

C 24/7 Volunteer Tutor/Mentor Ambassador

Meet Peter Johnson

Faith, Love, and Purpose



Since retiring about five years ago, Peter was introduced to C24/7 and invited to volunteer by a very close friend. Since early 2022, he has served as a youth tutor and mentor to the elementary students where he assists with homework, offer encouragement and wherever he can provide counseling. He began his volunteerism journey hoping to touch the lives of the youth at C24/7 – even if no one remembered him or his name. He proudly states, “it is never about me – it is about Jesus”! Over the last year, he transitioned his support to High School youth and felt nervous that he wouldn’t have anything to offer or know what he was doing. But, through God’s grace, he has developed an even deeper relationship with them.

Growing up, Peter came from a stable, middle-class background, with his material needs met. C24/7 youth are facing challenges that he never imagined, like wondering if there would be food in the fridge or worrying about their safety on the way to school. **“Yet, they are very resilient in ways I had never seen before.”**

“God gives Hope to the youth at C24/7, so that they might see his love through the volunteers ...”

Peter went on to say ... “What strikes me is that working with the high school youth and community residents, there is such a strong sense of community within the C24/7 doors. Everyone really looks after each other. Despite their personal hardships, I am always moved by the strong sense of community, which is more apparent from the

love received by the co-founders, Brother James and Sister Natalie! Everyone who walks through the doors on a regular basis – the one thing I tell people is the more you get involved, the more you realize how little of an impact you might make – but you realize the needs are so significant.”

C24/7 is truly a refuge where these kids can experience God’s love. They come to feel safe, valued, and loved, while learning things they might not have had the chance to learn otherwise. Peter thinks that God brought him and other volunteers to C24/7 to be His hands and heart, providing support where it was most needed.

Selfishly, he noted he feels so blessed to have the privilege to be with the youth. “I go to C24/7 to show the love of Jesus Christ. It’s not up to me; I leave it in God’s hand. I go there to love the youth and have some working reference to make a difference in their lives. And I don’t do this for attention or do it because it’s fun! It’s not about fun – I see the need so deeply and the youth are so deeply appreciative. So many of the youth are in a very difficult situations, and if I can just be a part of something that could change their outcomes.”

The sharing of God’s love is what drives Peter to return every week – and most importantly, he hosts a Bible Study group with the high school students, and his goal is that he wants the youth to be curious and growth in their faith. God knows each child who comes to C24/7 and every volunteer who steps forward to serve. He knows what He’s doing when He brings the youth and volunteers together. All we have to do is say, “it’s all you, Lord. Just show me how to show them You”.

Be Part of Something Bigger! Volunteer with C24/7!

Just like Peter, you can step up and make a lasting impact in the lives of C24/7 youth. At C24/7, every volunteer plays a crucial role in helping children overcome their challenges and experience God’s love.

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INVOLVED!**

