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# LIFELINE CDC

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Briana is one of our newest team members, and at just 24 years old, she is already leaving a beautiful mark on LifeLine. She came to us through the WorkNet program, and from the very beginning, we were deeply impressed, not just with her skills, but with her heart. Her passion for our young people is genuine and contagious. She shows up fully, listens deeply, and leads with compassion.

During a recent staff meeting, we were reflecting on the qualities each of us brings to our work. In the middle of that conversation, Briana shared something that stopped us all in our tracks:

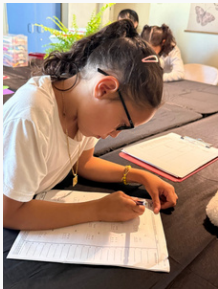
"We are doing things from love, not for love."

So profound. So LifeLine.

That statement captures the spirit of who we strive to be — serving from a place of fullness, dignity, and authentic care. Not striving for approval. Not working to be seen. But loving first, and letting that love guide our actions.

## EMPOWERING UNDER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS TO THRIVE

We are doing the VITA (Volunteer Income Assistance Program), helping hundreds of under-resourced neighbors get their taxes done. Last year over \$800,000 came back into our communities.



Our days are filled with so many meaningful moments. Homework help in the afternoon. Community breakfasts where neighbors linger over coffee. ESL classes where new words open new doors. Fresh vegetables growing in our garden. Relationship classes. Food distribution. PACT meetings. Each activity is about more than the task itself. Every moment is an opportunity to get to know someone, to hear their story, to uncover their gifts, and to help them rediscover dreams and hopes they may have set aside.

No two days look exactly the same — but every day we have the privilege of loving people, walking alongside them, and witnessing transformation.

Like the former gang member who now volunteers with us and is taking steps toward removing his tattoos — a visible sign of an invisible shift happening inside.

Or the child who is learning to read and suddenly sees a whole new world opening up before them.

Or the senior who no longer feels alone because community breakfast has become a place of friendship and belonging.

Or the neighbor who rediscovers faith and finds renewed purpose through Bible study.

Every person carries a different story. And every story holds resilience, courage, and beauty.

And we get to witness it — every single day.



**I hope you know that you are making this happen!**

### Celebrating 20 Years of Impact

This is our 20th year, and we could never have imagined what God would do. To see hundreds of people receiving the support they need to move out of poverty. To witness dozens rediscover faith, hope, and trust in Him. To watch entire communities begin to change. It has been humbling. It has been sacred work. I am deeply thankful for the team that makes this possible — our staff, interns, and volunteers. Each one brings their love, their gifts, and their commitment to the table. Together, they are not just running programs; they are building relationships, restoring dignity, and making a lasting difference.

Twenty years ago, this was a vision. Today, it is a living testimony. And we are just getting started.

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