

RESILIENT



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Happy Spring to all of you! What a joyous and electric time it is as we await Easter and rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

Mission, Vision, Priority, these are powerful words that direct our ministry daily.

Resilient has been busy providing opportunities for the youth in the nearby challenged community to help them rise above and out of adverse conditions. This is the MISSION that God has placed on our hearts and the reason that Resilient was created.

In the last few months, we have diligently supported young students in the surrounding elementary schools with our Kids Hope program. The many volunteers that participate weekly throughout the school year walk alongside the students and mentor them in many ways. As you can imagine, post pandemic family dynamics have greatly changed; there is greater angst, uncertainty and financial burdens which, by the way, young children are all too quick to sense. These children are in dire need of knowing that they are a PRIORITY.

Resilient's priority is to identify the broken, the unseen, those just below the fray, and provide programs to them to help them flourish. We have been establishing a group of dedicated community servants that can help us identify the greatest needs, and also the greatest ways, to help those we serve see God at work in their lives. With this in mind, our Community Meal Program, which serves families in need, had the honor of celebrating a 100 year old birthday. Glyda Mae, the mother of one of our attendees, gave us the honor of being a part of this very special milestone!

We are preparing to launch our first sports ministry program this summer. With this program we can bring the Gospel to young children weekly while also teaching them how to collaborate, participate, be there for one another and accept gains and losses. The age range for the program participants will be 1st – 8th grade. Our intent is to bring the children's families together, encourage them with the Word and have fun while doing so. Just as exciting is how we are partnering alongside other church communities in the area to accomplish this goal!

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Resilient has a VISION of a community where all children gain self-worth and thrive despite challenging circumstances. One of our programs, Upstart, continues to accomplish this, session by session. In this program young students comprised mostly of high school seniors, come together to learn how to move toward a career in the construction trades or manufacturing while also developing faith and building positive character.

This past year, Resilient had 21 students who participated in Upstart and all these students were presented with opportunities to interview and connect with hiring contractors! We've had students gain employment in carpentry, plumbing and pipefitting. In our current class, there are three young students who are highly interested in becoming electricians. We have pivoted our training for them to enrich specific skills advantageous to reaching this goal. Additionally, we have established a scholarship fund, through the generosity of a grant from the Gene Haas Foundation, which will provide scholarship money to help qualifying students pay for classes at local community colleges in the areas of CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing), CNC (Computer Numerical Control Machining), Metrology (the scientific study of measurement) and GD&T (Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing).

Just as we are all a PRIORITY to God, our students and families are a PRIORITY to us! Our aim is to ensure that our youth will not be forgotten, unseen, nor neglected but rather will flourish in their careers, relationships and faith.

If you are so led and inspired, your donation to Resilient's mission would be greatly appreciated and would help change lives for countless youth in the challenged surrounding areas.

Have a blessed Easter season and a flourishing spring!

Gratefully,

Dagmar Porcelli, Executive Director

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