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THE PIVOT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



Welcome Pivot's New Administrative Coordinator: Daisy Pineda Garcia!

Daisy graduated in Pivot's spring 2026 class and joined the Pivot staff on July 1. You might hear Daisy's voice on the other end of the phone when she gives you a call, or hear her speak about her experience as a Pivot graduate. You may see her setting up for class or working in the office. We may all experience her creativity via a social media or invitation graphic. Daisy's kindness, creativity, and 'can do' spirit are already impacting Pivot's people and operations! Welcome, Daisy!

Congratulations to Sallye Liner, a 7 over Seventy Honoree!

Senior Services held their annual Community Impact Awards luncheon honoring the **7 over Seventy** inductees on August 20. **Sallye Liner**, current Chair of Pivot's Fundraising Committee and a big part of our success over the years, was one of this year's honorees.

Sallye served as a Pivot Board Member from 2022-2026. In addition to being the Board Secretary, she has served as Chair of the Fundraising Committee since 2020, playing a key role in advancing Pivot's sustainability and growth. Sallye is an avid Pivot volunteer, always present to greet, serve, and clean up at Pivot Graduation and ready to jump in whenever asked! Regarding her work for Pivot, Sallye said "That has been one of the most fulfilling things that I've done in retirement because you see a difference made to somebody else."

Sallye's nomination was completed by fellow Pivot Board and Fundraising Committee Member, **Lori Timm**, with input from many in the Pivot community and larger Winston-Salem community. Sallye is a worthy recipient of Senior Services 7 Over Seventy Award and we are honored to celebrate with her!



Congratulations to Sallye and all the other honorees! For further reading about all the recipients, go to bit.ly/7o70_26.

Celebrating with Sallye at the luncheon were, l to r: Pivot Executive Director Joanne Henley, Board Members Musette Nesbit, Lori Timm, Yvette Stackhouse, and Pamela Spalding, as well as Pivot's Founding Executive Director Carol Polk, second from right.

Photos courtesy of Senior Services.

Mentor and New Volunteer Training



Above: Pivot Ministry welcomed those who recently connected to serve through Volunteer Orientation on August 22. New volunteers learned about Pivot's history, mission, vision, programming, and volunteer opportunities.

Right: Long-time Pivot volunteer Joyce Jolley, left, and new volunteer Phyllis Waugh, right, enjoyed connecting at the Volunteer Orientation.



Above: Mentors attended the first of two training sessions on August 8 to learn about Pivot's *LifeKeys* curriculum from **Debbie Loftis**. Mentors also learned about *The Totally Responsible Person* course from **Marvina Hamilton**, and had a session on *Active Listening* taught by **Debbie Newsome**.



Fall Semester First Step Gathering

Every semester of Pivot begins with the **First Step**, an event that gives women who have shown interest in becoming a Pivot participant a chance to gather with staff, mentors, and experienced Pivot instructors. **Calvary Baptist Church Southside** hosted this fall's event on August 8 where Pivot graduate and staff member, **Daisy Pineda** (below left), shared her experience as a Pivot participant and how it impacted her life. Potential participants also heard from graduate and former staff member **Ivonne Guerra**, met available mentors, and talked with Pivot instructors in a speed-dating style format (above right photos) to learn what Pivot offers.



All attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Brissa and Family at **Eventos Los Pinos**. Thank you, Calvary Southside and Brissa!



The Power of Your First Step

By Executive Director Joanne Henley

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Have you seen a young child take their first step?

They pull up with great delight and a big smile and then let go of the hand or furniture which stabilizes them. They take the first step - or two or three - often with an audience cheering them on, beaming smiles shining down at them. ‘You can do it!’ The voices cheer. And in a blink, the child is back on the floor, needing to start over.



What happens after the first step?

They get up and try again. Each time, their muscles and coordination become stronger. Their confidence grows. One day, they walk across the room up right, head held high, eyes aimed at the object they wish to reach.

When was the last time you took a ‘First Step?’ Who cheered you on?

This issue of *PivotNow* is full of ‘First Step’ celebrations and opportunities: new staff members, award winners, class participants, mentors, and volunteers. A new Pivot Plus program is starting and there are new opportunities to give and serve.

Every new idea and opportunity begins by taking the First Step. And every first step is followed by learning.

Many of you have walked with Pivot Ministry from the literal First Step. Thank you! Join us as we continue to faithfully step into the future to which God is calling us.

Congratulations and Thank You, Susan Riddle!!

We celebrated Susan Riddle’s retirement from the Pivot Plus team at the picnic on September 26 with a



gift of a graduate photo collage.

“Thank you, Susan, for your many years of service with Pivot Plus! We are grateful for the kindness, wisdom, and support you have shared with Pivot graduates,” said Executive Director Joanne Henley.



Empower the First Step: Launching Our \$75,000 Annual Appeal

We believe every woman deserves the opportunity to thrive in life and work; to PIVOT toward new PURPOSE. To make that a reality for more women next year, we have set an ambitious goal to raise \$75,000 through our upcoming Annual Appeal.

As a newsletter recipient, you are already a core champion of our mission. We are inviting you to help us build a strong head start.

We want to head into our public campaign with powerful momentum. Thanks to a **\$10,000 matching gift**, every dollar you invest does double the work to fund job readiness, mentoring, spiritual growth, and life-skills programming. Help us set the pace for the entire campaign with a gift today.

Donate Now at pivotnow.org/purpose

Mail a check to:

Pivot Ministry
501 Miller St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Save These Dates – Volunteer!

Fall 2026 Graduation

Monday, November 30

6:00 pm at Ardmore Baptist Church

Christmas for the City

a Love Out Loud partner event

Saturday, December 19, 1-6 pm

Benton Convention Center

Pivot will host an activity booth.

Sign up to help plan/host at

pivotnow.org/volunteer

Include the event name in the ‘other’ line.

Pivot Plus Mixes Service and Fun

Pivot graduates were busy with second and third quarter Pivot Plus activities.

Many graduates, families, and volunteers gathered on September 26 for a time of fellowship and fun at a **picnic at Winston Lake Park!** We focused on connection and play as essential to our well-being, with a special invitation for graduates to bring children in their care. A unique gift bag included a bottle of bubbles, a tool for regulating breathing for people of all ages; two prayers focusing on the breath; play dough to help with focus while listening; and an encouraging bookmark and note card from friends at **First Baptist on Fifth**. We celebrated long-time Pivot Plus volunteer, **Susan Riddle**, and welcomed new Pivot volunteer, **Jackie Barkley**, pictured below right with her husband Kevin. The next Pivot Plus event will focus on service at **Christmas for the City**.

Right: Graduates **Kathryn Walden** and **Mable Garner** helped with a **used-clothing drive** in the spring.



New Program Gives Opportunity for Pivot Graduates and Friends

Thanks to a generous grant from the **Bastian Family Charitable Foundation**, Pivot Ministry is creating a ripple of opportunity that extends beyond our graduates. Through **The Ripple Effect**, participating Pivot graduates will strengthen their own economic opportunities while inviting a friend, family member, or neighbor to join them. In this way, one woman's progress can open the door for another, multiplying Pivot's impact throughout our community.

Through The Ripple Effect, women will gain practical tools, meaningful support, and new connections to help them move toward greater financial stability and economic opportunity. Participants will take part in monthly financial literacy classes through Financial Pathways of the Piedmont, receive professional financial coaching, set and pursue financial goals, and

build supportive mentoring relationships. By creating connections among women from different socioeconomic backgrounds, we hope to expand networks, open doors, and foster greater economic mobility throughout our community.

We look forward to sharing more about The Ripple Effect in the coming months. And we invite you to be part of it! If you are a certified financial coach or someone who would enjoy encouraging and mentoring a woman as she works toward her goals, we would love to speak with you.

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