



# In Step

September 2020



## *Engaging Partners in the Pandemic: Empowering our Neighbors in Need!*

Our highly successful campaign to engage our partner churches and schools during the pandemic, through the Empower our Neighbors in Need (ENN) campaign, officially came to a close yesterday (9/30). For a campaign that ran half as long as usual (July–Sept. v. April–Sept.), it was highly successful, with 15 partners engaged in the campaign: 14 had ENN Covid-19 drives... [Read More](#)

## *Pivoting in the Pandemic: Six Months and Beyond!*

You may know that, in several languages, the word for “crisis” is the same word for “opportunity”. I find this to be a helpful reminder in this pandemic period because, for all the challenges we are facing – in both Samaritan Ministry and the world at large – I continue to see this as a time RICH in opportunity, if we would only look. Yes, there is tragedy, challenge and hardship – but there also is generosity, new thoughts and breakthroughs in this time... [Read More](#)

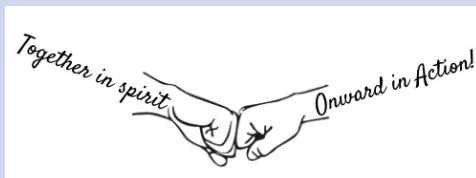
## *Interning in The Time of COVID*

By Abigail Chamblee and Sylvie Bowen-Bailey  
I began my internship with Samaritan Ministry in the middle of August, and in the middle of a global pandemic. I didn't come in with many expectations as Covid was very much present at the time of my interview, and although I hoped it would be gone by now... [Read more](#)



## *Save The Date Now!*

Make plans now to join us on Saturday, November 14 at 7pm for our VIRTUAL GALA - *Together in Spirit, Onward in Action!* Like many organizations, the COVID-19 Pandemic has forced us to alter our plans for the Gala this year, but we still have an exciting program planned, featuring all the awards and activities you expect from our annual soiree!... [Read More](#)



## *Reflections and Hope from the Southeast Office*

By Naima Harrison

America is known as the “land of the free and the home of the brave”, but this is not always

the case for many of our Participants and Visitors at Samaritan Ministry. Now, almost more than ever, it seems that division – over COVID-19, over the election, over BLM – amongst the people is growing and causing many individuals to feel trapped instead of free... [Read More](#)



### 2020 Holiday Gift Card Drive

Due to the ongoing Pandemic and for the safety of everyone, the traditional Thanksgiving Drive and Christmas gatherings will not take place this year. Therefore, we would like to give our Participants Gift Cards to purchase food and toys. **Our goal is to provide one (1) \$50 gift card per family at Thanksgiving and one (1) \$25 gift card at Christmas for each child and single adult.** This year, your generosity is even more important to help put a meal on the table, toys under the Christmas tree, and a smile on someone's face. Thank you for helping us meet our minimum number of gift cards.

Please send donations for Thanksgiving by Friday, November 13 and for Christmas by Friday, December 11.

**Send gift cards to:** Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager, Samaritan Ministry, 1516 Hamilton Street, NW, Washington DC 20011.

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