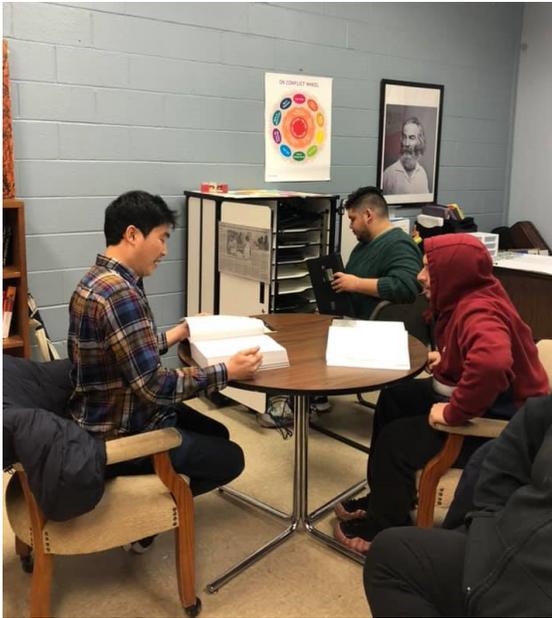


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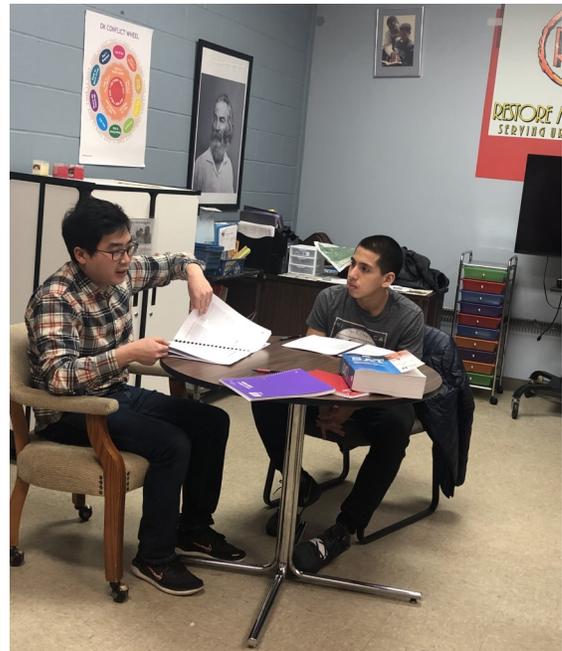
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*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart.”* Elizabeth Andrew



Scott tutoring Wilfredo (Alumni) for GED test



Scott preparing Juan for his SAT test

Volunteer's Message



It is difficult to find that work/life balance that provides us with economic security as well as personal and emotional satisfaction. Volunteering has helped me balance my life better and has had a positive impact on my feeling of social and personal responsibility.

After a stressful day at work, sometimes it is difficult to gather the motivation to volunteer. Though I find that helping others recalibrates my sense of purpose and direction. It also grants me the energy to finish the work week and bring personal fulfillment to my life. When I began volunteering, I thought I would be helping teach young people to attain better grades in school; but volunteering at Restore has also helped me become a more well-rounded person. Tutoring students has helped me develop patience, understanding, and a better appreciation for the education and educators we often take for granted. Helping students get better grades is a wonderful feeling but seeing them mature and become responsible independent members of society is even more rewarding.

I have lived in this area my whole life, but I never got involved with the community until I began volunteering at Restore. Restore has helped me to make connections with my neighbors, develop friendships, and help make my community a better place. I feel a stronger connection with the community and a better respect and understanding of its people than I did before

Scott Moore

Volunteering - Alumni's Message

My name is Trevon Sloan, and I am a Chemical Engineer. I graduated from Lehigh University in 2018. I started attending Restore back in 2007 when I was 12 years old. Restore was introduced to me as a fun place to hang out for a few hours after school a few days per week, but it ended up meaning much more to me. Restore was not only fun, it was a safe haven and so beneficial to my life. There were many values taught here that are great values to have in life-values such as teamwork, discipline, love, and community. I'm so grateful to have met people like Mr. Bagby, Ms. Ximena and Mr. Gary Reece. They have been a blessing in my life that have helped me to grow from an energetic kid to a wholesome, intelligent young man. I am now a volunteer for Restore because I figured the only way I could show my gratefulness would be to give back and help shape the next generation of kids like I was shaped years ago.

_ Trevon Sloan



Trevon, Gina and Elizabeth



Trevon and Erik directing a sport activity



Children on a field trip

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My name is Elizabeth Dazalma, I am currently a senior at Montclair State University, majoring in Public Health (PH) with a concentration in Community Health. Public Health not only pertains to the prevention of diseases, but it consist of making sure that each and every individual are able to have a prolonged life through the promotion of health. My dream career is Public Health Nursing. This is due to the fact that PH Nursing not only deal with patient one-on-one care, but it deals with the care of an entire community. This major is the reason why I began volunteering at Restore. Last semester, I had to pick a location to perform a 40hr. volunteer service, and I have decided to complete those hours at Restore because of its ability to educate children. If I were to pursue a career as a PH Nurse, I would need to be able to effectively communicate with children and being apart of restore has shown me that. I love volunteering at Restore because I am able to be myself as well as work with children. Restore has given me the ability to properly communicate with children, which will benefit me in the near future. The passion and dedication that is exhibited in this facility will allow me to continuously attend. I am glad to be apart of an organization that stresses the importance of education amongst the youth because they are the faces of the future. Thank you Restore.

_Elizabeth Dazalma



Executive Director 's Message

Volunteers provide valuable services to the Restore organization. The act of volunteering is an expression of commitment to the Restore community, and that commitment has value to our members and their families, the City of Elizabeth and I will be bold to say to the State of New Jersey. The benefits of the services provided by our volunteers may differ in fundamental ways from services offered by professional staff since the motivation to serve may be different.

Our recent high school graduates offer a unique benefit because they have much in common with our members (age, race, economic background or experience) than does the professional staff.

Volunteer expand the base of community support for Restore by making the work of Restore transparent to the community. In doing this, volunteers provide Restore with word-of-mouth publicity and have the potential to cultivate a broader base of supporters for Restore in its mission. And, of course, in addition to these benefits, volunteers expand Restore capacity to delivery services to our kids and their families and to the City of Elizabeth.



Alumni, volunteering at our 5k

Mr. Linwood Bagby

Program Director's Message



Restore's teenagers at High School basketball game

Volunteering is one of the best ways to make a difference for the community, in this case the youth at Restore is making the difference. Volunteering can be far more than simply doing a good action.

I am very grateful for each of our volunteers; Scott and other engineers from Phillips66, Elizabeth from Montclair State University and our alumni; Trevon, a Chemical Engineer, graduated from Lehigh University who wants to give back volunteering, Gina and Erik, who are working with us through Union County College Federal Work Study program. It is very rewarding see our children become professionals and well form people.

All are doing spectacular work, given a great collaboration to the organization and society. After a long day of work or school they have the motivation and enthusiasm to tutor children, put physical activities together, and help with events or trips. What they do best is build a strong relationship with children and everyone else at Restore. I have to say, we could not do it with out them.

With these wonderful young adults' work, helping children succeed academically, with parents' collaboration, your kind financial support and our commitment to do as much as possible to change our youths' lives with a positive vision, Restore keeps going forward.

God bless you,

Ximena Carrasco

*"We rise
by
lifting
others."*

— Robert Ingersoll

REALIZING...
POTENTIAL...
MAXIMIZING...
ACHIEVEMENT...

RESTORE AT A GLANCE



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We had to cancel the October 16th Banquet. Stay tune for fund raising events during 2020. We are looking for committee members who will serve anywhere from four months to nine (2020 banquet committee) Please get a hold of us if you are interested in helping us.



Volunteering - Alumni's Message

My name is Gina Sanon, I am of Haitian descent and I am 26 years of age . I am currently attending Union County College. I'm pursuing a degree in nursing. I have the opportunity to participate in Federal work study which allows me to work with Restore. Being apart of this organization, truly brings joy to me. When I was in high school I attended Restore for 4 years until I graduated.

When I first started here I was depressed and really didn't know how to fit in, I was bullied most of the time and never had any friends. Coming to Restore allowed me to be myself by helping me excel in my academics. Being engage in activities like poetry, science fairs, trips, and a lot of other activities allow me to interact with other peers and gain confidence. Now that I am a college student, working here makes me feel like I am giving back to the community. Knowing that I am working with kids who are where I once was, have helped me realize the importance of Restore and the impact it has on one's life.

Restore helped me realize the importance of education and friendships. Now as an adult I'm happy to be working and inspiring the next group of alumni. Restore is home to many of us who have attended and more so for those who are still attending. The workers here are a family. Each and everyone of us love each other and the love is more prevalent for alumni as well.

Mr. Linwood Bagby opened up not only Restore but his heart to the children of this city . It brings much joy in my heart to know that his love never changed. Restore is a friendly environment and no tolerance for bullying. I was so comfortable being here because no one bullied me and most of all I was accepted for being me. I found my identity and friends through this program.

I am close to the children, the other workers, volunteers and alumni as well. The experiences I've gained here are priceless and will never be forgotten. Working here I am giving the next child the same enriching experiences that I have been through. My job is rewarding because I'm changing lives with my own experiences.

I can educate others about Restore and the lessons that they have taught me, which are respect, responsibility, accountability, acceptance, teamwork, and most of all knowing my own self worth by finding confidence in my abilities and strengths. I love it here

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_Gina Sanon