org/detail/284958/theater-or-studio-spotlight-on-roof-mount>



Continuing Education Events



Yokefellow held two Continuing Educational Events in March:

- ◇ Eastern Regional Continuing Education Event in New Bern on 3/2/19
- ◇ Continuing Education Event for Orange Correctional volunteers on 3/23/19



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Yokefellow Brothers and Sisters.

I really like these verses as I think about Yokefellow Prison Ministry of NC:

Proverbs 19:21- Many are the plans of a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Philippians 2:1-2- If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

The Yokefellow movement is made of people who do everything to

please God. People who participate enjoy a very special quality of fellowship, and Yokefellow is a grace-driven organization that demands community and faith. The people of our world hunger for God's grace. We read it in the scripture in the way people responded to Jesus during His earthly ministry. And honestly, we witness it in the way people are drawn to our fellowship and you. What will make the movement called Yokefellow great? Yokefellow will only become great when we extend God's grace to

others. Let's look at Proverbs 19 again... *"Many are the plans of a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."*

God continues to bless us as we strive to be His faithful servants. I extend my best to you as I reflect on how much grace God has extended to me. I personally want to be one in His spirit. Will you join me?

David Morton
President of the Board
Yokefellow Prison Ministry of NC