



TOGETHERHOOD

Community Update

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Togetherhood Good for Community

Togetherhood leverages the Y's powerful network and cause-driven mission to unlock people's potential to contribute to a more connected and stronger community.

Volunteer Spotlight Said Sheyyab

Meet Said...he has volunteered at our pantry for the last couple of years and is an integral part of our team. He is one of the first smiling faces our community sees as they walk through our doors.

Said came to this country 30 years ago from Jordan. His cultural background has helped us build our pantry; he has taught us which foods align culturally with some of the families we serve.

What initially inspired you to start volunteering with us and what is your favorite part? As a long-coming community member to the YMCA food bank, I saw the dedication each volunteer in their commitment to feed the community. I wanted to join in their mission to feed the community by bringing on my experiences as a person who needs assistance to better connect to those who need help. I thoroughly enjoy hearing about the experiences of other individuals from the community and their life stories as I see them often.

How has volunteering with our organization impacted you personally? I have made more friends within the community than I have ever had in any place I have ever lived before. I overcame my fears of speaking to strangers and go out of my way to talk to others no matter where I am.

Tell us about a specific moment or experience that was particularly meaningful to you while serving. When speaking to a community member I saw often around town, I learned they fell on hard times and were struggling to eat every day. I was shocked to hear this because I could've never expected such things happening to them. They then told me about how getting food from the YMCA helped them immensely with getting a meal every day and being able to then use the money they were once spending on food to other important expenses which allowed them to better their livelihood.

What would you say to someone who is considering volunteering with us? Join! There is nothing more fulfilling than helping others and being a helpful member of our community.

We are so happy to have you on our Volunteer Team Said!



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