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DISCOVERING
MY GIFTS



GROWING INTO
LEADERSHIP



THE IMPACT1MORE
VOLUNTEER JOURNEY



YOUR GIFTS.
YOUR IMPACT.

“ For it is God who works in you, both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.”

— PHILIPPIANS 2:13 (ESV)

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You Can Do Something!

I never knew that spontaneously volunteering at a “random” back-to-school outreach would be a catalyst for the calling God had on my life.

Gifts & Callings

Everyone, no matter their age, background, or appearance, has gifts and talents that can be used to impact the lives of those around them. A person just needs the opportunities to find what those are and use them. Through volunteering with Impact1More, I have discovered and used my gifts to make an impact in my community.

My Volunteer Journey

My journey with volunteering with Impact1More started in late July 2024. I noticed one of my coworkers was helping with what looked like a “backpack giveaway” in the lobby of my work. After I got off work, I went over to their setup and simply asked if they needed any help. Sure enough, they did! And I’ve been volunteering with them ever since.

For some, it may have been a one-time experience, but for me, it became the unexpected beginning of a journey to discover what the Lord had planned for my life. I want to highlight a couple of moments for me that made me want to continue volunteering with Impact1More. The first moment was when I witnessed the relief in a mother’s eyes when she left with backpacks full of all the school supplies her kids would need, just as the new school year was approaching fast. The second experience was the way a young girl’s eyes lit up in response to me asking if she wanted a stuffed animal to take home. I still remember the way she asked me, “Can I have one?” with such excitement in her voice in response to my question. In these moments, I realized I was taking part in something bigger than myself. Something I knew I wanted to continue to be a part of.

With each encounter and interaction with volunteers and those we were helping in the community, I simply made myself available and helped with what I could. I was given opportunity after opportunity to grow my strengths and discover my gifts. I truly believe that I would not have realized my capability of possessing these attributes if it wasn’t for God giving me the opportunities to volunteer with Impact1More.

Becoming the Leader I am Today

The growth I have made in myself is exemplified by the opportunity I have been given in becoming the Volunteer Coordinator for Impact1More. There have been moments as Volunteer Coordinator that have challenged me for the better. See, if you would have told me back at my first outreach that I volunteered at what I would be doing now, I

wouldn't have believed you. Until now, I had never seen myself as a very extroverted or outgoing person; honestly, talking and leading groups of people isn't what I would have considered my strengths before. Funny how God has a way of turning our weaknesses into what he uses in our callings.

I have had to overcome insecurities and self-doubt in multiple instances and walk in the boldness of the Lord with volunteer coordinating. I have discovered in myself that I have a gift for making connections with others and making people feel valued. I also see that I have a gift for leading groups to accomplish a mission. I truly believe that once a person makes themselves available to the Lord to use even in their weakness, he will bring them opportunities to do His good work.

Like in Philippians 2:13 ESV translation in the Bible, the apostle Paul wrote in a letter to the early church of Phillipi,

“For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

One of the reasons Paul is writing this to the Philippian church is to encourage them to have the desire and strength to live a life pleasing to God. In today's time, this can look like sharing the love of Jesus and helping those in need. With Impact1More, there is an opportunity in the community.

What Makes Impact1More Different

Volunteering with Impact1More has not been my first experience giving my time to a non-profit. For most of my life, I've grown up volunteering in churches and different ministries. From VBS and church camps to youth leadership.

Volunteering with Impact1More stands out above the rest for me. My past experiences consisted of the non profits/ministries' focus being mainly on the preparation and success of the events coming up. Each ministry did a great job of impacting their community through their outreaches. But with volunteers, our role was to show up, help out, and go home. And that was that. But with Impact1More, they not only pour their time into serving the community, but they also have a focus on building up and helping volunteers walk in their gifts and become strong leaders.

IOM's Volunteer Structure

Many may not know much about IOM's volunteer structure. To explain it briefly, everyone who volunteers with us is given opportunities over time to discover and walk out their gifts on a larger, more meaningful scale, increasing the impact they can make in the community.

To go more in depth, everyone who volunteers with Impact1More begins as a General Volunteer, but over the course of outreach, they will be given opportunities to take on more responsibilities and grow into a leadership role.

Within this process, each volunteer can grow as much as they feel called to and are capable of, to in turn make the greatest impact in their community.

Thank You, Impact1More!

I truly want to thank the team behind IOM for continually seeing the potential and value in every volunteer, including myself. They are continually arranging opportunities and giving guidance to become Changemakers in our community. The growth in myself is exemplified through the opportunity I have been given as the Volunteer Coordinator for Impact1More.

Reader's Challenge

I want to finish this newsletter by leaving a challenge for all who read it. I challenge every one of you to ask the Lord to give you wisdom and to discover the gifts and callings He has placed upon your life. And for him to also give you opportunities to use these gifts and callings to make an impact in your community. In 1 Peter 4:10, ESV states in the Bible, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Encouragement to Reader

I also want to end with a reminder that goes along with the challenge above. Do not miss out on what the Lord has for you because you are afraid or discouraged with what your past may be, how old you are, or what you look like. God can use YOU to make an impact. Matthew 5:15-16 ESV states, "Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In this same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

To quote from Impact1More's most recent merch release, "I Can Do Something, You Can Do Something, God Can Do Something, We Can Do Something".

Check us out on our website to get connected, volunteer, or give at Impact1More.org.

Blessings,
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