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### Supporting Image: Dr. Christopher Wilson

## **Hendersonville Native Takes the Helm as Bounty of Bethlehem's Next Director**

**HENDERSONVILLE, NC** — July 29, 2025: Bounty of Bethlehem, the cherished community tradition that brings hundreds together to serve a free Christmas Day meal to anyone in need, has named Dr. Christopher Lamar Wilson as its new volunteer director.

A Hendersonville native and longtime supporter of Bounty, Dr. Wilson brings 26 years of experience in education to his new role, including a highly successful tenure as assistant principal at his alma mater, Hendersonville High School.

A graduate of Mars Hill University with a Bachelor of Music Education, Wilson later earned a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting and a Master of Education in School Administration. Throughout his career, he has served as a band director and school leader in both North Carolina and Tennessee. He currently teaches at Polk County Middle School and is a single father of two.

"My journey is about more than personal achievements; it's about shaping the next generation of leaders and musicians while fostering a sense of community and belonging," Wilson said. "This is about giving back to the community that gave so much to me."

Wilson was a volunteer for the Bounty program for seven years while in college and said he always looked forward to coming home and serving. "It is an honor to help carry the tradition forward."

Wilson replaces outgoing director Annamarie Jakubielski, who has served for the past five years. Jakubielski announced earlier this year that she would be stepping down to care for an aging parent.

"Chris is the ideal person to step into this role," said Jakubielski. "He brings not only the skills needed to lead, but also a heart for service and a deep passion for the mission of Bounty. I truly believe the event is in good hands."



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In addition to honoring the legacy of previous leaders, Wilson aims to maintain the continuity of the event and all of the valuable community partnerships.

This year's Christmas Day Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 25, 2025, at The Salvation Army, located at 239 Third Avenue East in Hendersonville. The meal is free and open to all.

To support the event with a financial contribution or to learn how to volunteer, please visit [www.TheBountyOfBethlehem.org](http://www.TheBountyOfBethlehem.org).

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**About Bounty of Bethlehem**

*Bounty of Bethlehem is a volunteer-led initiative that has served the Henderson County community for over four decades. Each Christmas, the event brings together local businesses, organizations, and volunteers to prepare and serve a warm, free traditional Christmas Day meal to anyone in need—no questions asked. The event is made possible entirely through donations and community support.*