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THE PIVOT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

## Pivot Achieves Nonprofit Status

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In 2015 a seed was planted in the missional heart of the Ardmore Baptist congregation to



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address widening gaps in services and support to those with little to no income opportunities in our city. It became clear through research, discernment, and prayer that there was a need to specifically focus on financially-challenged women by providing them with mentoring relationships, community-building opportunities, and educational classes. With Carol Polk hired as the site coordinator, an Advisory Council in place, and a successful national Christian Women's Job Corps model as framework and accountability, Pivot Ministry was born. For almost five years the Ardmore Baptist community and others across the county have surrounded the women of Pivot by volunteering as mentors and educators, providing food and safe spaces, lending listening ears and problem-solving skills, giving financially, and, most important of all, praying. Pivot

Ministry has grown and evolved since its first days of discernment and classes, and we are excited to continue watching God's hand at work. See below for a special message from Carol regarding the future of this important and life changing ministry.

As a Body of Christ, as sharers in faith, as Brothers and Sisters in our calling to love God and love others, we should celebrate! What beautiful work is being done for the Kingdom of God through Carol Polk, the Board of Directors, the mentors, educators, planners, prayer partners, volunteers, community partners and participants of Pivot Ministry. Thank you for dreaming this, for listening to God's call in this community, for the endurance it has taken to get here.

**With this beautiful news of the nonprofit status** comes new opportunities for Pivot, and we are grateful for your continued support. We hope you will join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone, as well as find a way to support this ministry:

- Join the prayer team
- Mentor a participant
- Give office support
- Help with fundraising
- Teach a class/workshop
- Provide a meal for class
- Connect with a resource
- Share what you know
- Plan an event
- Refer someone
- Hire a graduate

## Executive Director's Update

As parents nurture their off-spring to grow, mature, and eventually spread their wings and fly, Ardmore Baptist gave birth to Pivot and continues to nurture the ministry. Becoming an official nonprofit is, indeed, a big step toward Pivot's maturity.

Earning nonprofit status during COVID-19 restrictions has been like getting the keys to the car and being grounded on the same day. *[None of us were ever grounded, I'm sure!]* However, Pivot has used this time for good,

tackling major projects, and strengthening Pivot's structural elements to ensure long-term sustainability. The board of directors, committees, and others have been diligent and thorough. Meanwhile, our graduates are receiving attention as we nurture relationships and provide encouragement during these challenging days. Let's continue to pray for all of these folks.

Beyond current chaos, the vision for Pivot is hopeful! As restrictions are lifted, Pivot's

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**Yes!** The IRS officially granted Pivot the nonprofit status of 501(c)(3), a public charity, so that contributions directly to Pivot may be tax deductible for those who are eligible.

**Yes!** Pivot is ready to accept direct donations. Help us celebrate the new status and ensure sustainability of the ministry by sending a check for \$501.33. Of course, no gift is too small or too large, so you may want to make it a multiple of \$501.33, like:

\$5.01	\$5,013.30
\$50.13	\$50,133.00
\$501.33	\$501,330.00

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fourth semester awaits, with appropriate adjustments yet to be determined. With many more unemployed, in situational poverty, and seeking change in their lives, the fields are ripe for harvest. New and returning instructors, mentors, volunteers, and community partners will invest time and energy to ensure that future participants learn, grow, and flourish. Please continue to pray for God's blessing and His will to be done as Pivot grows and develops into maturity. – Carol Polk

## Seed Sowers

Throughout scripture are references to sowing seeds, from Isaiah and Psalms to the gospels' Parable of the Sower, and the cheerful giver in 2 Corinthians. Like those sowers, an incredible number of prayer partners and financial donors have sown seeds of faith for God to multiply, from the ministry's first concept to this official change in status years later. With overwhelming gratitude, Pivot recognizes the following pre-nonprofit donors:

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