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THE PIVOT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Let's Hear It For Our Pivot Volunteers!

Pivot volunteers go beyond making a difference: they make the mission happen! They bring it to life - on the ground, behind the scenes, in groups, as individuals, one-time, on-going. They ARE the colorful threads God uses to weave a beautiful Pivot tapestry that transforms lives.

Each volunteer finds his or her own sweet spot – the role(s) in which their individual interests, strengths, talents, time, and gifts can be applied. That sweet spot fills a Pivot service opportunity and fulfills the person's desire to serve in meaningful ways.

Benefits to volunteers, class participants, graduates and Pivot are immense. In an effort to quantify the value that volunteers add, nationally there is an hourly dollar value set annually. Look at these incredible statistics for Pivot with that value applied:

Year	Hours	Value of Hours	Value of In-Kind Gifts
2019	2,417	\$ 61,475	\$ 12,100
2020	1,629	44,320	24,600

Thank you BIG TIME, incredible volunteers. You make a difference, and we are grateful for each moment you invest in Pivot!

Come Find Your Sweet Spot... Volunteer with Pivot!

Visit pivotnow.org and click on the Volunteer tab, or contact Carol Polk to explore options.

Mark Your Calendar! Pivot's Annual Meeting Noon on May 26

Details and invitations to follow.

Let's Hear It From Our Volunteers...

As a volunteer Job Readiness Instructor for several years now, I have witnessed firsthand how Pivot Ministry fosters relationships with community members who are passionate about helping others shift from one point in their life to an even better life. From orientation to graduation, I watch as participants learn and grow in life and continue to share their achievements. Pivot not only empowers women, but remains connected with them through long lasting, trusted relationships. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside participants, mentors, and instructors, as participants complete Pivot classes and become independently empowered women. – *Leisha Carter, MSA, Forsyth Co.-IDA Small Business Coord.*



Leisha Carter



Hudgens

Volunteering with Pivot gives me an opportunity to use my design and editing skills in producing the newsletter, which I see as a way to use my talents for God. I have also been able to

mentor two participants so far, which allowed me to share my personal struggles and experiences for the benefit of others. Pivot Ministry provides a wonderful service in our community to lift women up and give them the support they need to grow and change. – *Barbara Hudgens, Mentor, layout artist/editor Pivotnow*

I have really enjoyed serving as a volunteer for Pivot. I have been thrilled by the small group interaction and inquisitive questions from the participants. I look forward to my next opportunity to serve. – *Allan Younger, Director, Small Business Center, FTCC*



Younger

I am drawn to Pivot's Mission and a shared compassion for what Pivot provides to those who enter their programs: a "Hand Up, versus a Handout." Pivot's vision to empower women is exceptional and it works! It is easy to refer someone to an Agency by providing a phone number and hoping they make the call, but it is quite different to invite those who need MORE into a structured environment where they find

compassion and the encouragement to strengthen them. I have made referrals to Pivot and not everyone commits to what it takes to move forward. However, I have seen the outcome for those who did and it's AMAZING! Pivot offers true EMPOWERMENT to the women who enter their fold by surrounding them with others also looking for a better way. This provides encouragement and a common bond which can strengthen the commitments as they work together towards a common goal. I have served as an Advocate for most of my career and have spent countless hours assisting those who have the conviction to seek a better life, and are willing to make the sacrifice and changes needed to do so. I am proud to be associated with Pivot and will continue to sing their praises. – *Linda Carter, FTCC, Winston NETT & HRD Instructor*



Linda Carter

More Volunteer Comments on back...

Pivot's Vision: All of us will flourish to be all we were created to be in relationships with ourselves, God, others, and our respective resources.

Giving of Yourself: A Graduate's Perspective

By Diamond Juell, 2018 Graduate

What an honor it is to have a gift that overflows into the lives of others. Oftentimes, when someone is in need, we may scramble our brains trying to figure out what tangible things we can offer. And in those times, we may neglect to

extend help because we can't come up with the right solution. However, if we settle our minds in these times of urgency, we would clearly see that the longtime saying "the best things in life are free" is very true.

nonjudgmental ear. It's a soul connection that comes from the heart and gives a person the encouragement needed to continue on their journey. If you have the means to offer financial or material help, that's awesome! Surely it can be of good use. But, if you are ever called upon to help someone and you lack the funds to do so, don't count yourself out. Your best contribution is your time, your love, genuine prayers, and compassion.

It was these four attributes that I found each week when I entered that Pivot Ministry classroom. I am forever grateful for the volunteers that I encountered during my participation in Pivot. It was their genuine generosity of self that inspired this gem. Thank you!

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.
– 2 Corinthians 9:12-14



Diamond Juell

It's always great to be able to offer monetary help, food for the hungry, clothing and shelter for the naked and homeless, but in my darkest moments the most valuable and precious gifts that I have ever received have been sincere prayers, genuine hugs, and a

*Thank you to Diamond for sharing her inspirational thoughts with Pivotnow readers. Pivot Ministry would like to congratulate Diamond on the publication of her devotional book, *Juell's Jewels*. Copies of the book can be purchased at: <https://www.amazon.com/JUELLS-JEWELS-DIAMOND-JUELL/dp/1687531188>*

More Volunteer Testimonials

I have enjoyed seeing and working with the women that Carol and her team have been able to help. To see them overcome a variety of issues that impact all facets of life has been tremendously satisfying. Watching them move forward in the rebuilding of their lives has been rewarding. I'm looking forward to continuing as a teammate. – *Larry Cozza, Allegacy, Business Development Specialist*



Cozza



Bell and Burgess

What a privilege it has been to study the Scripture alongside our new Pivot sisters. We found that each woman's unique perspective and experiences enabled us to see things together that we never could have seen apart. As we studied his Word, the Lord faithfully revealed the beauty of Jesus to us each week. How God blessed us through this rich community! – *Julie Bell and Shannon Burgess, joint Bible Study teachers*



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