



Dorcas Ministries and Western Wake Crisis Ministry Launch Due Diligence Process to Explore a Possible Merger

Apex and Cary, NC, May 6, 2024 – The Boards of Directors of Dorcas Ministries and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM), two well-known and respected organizations dedicated to serving Western Wake County communities, announced today the launch of a due diligence process to explore the possibility of merging their organizations. This potential merger would strengthen their ability to make a deeper and stronger impact in Western Wake County. This exploration is noncommittal, and a third-party firm is facilitating the due diligence process.

With a shared commitment to helping individuals and families thrive, Dorcas and WWCM have served this area for decades. Their missions are centered around similar community needs, including housing stability, food security, workforce development, and crisis support. As the Triangle Area continues to experience rapid growth, the demand for essential services such as food assistance, financial aid, and various social services continues to rise in Western Wake County. A potential merger would result in combining strengths, resources, and expertise, and help both organizations better support these growing needs and create a thriving community.

A third-party consulting firm will lead the due diligence process, ensuring a comprehensive and impartial assessment of both organizations. This process will involve in-depth research into the operations, impact, and cultures of Dorcas and WWCM. Additionally, interviews will be conducted with key stakeholders, including staff, volunteers, constituents, and community partners to gather insights and perspectives. The consulting firm will compile its findings into a final report, which will include a recommendation for the best path forward.

"We are excited to begin this exploration with Western Wake Crisis Ministry," said Andy Ferrell, Board Chair of Dorcas Ministries. "Both of our organizations share a deep-rooted commitment to serving our neighbors and helping them thrive. A potential merger would allow us to leverage our resources and expertise better to make an even greater impact in our community."

Sharing a similar sentiment, Tom Gebbia, Board Chair of Western Wake Crisis Ministry, stated, "The possibility of joining our organizations provides a huge opportunity to strengthen our collective capacity as we continue to meet the needs of Western Wake County. United together, we can serve more neighbors and empower individuals and families to thrive."

The due diligence process is expected to be completed by the fall. After that, the Boards of Directors of both organizations will carefully evaluate the report and recommendations before making any final decisions regarding the merger.

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About Dorcas Ministries

Dorcas Ministries is a nonprofit organization located in Cary, NC, and has served the Cary and Morrisville communities since 1968. Dorcas is committed to helping neighbors thrive by providing financial and food assistance, workforce development, client advocacy, a platform for people to make a difference, and a best-in-class thrift shop for the community.

About Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Western Wake Crisis Ministry is a nonprofit organization that has served the Apex Community since 1983. By partnering with those in crisis, WWCM is committed to helping neighbors gain stability through basic support for food, financial & housing assistance, education, and opportunity.