

Note from

*Katy*

Holiday Greetings! We have exciting news to share! Welcome to our first issue of our "One Life at a Time" newsletter. We will bring news from our family to yours highlighting graduations, class photos, stories and upcoming events. The staff and current volunteers are privileged to experience first-hand life changing moments through the lives of our students. We want to share that with you, our supporters.

Please celebrate with us the newest program centered around our youth ages 13-17 with the Powered for Life Curriculum. Thank you for your faithful support with allows us to share God's love with our community in such a dynamic way.

Katy Offutt, Executive Director



UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

January 25th

4TH ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT

June 11th

FROM MY VIEW

By Rev. George Sutton

It's the week of Thanksgiving as I write. I am SO thankful for many things. But today I'm giving thanks for Forward Training Center. I've been on the Board of Directors for close to a decade, and there have been many changes through the years. For instance, this year we started a program with youth in our community. That was not even on the radar until recently. I'm giving thanks we're reaching our young people with life-changing growth. We recently held our annual Gala fundraiser. This event provides significant funding for our annual operation. (All programming is free for participants.) I'm giving thanks for success with that event. I'm giving thanks for all of our wonderful volunteers— instructors, mentors, site leaders, organizers, whatever. We could not operate without our volunteers!

AND... today I'm giving thanks for YOU. If you are reading this, you have an interest in what we are doing—thank you! If you are reading this, you care about helping others move forward in life—thank you! If you are reading this, the Board of Directors wants you to know we appreciate your interest in, and care and concern for others. THANK YOU! I'm reminded in Genesis 12 where God says to Abram, "I will bless you that you may bless others." May you and yours have a blessed holiday season!

On *Board*

The Board celebrates with the staff and volunteers a year of tremendous growth and development of new partnerships. I personally want to thank each of you for your support and tenacity in touching the lives of both adults and youth through programming and fundraising efforts to allow us to show God's Grace within the Granbury community. May your Christmas be filled with health, joy and peace. Have a blessed day!

Jim Lilly



This year's *Stats*

272  
CLASSES

2,149  
CLASSROOM HOURS

Update from Laurie,

# Program Director

## WHEN TRUTH OVERRIDES FACTS

God spoiled us by design. But our blessed self is loaded with challenges. This is truth but facts bring a focus to what currently exists and truth brings about hope for the future. God gave us all a purpose.

At Forward Training Center, truth comes alive with every student joining our program. Crisis sometimes allows us to look deeper into what God intended for each of us. It pushes us to grow up. When our students realize who they are they do what comes naturally. Students, both adults and youth, need the ability to see the gifts and talents God has endowed them with.

This opportunity comes alive with their completion of a career assessment. This is the beginning of their roadmap for defining their specific desired occupation. Communication is critical to achieving next steps. Sixty second commercials, about themselves are a key factor in the interview process. Students practice until they feel comfortable with their presentation in the presence of the entire class. Resumes are essential to getting you in the door for interviews. Instructors stay focused on the completion of a polished document. Mock Interviews come next with community leaders giving of their time to interview each student.



Finally, Career Day brings Granbury Professionals together with the students. Each student has a career identified and the professionals are matched with each students. The relationships are formed for future communication. The seed has been planted and this creates a network for each student and tremendous sense of value.

## Change lives by becoming a Volunteer

We have many different opportunities to serve within our Jobs for Life and Powered for Life (Youth) programs.

Our next Jobs for Life class starts March 22, 2022 and meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am until noon for 8 weeks. Powered for Life meets within the GISD annual school year on Monday through Thursday for 6 weeks.

Please call me to schedule a time to meet. **214 533 5020.**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Work directly with students in classroom
- Computer class assistant
- Social Committee
- Office

## Donations

Have you taken your RMD?  
Do you want to know how to reduce your tax liability?  
Are you giving your charitable donations through a QCD?

Call us for more information.



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VIP Dinner



Fall Jobs For Life Graduates



Fall 'Powered for Life' Graduates



It's a Wonderful Life' Gala

## We'd love your *Help*

We are undergoing a fundraising effort to replace the carpet in the student building. Please reach out to us at 817-573-6677 if you would be able to help us.



It's a Wonderful Life' Gala



JFL Graduates & Program Director

### LOCATION

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