### **Apex Town Council**



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#### **Shared Mission & Vision**



At Dorcas Ministries, we help our neighbors thrive by providing financial and food assistance, training and coaching, advocacy, a platform for people to make a difference, and a best-in-class thrift shop for our community.



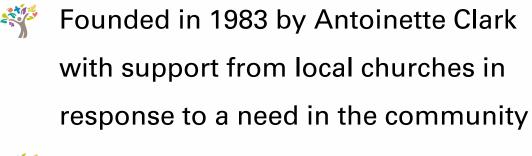
Western Wake Crisis Ministry Partnering with those in crisis, helping them gain stability through basic supports for food, financial/housing assistance, education, and opportunity.





# Similar History and Humble Beginnings

- Founded in 1968 by Margaret Keller with support from local churches in response to a need in the community
- Initial focus was education for lowincome families
- Grew to expand services including financial assistance, the Dorcas Pantry, workforce development, advocacy,
  - Dorcas Thrift Shop



- - Grew to expand financial services and open a food pantry

Initial focus was basic crisis assistance



#### The Why

## Combined efforts and expanded services will better serve the community!

The merger will:

- Strengthen our capacity to address the growing needs of food security, housing stabilization, workforce development and emergency assistance in the community.
- Help provide seamless delivery of enhanced services across the region and help more people in our communities.





#### **Everybody Wins!**

The merger provides:

- Potential to expand and enhance services with the addition of revenue source (second Thrift Shop)
- Shared infrastructure (Marketing/Communication, Philanthropy, Volunteer and Staff Management, Operations, Client Services and Advocacy), which creates an even more robust and comprehensive approach to community support while streamlining resources, ultimately contributing to a betterserved community





#### **Everybody Wins!**

The merger provides:

 Opportunities to collaborate with the Wake County Health and Human Services Western Regional Center for more seamless social service delivery, improving accessibility and continuity of services for neighbors in our community.









