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## Financial Peace University Graduation

We are so excited to announce our first graduating class from Financial Peace University! On April 2nd, 2019 four North Raleigh Ministries' clients successfully graduated from FPU. These families came to us facing imminent eviction or utility disconnection, had significant debt, and had no money in savings. Over the past nine weeks they collectively paid off \$7,549 in debt, saved \$2,825 for emergencies and cut up six credit cards.

But that's not even all that happened. All the participants expanded or began charitable giving. Two families are now giving significantly more and two have begun giving for the first time ever. All the participants report that they would recommend this group to a friend or family member. Three have signed up to co-facilitate with our next groups. All participants shared that the support they received through the relationships formed was the most valuable aspect of the group.

At graduation night the participants shared reflections on their journey through FPU. One participant reflected that "The part of this experience that has been most

impactful to me is realizing that we are stewards for the Lord. That we own nothing. That we are managers for God."

It's amazing to see God's ability to transform lives! Please pray for our graduates as they continue their stewardship journeys.



## New Volunteer Opportunities

New growth means new opportunity! With the growth in our Crisis and Development Center, we have a lot of new volunteer openings. This is an exciting time to jump on board and grow with us, as we strive to provide critical services for our clients that will make a lasting impact in their lives.

Open shifts are available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in the mornings and afternoons and on Wednesdays in the afternoons and evenings. A full listing of our openings can be found on our website: [VOLUNTEER](#).

### Volunteer Greeter

Do you have a heart for hospitality and making people feel welcome? We need four volunteers who can greet and provide clients with a warm front door experience and direct clients to appropriate services. Shifts available:

- Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Wednesdays 1:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- Thursdays 1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

### **Telephone Intake Volunteer**

Do you have strong listening skills and ability to discern? We need 3 volunteers who can conduct in-depth financial assessments over the telephone with clients who are seeking emergency financial assistance. Shifts available:

- Tuesdays 1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Thursdays 1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

### **Clothing Production**

Do you have love fashion and want to lend a helping hand to a great cause? The NRM Thrift Shoppe needs volunteers who can help sort and price clothing donations. Shifts available:

- Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Mondays to Fridays 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Mondays to Fridays 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturdays 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

### **Ready to jump on board?**

Your first hop is joining us at an upcoming Volunteer Information Session. The next two sessions will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website to register for a Volunteer Information Session: [REGISTER](#).

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# **The Value of Volunteers**

Approximately 25% of Americans generously give their time and talents by volunteering. This April 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> we celebrate all that these volunteers do to strengthen our communities during National Volunteer Week.

Here at NRM, in 2018 alone, 720 volunteers contributed 29,775 service hours.

That's a lot of hours! When we first opened our doors in 2004, it was through the efforts of a small group of brave volunteers who envisioned a brighter future for their neighbors in crisis. NRM exists today because of the bold commitment our volunteers have made over the past fifteen years to our mission.

Because of our volunteers, we are equipped to bring critical resources to the community such as emergency rental assistance, food, and utility bill support.

We give great thanks to our volunteers and our God who has grown the compassion in their hearts to serve.

## CROP Hunger Walk

This fall we're celebrating the CROP Hunger Walk's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. That's 50 years of walking and 50 years of ending hunger together! CROP Hunger Walks are 3-mile community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations and groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Join us to help fight hunger together with these hunger-fighting local agencies: Catholic Parish Outreach, Urban Ministries of Wake County, and Dorcas Ministries. This year's walk is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Historic Pullen Park, just west of downtown Raleigh. We are excited about this new location because of the walking paths, family picnic spaces, boats, playground,

restrooms, stage, and concessions.  
What a great place to spend a  
Sunday afternoon for family fun and  
a good cause.

Stay tuned for registration  
information so you can join us in  
this legacy to step out for the next  
generation and become a hunger  
hero! To learn more visit at: [CROP](#).

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