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SWITCHPOINT'S MISSION:

- To empower homeless families & individuals in Washington County by addressing the underlying cause of poverty & providing each client with an individualized, comprehensive plan that supports them on their journey to self-sufficiency & the opportunity to contribute to the community.

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“Changing the Face of Poverty”

Here at Switchpoint, we believe that “It Takes All of Us” to change the face of poverty. In order to be successful with this statement, we rely on our incredible community members to help change families lives for the better. We wanted to highlight some of our amazing and giving volunteers and thank them for the sincere kindness they show to those who are struggling to improve their lives. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Switchpoint Volunteers - we love all you do to help those who are most vulnerable in our community!



Dave: “I volunteer twice a week in the kitchen and pantry and have for three years. I find volunteering at Switchpoint to be rewarding. Sometimes people just need a little bit of help and it feels good to be a part of a community that helps people.”

Mike: “We love Switchpoint! It gives us an opportunity to make someone’s day.”



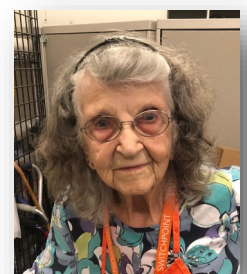
Ruby: “I get many, many blessings from volunteering here. I am so grateful to be a part of Switchpoint. I love the people I work with and the people I serve. I just want to make sure everyone has happiness—and food!”

Stephanie: “I have been a volunteer at Switchpoint for the last four years doing a wide array of tasks. Just being part of all the good that’s accomplished here everyday gives me a sense of purpose. It’s very heart-warming to see the service that is given here at Switchpoint.”



Lee: “I love working with the people at Switchpoint. It doesn’t feel like work because I enjoy being here and I really enjoy the people I work with—I consider them family.

I’ve been volunteering five days a week for over two years. I love volunteering and have for 16 years. Why the thrift? I’ll be 90 years next month and I have seen things and done things and enjoy my work. I appreciate the work of those that I volunteer alongside with as we serve the community as well as ourselves. I find it to be extremely rewarding.





"Over the past year, 32,500 meals were served ... 14,268 volunteer hours were logged..."

Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen Serving for Christmas

Over the past year, the Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen has served over 32,500 meals and logged 14,268 volunteer hours. And for the fourth year in a row, in partnership with the Elks, the Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen will be serving a Christmas meal at the Elks Lodge.

"The turn out in year's past has been wonderful and we are expecting around 350+ people who may not be able to afford a Christmas meal to join us. There will be live music, a Santa and gifts on hand for the children thanks to Toys for Tots," said Donna McBean, a volunteer at the Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen and coordinator of the event.

"This event is only possible because of the volunteers who so generously give of their time and energy, not only on Christmas day but in the weeks leading up to the planned meal," said Sheila Broadhead, Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen Manager.

"We at Switchpoint are continually blown away by the generosity and giving nature of our community. Switchpoint is so proud to be a part of this program which strives every day to ease the burden of hunger for the most vulnerable in our community," stated Broadhead.

For information on ways to help, please contact the Switchpoint Community Soup Kitchen, 435-632-0416.

Switchpoint in the News!

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Switchpoint Named Innovator of the Year

ST. GEORGE — Switchpoint Community Resource Center received the Innovator of the Year award at the 15th Annual Homelessness Summit held in Salt Lake City on October 25, 2018.

Each year, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division recognizes individuals and organizations for their efforts in serving people who are experiencing homelessness. Those recognized have demonstrated going beyond standard practices to help people make a positive change in their lives.

Switchpoint Homeless

Shelter and Community Resource Center was chosen for providing more than just emergency beds and meals for people.

"Switchpoint operates 24/7 and takes an individual approach with each person who walks through their doors," reads a statement from the center. "There are no handouts at Switchpoint; everyone is expected to earn the things they need by doing their part and taking care of the facility.



Pictured: Pam Atkinson, Kristen Clark, Carol Hollowell and Jon Pierpont after Switchpoint receives the Innovator of the Year Award in Salt Lake City, Oct. 25, 2018 | Photo courtesy of Switchpoint Community Resource Center, St. George News

Clients can work at the on-site thrift store and doggy day care, which helps Switchpoint to be self-sustaining like they hope their clients will be."

For more information about Switchpoint and to learn ways you can help, click [here](#) or call Morgan Barrick at [435-628-9310](tel:435-628-9310) ext. 103.

Volunteers Are the Heart of Switchpoint!

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Sharon Jacobsen
Wanda Bodily
Thrift Store



Kimber Academy, Garden — "We love volunteering and learning from Dr. Dirt. The kids love every minute!"



Maurine
Laundry

Support Switchpoint in Life-Changing Ways



Transportation—Donation \$30

As you might imagine, most of our homeless neighbors don't have their own vehicles. In order to keep an appointment to see their children's physician for a sick visit or to keep an interview appointment, they rely entirely on public transportation. To help these folks get to important places, you can give a one month buss pass to a thankful person.

Showers & Rest for Family of 4



Donation \$80

Each month, Switchpoint spends hundreds of dollars to run the water, stock the soap and shampoo, and launder towels, sheets and blankets in our shelter. Help us provide a clean, comfortable haven for a family, individual or veteran in transition.



Replacing Identification - Donation \$125

Families who are homeless often have had to leave possessions behind or have unfortunate events happen. This means that most are without basic identification, birth certificates needed to gain employment and housing. Help a family on the road to self-reliance with the gift of identification.

Feed 4 Families for a Month



Donation \$500

Homeless individuals are beyond hungry; they're also malnourished and unhealthy. Food isn't the complete solution; healthy, nutritionally balanced meals are. Treat 4 families to good breakfasts and dinners for an entire month and give the gifts of food and health.



Welcome Home Kit—Donation \$285

You've finally gotten the key to your own place—one you can actually afford. But where will you get the money for the basics: towels, dishes, silverware, glasses, pots and pans? Help a formerly homeless family turn a new apartment into a real home.



Be a Hero—Donation \$1,225

Electricity, heat, water, sewer, and personnel: without these behind-the-scenes basics, not a single homeless individual could live in our emergency shelter. Be a hero - keep our shelter ready to welcome families transitioning from homelessness to hopefulness.

"Remember you can also donate by supporting the businesses that help support Switchpoint.

The Switchpoint Thrift Store and Bed 'n' Biscuits Dog Daycare both help Switchpoint by providing necessary funding that goes directly to help those families experiencing homelessness."



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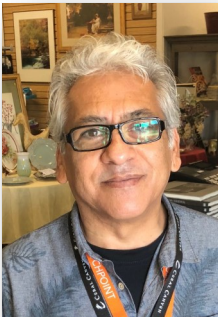
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Joy to the World for Volunteers!



Manuel: "I was a resident at Switchpoint. They took me in. My case manager paired me with their job shadowing program that lead me to become an Easter Seals Volunteer. I am also a Graphic designer. I have been volunteering at Switchpoint for one year. I make a lot of friends here. I love opportunity to help people in need. Working at Switchpoint has humbled me and inspired me to do more for others."

Tammy - "I've lived in St George for a little over 7 years. I recently found myself with more time on my hands and looking for a place to volunteer. I had taken a break from Facebook, when my daughter sent me a screenshot from a FB group saying Switchpoint was desperate for volunteers in a few areas. I got back on FB, got in touch with Julie & began volunteering in the pantry a couple of mornings a week & in the thrift store one afternoon a week. It has been such a great experience for me. I like knowing that the families & individuals served have access to many needs onsite through the store & the pantry. I have never seen anyone turned away empty handed."



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