



Keyonna Sanders, one year after graduating from the Certified Sterile Processing Technician program taught at NAM's Learning Center

THRIVE Workforce Graduates *Where are they now?*

After growing tired of working two jobs to make ends meet, Keyonna heard about a program at NAM that gave scholarships for vocational training classes. She applied to the Certified Sterile Processing Technician program (CSPT) taught at NAM's Learning Center in 2016, and during the course of that year her life dramatically changed for the better.

Keyonna had not even graduated when Stryker Medical offered her a position with Memorial Hermann Hospital sterilizing medical equipment. She now had the training, the job, and within six months, she got the professional certification that allowed her to continue moving toward her dream of becoming financially independent.

"I love my job and everyone I work with is amazing," Keyonna says. "What I like the most about my job is that I'm helping people live better and healthier lives and knowing I'm making a difference makes me feel good because I love helping others."

This passion for helping others led Keyonna into the medical field and later into the CSPT program. This 14-week course is funded by the THRIVE Grant through the United Way of Greater Houston and it provides people like Keyonna with the educational resources needed to train in a new career.

 Thanks to NAM, I am more independent and stable than I ever was. 

"Before coming to NAM and receiving this training we were on food stamps and my children were on Medicaid," says Keyonna. "We now have private insurance, my credit is on the rise and we no longer receive food stamps. Thanks to NAM, I am more independent and stable than I ever was."

Being able to make such a dramatic impact in someone's life through education is the reason behind the expansion of NAM's Learning Center through the Harrell Family Opportunity Center, explains Mary Silbert, Director of this program.

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Unveiling of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center

Sandra and Eddie Harrell's love for NAM goes way back! **4**

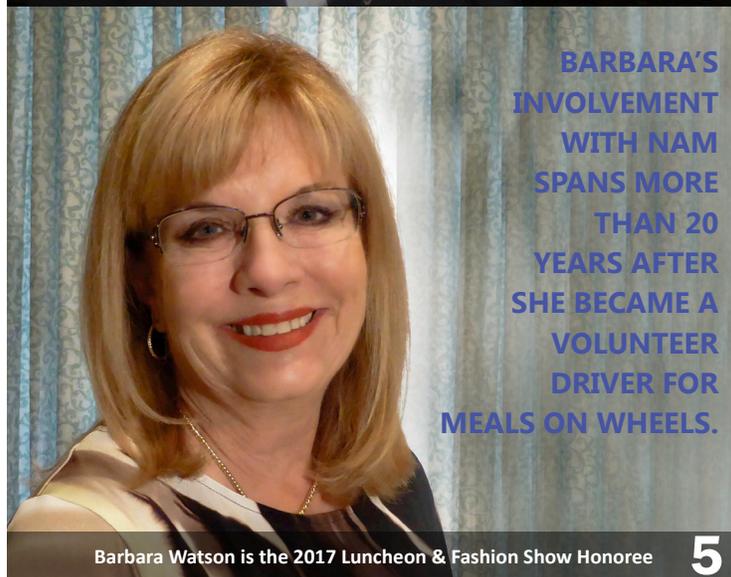
The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Harrell Family Opportunity Center Marks a New Era of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Jeans & Jewels: Meet the 2017 Honorees



**ONE OF
JEANNIE
AND
NOLAN'S
FAVORITE
CAUSES IS
NAM**

Jeannie and Nolan Lehmann are the 2017 Gala Honorees **5**



**BARBARA'S
INVOLVEMENT
WITH NAM
SPANS MORE
THAN 20
YEARS AFTER
SHE BECAME A
VOLUNTEER
DRIVER FOR
MEALS ON WHEELS.**

Barbara Watson is the 2017 Luncheon & Fashion Show Honoree **5**

FROM THE President & CEO

The view from my office window gives a small glimpse of the outside world. I see the seasons change, people coming and going and the ever-changing Texas clouds. It's the small things that make me realize that life is a constant state of transformation.



Carole Little

I see this transformation in the neighbors that come to NAM looking for help. Many of them come with a defeated attitude—as if someone clipped their wings and robbed them of the dreams they were meant to fulfill.

Later on, I see these same neighbors leave with a spring in their step and looking up to the sky, smiling at those same Texas clouds. Something changed in them. Someone in NAM set alight the spark of transformation. Someone ignited their *hope*.

And that's what NAM is all about: transforming our community from the inside out. We transformed from a small coalition of congregations into a multi-million dollar organization that supports the needs of more than 114,000 per year. We are in the business of changing lives and making dreams become a reality. I know this is true, because I see it through another window looking west: **The Harrell Family Opportunity Center.**

The Opportunity Center, as the name implies, will be the driving force in our community by providing the walls that contain dreams in the making. It will provide the structure people need to turn their lives around. We will transform struggles into achievements, *together*.

I am so grateful to the vision of our donors and Board members who made this dream possible and I'd like to invite you to come visit us in our new facility. Be a part of the driving force that is sure to transform lives through opportunities. Be a part of NAM!

Thank you for caring!

Carole Little,
**LINDA & HARLAN MARTENS ENDOWED
PRESIDENT & CEO**

Our Mission NAM's Mission is to strive to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Our Vision NAM's Vision, grounded in our mission and true to our values, is a community in which neighbors care for neighbors through our collaborative effort with area congregations, community partners, donors and volunteers. Resources are pooled and leveraged to meet basic needs and to help individuals regain their self-sufficiency, thereby creating a safer and more stable community for all.

Our Values Maintaining a strong commitment to our mission of meeting basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors; fostering a spirit of respect and charity; striving for excellence in all we do; and strengthening connections with our spiritual, funding and volunteer partners.

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Financial Statement

For the eight months ended 05/31/17 (unaudited)

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| Total Support and Revenues | \$6,831,418 |
| Expenses | |
| Program services | \$5,809,026 |
| Management and General | \$397,658 |
| Fundraising and Development | \$367,434 |
| Total Expenses | \$6,574,118 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | \$257,300 |

NAM's fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017

Bequests

THE BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

A charitable bequest is an easy way for you to help NAM!

- A bequest is free of federal estate tax
- You can still benefit your heirs with specific gifts
- A bequest may produce estate tax savings
- You can leave a legacy of giving through a bequest
- Your bequest can be changed down the road
- A bequest qualifies you to become a Charter Member of NAM's Legacy Society!

For more information about Charitable Bequests, please contact Brian Carr, Chief Advancement Officer at (281) 885-4605 or bcarr@namonline.org

THRIVE Workforce Graduates

"The Harrell Family Opportunity Center will offer neighbors like Keyonna the opportunity to gain new skills in a fast-changing job market," Mary says. "Having this wonderful opportunity to accommodate more people and provide additional opportunities will be life-changing and we are excited about that. Additionally, we can grow our vocational programs and acquire new educational partnerships and grants, thus allowing NAM to continue helping folks achieve financial stability

and a better future for their families."

Keyonna is also excited about the future: she's planning on buying a home this summer; her oldest daughter is about to graduate from college and her other children are doing well in school.

"Life is good right now for us," Keyonna says. "I am so grateful because without the help I received I wouldn't be here today. I finally achieved the financial stability and independence I had always dreamed of and it all happened thanks to NAM. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart."

ON AVERAGE, 70%
of students that receive a **SCHOLARSHIP** from the **THRIVE GRANT** find jobs!



From left to right: Mia, Craig, Keyonna, Samaya and Keandric.

NAM'S EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS



Day-time classes
Provide Adult Basic Education, GED and ESL classes



Night-time classes
Provide Adult Basic Education, GED and ESL classes



Between Jobs Ministries (BJM)
- Provide information, networking, training sessions and spiritual guidance to job seekers
- Assist clients referred by NAM through our Workforce Development Program
- Partner with NAM to offer a Career Fair every fall



- Provide jobseekers with access to Texas employment system
- Help with jobs and Workforce Development
- Help individuals file for unemployment



Offer the Financial Literacy Class the first Tuesday of every month



Offer Child Birth classes at (schedule varies)



- Provides NAM with the THRIVE Grant. This grant allows students to receive scholarships to vocational programs that include tuition, books, certification fees and other required expenses, as well as career and financial coaching and job search assistance
- Vocational programs are Sterile Processing and Administrative Professional; CNA, Phlebotomy, Accounting Assistant, Welding, HVAC and Machining programs are offered at Lone Star Community College

THRIVE GRANT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 65** people have received scholarships in the current grant year
- 40** students have completed training
- 32** students have obtained jobs
- 17** have obtained certifications

Grant year: Aug. 1, 2016-July 31, 2017

If you know someone like Keyonna who might benefit from any of the vocational training or adult education opportunities NAM has to offer, please contact Mary Silbert, Director of NAM's Learning Center at (281) 885-4606 or msilbert@namonline.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT GAVE CASH GIFTS OF \$1,000 OR MORE, EXCLUDING EVENTS MARCH-JUNE 2017

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| Arch-Con Corporation | Houston Endowment Inc. | Mirror Lake Landscapes, Pools, & Waterfalls | The John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation |
| Anonymous | Houston Methodist | Northwoods Presbyterian Church | The Hamill Foundation |
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| Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc. | Klein United Methodist Church | Strake Foundation | United Way of Greater Houston |
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| Fallbrook Baptist Church | Lakewood United Methodist Church | The Brown Foundation, Inc. | |
| Greater Houston Community Foundation | Lakewood United Methodist Women | The Frees Foundation | |
| Harriet and Joe Foster Foundation | Medallion Foundation, Inc. | | |

Thank You!

THE POWER OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



1. Debbie Peterson, Abiya Malhotra and Denise De La Garza picking up a large donation from Burlington 2. HP Supply Chain Operations Inc. volunteered at the JWNC and NAM Resale 3. Jason, second grader from Krahn Elementary, organized a very successful toiletry drive benefitting the Family Violence Center 4. Patsy Johnson from Lakewood United Methodist Church with Brian Carr, NAM's Chief Advancement Officer 5. Darci Bryann from Carter's Store with Vinson Crawford and Jimmy Born from NAM 6. Vantiv employees volunteered at NAM's JWNC and NAM Resale 7. Cereal Donation from Houston Northwest Medical Center

Unveiling of the Harrell Family Opportunity

On June 29, 2017, NAM celebrated the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and unveiling of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center.

The Harrell Family Opportunity Center is an expansion on NAM's vocational training and job readiness programs through the Learning Center. NAM broke ground in August 2016 and less than a year later, we finished the construction of the new building ahead of schedule and under budget.

"I am so pleased to see this building stand here today," explains Carole Little, NAM's President & CEO. "But more than pleased, I am thankful to all of our supporters for making this dream a reality for NAM, especially The Watford Family Foundation and Joe & Linda Fowler. This building represents our commitment to the Houston community and you made that happen."

The idea behind this expansion is two-fold: with a robust training center, neighbors can learn new skills that will allow them to earn a livable wage in today's competitive

market. Likewise, local employers will have the manpower they need to fill vacant positions that are hard to fill.

"Our ultimate goal is to lead clients into financial stability and self-sufficiency through education," Carole says. "We will accomplish that by fulfilling the Harrell's vision of giving a hand up to neighbors in need with a Center that will propel them into better paying jobs and better futures."

The Harrell Family Opportunity Center is named in honor of Eddie and Sandra Harrell, two of NAM's long-time supporters. They provided a generous seven-figure gift to NAM that allowed for the construction of the new center.

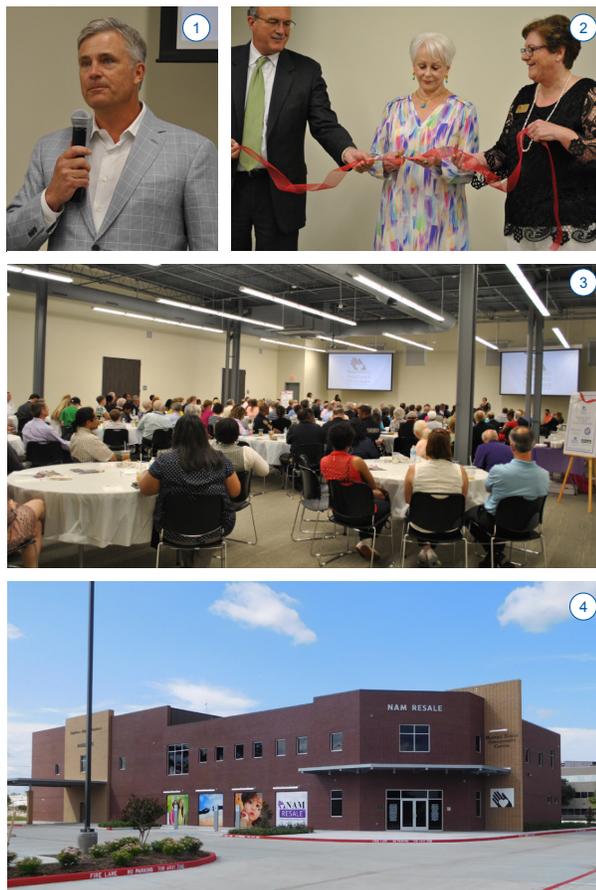
"Sandra and Eddie never expected anything in return and always wanted to keep quiet about the time and resources they provided NAM," Carole says. "The proof of their generosity and that of many other supporters stands today with a building that bears a name that will provide hope for generations to come."

Features of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center:

- The entire building is approximately 32,000 square-feet and has two stories.
- The largest area, the Joe and Linda Fowler multi-purpose room can accommodate 324 people.
- NAM Resale will relocate to the first floor of the Opportunity Center in September 2017.
- The Opportunity Center will provide career fairs, employee-specific hiring events, conferences, training sessions, NAM events, community events and workforce development functions.
- The second floor will oversee the expansion of NAM's vocational programs. Currently, they have the Certified Sterile Processing Technician and the Administrative Professional Programs and expect to expand these programs further. Additionally, NAM is working with several national corporations to bring employee-recruitment events to the Opportunity Center.
- The Harrell Family Opportunity Center includes break out rooms, a computer lab, a food-preparation area and training rooms with audiovisual capabilities.

To schedule a tour of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center, please call Brian Carr, Chief Advancement Officer at (281) 885-4605 or bcarr@namonline.org.

Tours are by appointment only. The Harrell Family Opportunity Center: 15702 Bammel Village Drive | Houston, Texas 77014



1. Curtis Harrell speaking on behalf of the Harrell Family 2. Mike Watford, NAM Board of Trustees Chairman, Sandra Harrell and Carole Little, President & CEO of Northwest Assistance Ministries cutting the ribbon inaugurating the new building 3. Attendees gathered in the Joe and Linda Fowler multi-purpose room 4. A view from the outside of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center

NAM Events



Dr. Mary Neal with Melissa Wilson during the 2017 NAM Endowment Fund Dinner at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Jeans & Jewels: Meet the 2017 Honorees

Luncheon & Fashion Show Since 2004, Barbara has been creating the beautifully intricate designs that adorn NAM's Gala invitations—a family affair that also involves her husband Bob. While she designs the invitations, her husband provides the printing at a reduced cost for NAM.

"I feel absolutely blessed we are able to give back to NAM with our talents," Barbara says.

Barbara is thrilled to be this year's Luncheon Honoree and feels that behind her success there's a team of outstanding people making great things happen for NAM.

"I applaud Susan Cofran and Gina Wolford for being this year's Luncheon Team Leads. I know these ladies and the Jeans & Jewels committee have what it takes to make this event another successful and unforgettable Luncheon for NAM and I am excited to be part of that."

City Lights & Cowboy Nights Jeannie and Nolan have been happily married for 48 years, and have always been involved in philanthropic causes that are meaningful to them.

This year, the Jeans & Jewels committee and the entire NAM family chose Jeannie and Nolan for their dedication to our community as the 2017 Gala Honorees.

"It is such an honor to be chosen to represent NAM's mission and the values we believe in," Nolan said. "We wholeheartedly support what NAM is doing for our community and we are so glad we are able to serve as this year's Gala Honorees. We look forward to receiving the support of our family and friends at this event and the guidance from our Honorary Chairs, Margie and Rick Crump. We are thrilled to help NAM in whatever way we can."

Citation Oil & Gas: First-Ever Corporate Honoree

NAM is also honored and grateful to Citation Oil & Gas for serving as the first-ever Corporate Honoree. We look forward to celebrating alongside their business partners, community members, friends and family. We are confident the 2017 Gala, *City Lights & Cowboy Nights* is going to be a night to remember for NAM and all of our loyal supporters.

Thank you!

2017 NAM Endowment Fund Raises More Than \$180,000

The 2017 NAM Endowment Fund Dinner was a night to remember. The event raised more than \$180,000 that will benefit the NAM Endowment Fund and promote its mission—to enhance NAM's financial stability and to provide security for its future. The event took place at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott on April 11, 2017. Dr. Mary Neal, author of the New York Times best-selling book *To Heaven and Back*, was this year's speaker. Guests were excited to hear Dr. Neal's experience with death, her conversation with God, his Angels and her return to earth with a renewed message in love and faith: all God's promises are true. Dr. Neal shared her transformational experience with an audience of more than 260 guests in an intimate interview moderated by Melissa Wilson, news anchor from Fox 26 and this year's emcee.

"We are so grateful to all the people that came to support NAM's mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors," explains Carole Little, NAM's President & CEO. "Dr. Neal's story was not only captivating but full of hope and love for everyone to enjoy. I am truly thankful to everyone involved in making this event a success for NAM," Carole says.

Special thanks go to this year's major supporters: Darlis and Tom Fuller, Margaret and Ralph Daigle, Denise and Buddy Bolt, Cindy and Scott Chenoweth, Margie and Rick Crump, Jeannie and Nolan Lehmann, Hass Horizontal, LLC, Dr. and Mrs. Ron Young, Houston Methodist Foundation, Jackie and Pat Riley and the Watford Family Foundation. Also, many thanks to Kroger for the beautiful floral arrangements that decorated the 2017 NAM Endowment Fund Dinner.

A great turn out at NAM's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon! The Kentucky Derby-Themed Luncheon Attracted More Than 200 guests!

Every spring, NAM honors its volunteers with a delicious luncheon served by NAM staff, and this year was no different. On April 20, 2017, more than 200 guests gathered at Shirley Acres, owned by Linda and Bobby Shirley, long-time supporters of NAM. For the last six years, the Shirleys have hosted the NAM Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at their beautiful venue and also provided the meals for everyone to enjoy. This year's Kentucky Derby-Themed Luncheon, *Our Hearts Race for You*, captured the feelings of love and gratitude NAM has for the 2,000 volunteers that selflessly give back thousands of hours every year. One-by-one they stood up for a round of applause during an emotional speech given by Carole Little, NAM's President & CEO. A standing ovation was given

to volunteers like Jessie, Arlene and Janellen for their outstanding commitment to NAM for more than 30 years of service. Guests were also delighted by this year's entertainer, Robby Bennett, a well-known Houston magician who brought exciting new tricks and comedy to the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Many thanks to this year's sponsors: Chick-Fil-A, Half Price Books, H-E-B, National Charity League- Cypress Creek, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Party Props Inc., Raising Cane's, Robby Bennett, Shirley Acres and Staples.

The next Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will come back in the spring of 2018.



1. Volunteers Donna Moore, Carolyn Milby, Barb Cooper, Nancy Weaver and Judy Barker, showing the beautiful flowers and prizes received at the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
2. Guests during a moving speech by NAM's President & CEO, Carole Little



Guests Celebrate with A Toast to NAM

The revamped fundraising event, *Beers & Cheers, A Toast to NAM*, raised more than \$8,000. More than 100 guests gathered at Citation Oil & Gas on May 11, 2017 to enjoy a fun, musical atmosphere with The Mix Masters Band and to delight in sips, bites and Pho-jita, a delicious Thai-Mexican Fusion food truck.

We still have two more Jeans & Jewels events that you don't want to miss: the 2017 Luncheon & Fashion Show, *Our Jewel of Generosity*, honoring Barbara Watson and our fabulous 2017 Gala, *City Lights & Cowboy Nights*, honoring Jeannie and Nolan Lehmann and Citation Oil & Gas. For dates and more information about Jeans & Jewels or to purchase tickets, please contact Samantha Gonzalez, Fundraising Manager at (281) 885-4609 or sgonzalez@namonline.org.



Beers & Cheers, A Toast to NAM Team Leads, Lauren Temple and Courtney Cook were excited to see all the people that came together to honor NAM

JEANS & Jewels
...A Texas Size Party

NAM Highlights

Survival Over Summer Results are in!

NAM surpassed this year's goal for the Survival Over Summer campaign raising \$152,102 to help neighbors in need. This year, a generous donor challenged NAM to a \$1 for \$1 match up to \$150,000 and our supporters did not disappoint, as we beat our goal! This year's donations will allow NAM to provide assistance to more than 400 families during the hot summer months. Some families struggle during the summer, as many lose that free meal kids receive when school is in session. Seniors on a fixed income often find themselves having to choose between buying food or running an AC unit to ward off the scorching summer heat. But thanks to your help they won't have to.



Thank you again for being part of the beautiful cycle of Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

NAM Gears Toward BACK TO SCHOOL

NAM is kicking off the summer with its annual Back to School drive. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000 to help more than 1,500 students in the Spring, Klein, parts of Aldine and Cy-Fair independent school districts with the supplies they need to start the school year. The Back to School drive benefits children from kindergarten through 12th-grade.

"When kids have the supplies they need they feel better about themselves and have the confidence to learn and discover new things," explains Debbie Peterson, Director of NAM's Assistance Program. "When children and teens are excited about learning, it can only mean good things for their futures and we want every student to be enthusiastic about school."

To help children in need this summer, please donate online, mail a check or stop by NAM to drop off your gift. If you know someone who might benefit from receiving school supplies, please direct them to NAM's Assistance Line at (281) 583-5600.

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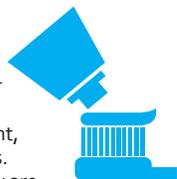
WHEN: Saturday, August 5, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Monday, August 7, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.
(if available)

WHERE: NAM lobby

Toiletries Needed!

Sometimes when people are affected by domestic violence they are forced to leave their belongings behind. These belongings include every-day toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and even diapers for their little ones. Let victims of domestic violence know that they are never alone by providing them with the tools they need to feel clean inside and out. Bring your donations of full-size toiletries to NAM's Family Violence Center. We have a special need for products for African American women.



6 For a complete list of products, please visit our [website](#).

Volunteer at NAM!

Meals on Wheels is currently looking for daily volunteers to help deliver more than 650 meals to clients across 24 zip codes. **NAM Resale** needs volunteers to help sort, tag and organize daily donations. **The Family Violence Center** is also looking for Peer Advocates. We have several opportunities available at NAM during the summer time! If you feel the tug and want to make a difference in our community, please contact Courtney Frost-Tadlock, Community Relations Coordinator at (281) 885-4604 or volunteer@namonline.org to get started. New Volunteer Orientations are held **the first Wednesday of the month and the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.**

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

JULY
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Stephanie' Story

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

After working long hours at a chemical company, Stephanie's health dramatically declined and she suddenly found herself needing a new kidney and pancreas. Out of someone's tragic death in a motorcycle accident, Stephanie got a new lease on life. She received the organs she needed to live, but her life also changed.

"I had a really good-paying job and then I got sick. And when you get a transplant your immune system is not the same," Stephanie says. "After the transplant, I didn't have the same job choices I've had before."

She wanted to work with children, but her doctors advised against doing so because she risked getting sick. With no job after her life-saving surgery and no other employment prospects, Stephanie knew she wanted to give back and do something productive.

Then one day, her sister told her about NAM. A few years back, her sister and her children had fallen on hard times and NAM was able to help. Stephanie came to the volunteer orientation, and after a few days she was hooked. At first she volunteered for the IT department and sometimes she'd help at Fifty Plus, but it was the Learning Center where she found her calling. She's been there four times a week since 2012—the year after she had the surgery.

"In the beginning, I thought I was going to help people through NAM," Stephanie explains. "But volunteering ended up helping me. I had just returned to Houston after living in Beaumont for several years and I was lonesome; I didn't know anyone and although I had my family, they were busy living their lives. But once I got to the Learning Center and started seeing people's lives change for the better, they started helping me because I felt inspired. They made me feel happy inside."

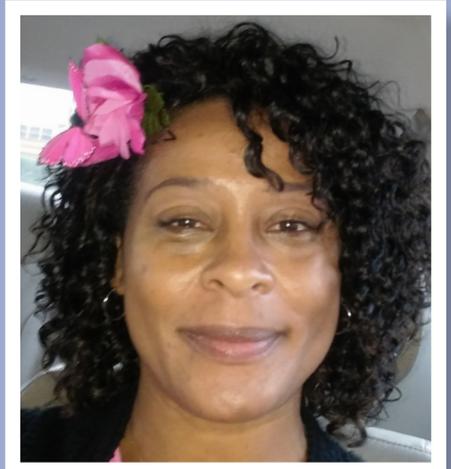
We see Stephanie at the reception desk always sporting a friendly smile that greets people looking to gain new skills in the job market. She has seen lots of people come and go, but usually they all share one thing in common: determination to succeed.

Stephanie is also determined. Along with her volunteer work at the Learning Center, she also helps out at her local church and another faith-based organization like NAM. She learned in church that everyone has a purpose, and she feels that she also has a responsibility to help others.

Stephanie doesn't know where she'll be in five years' time, but she knows for sure that she'll be volunteering for as long as she can—wherever that may be.

"God will move me where I need to move or He will keep me where I'm at."

And we sure enjoy having Stephanie at NAM.



"I thought I was going to help people through NAM but volunteering ended up helping me."

NAM WELCOMES:



Brian Carr

Brian joins NAM's Development Team as the new Chief Advancement Officer. Before joining NAM, Brian worked at the Coalition for Prosperous America and the American Cancer Society. He's extremely active in community engagement events and hopes to provide NAM with the tools and opportunities necessary to expand our comprehensive array of services.



Mandy Stewart

Mandy joins the Family Violence Center as their new Sexual Assault Coordinator. This summer she'll earn her master's in Victim Services Management from Sam Houston State University. Mandy looks forward to utilizing her skills at NAM and hopes to empower individuals to transition from victim to victor.



Samantha Gonzalez

Samantha continues to further NAM's mission as the new Fundraising Manager in Development. Prior to this role, Samantha served as NAM's Development Coordinator. She continues to take pride in managing NAM's special events and working one-on-one with our donors.

Mobile Food Pantry



245 low-income families received fresh fruits, vegetables and milk at NAM

On April 29, 2017, more than 9,000 pounds of fresh fruits, vegetables and milk were distributed amongst 245 low-income families at NAM's Joanne Watford Nutrition Center (JWNC) with the first-ever Mobile Food Pantry.

"You should have seen their faces," says Kerima Pizarro, Coordinator at the JWNC. "These families were so appreciative of these foods and helping people make better choices when it comes to nutrition is something that NAM is passionate about. We are glad we were able to help so many neighbors in need."

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held at the JWNC on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. No registration is required. The event is on first-come first-serve basis.



NAM Resale to Open in September

Treasures of the Heart is now NAM Resale! Our community store is relocating to the first floor of The Harrell Family Opportunity Center in September 2017. NAM Resale will offer 9,000 square-feet of resale space and 4,400 square-feet of warehouse space. Customers can expect the same great quality items, promotions, new point of sale and more. Our current location on Kuykendahl and 1960 will remain open through the remainder of the year with a large selection of holiday and Christmas décor. Don't forget to stop by!

The Legacy Society is finally here!

Recognition You Deserve
for the
Legacy You Leave

Your legacy is important. This year, NAM will be unveiling its Legacy Society to honor Charter Members like you!

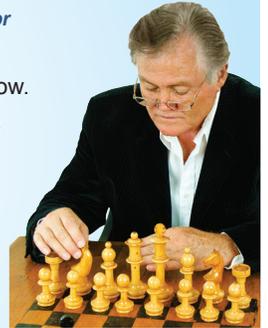
If you've included NAM in your will, trust or other planned gift, please let us know. We want to honor you with a membership in our Legacy Society, and more importantly, we want to make sure you are thanked today and that your legacy is honored tomorrow. **For more information on how you can become a Charter Member of NAM's Legacy Society, contact Brian Carr, Chief Advancement Officer at (281) 885-4605 or bcarr@namonline.org.**

WHAT: Legacy Society Luncheon

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHEN: August 22, 2017

WHERE: The Harrell Family Opportunity Center



In Honor of

Ann B. Macaluso in honor of Michael R. Bean

Gary and Beverly Gibson & Jean C. Trippie in honor of Raul Pavon

Ann and Robert Knott in honor of Brent Blake

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