Everyone deserves a chance to...

Who We Are

Begin Anew is a community of individuals empowering people to overcome the obstacles caused by poverty, by providing education, mentoring, and resources. Our vision is to see the number of individuals and families facing poverty reduced in Middle TN. As we make a personal investment of our time in the lives of our students, they learn new skills, receive support and begin to believe a brighter future is possible. They can then realize solutions to their economic, emotional, relational, educational, vocational and spiritual poverty.

Despite the economic growth in Middle TN, the poverty rate remains unchanged and higher than the national average. Seeking to make the greatest impact on area poverty, Begin Anew operates in multiple locations in Nashville, Madison, and Franklin, TN. As we engage persons of all faiths and cultures, struggling daily with the serious effects of unmet needs, we seek to join them in changing their circumstances and their lives. We believe everyone deserves the chance to Begin Anew.
Who We Serve

Begin Anew serves men and women of Middle Tennessee, ages 18-56, whose income meets the federal guidelines for poverty. Many are foreign born residents or refugees who have resettled in Middle Tennessee. Every day these families face impossible choices: purchasing food or medicine, getting to work or paying the heating bill, repairing the car or paying for rent. They feel hopeless and lack the resources, training, or support to change their circumstances. They are hard workers who work long hours earning less than a living wage. Their employment does not provide sick leave, vacation days, health benefits, or educational and advancement opportunities. When they miss work, for any reason, they do not get paid. If the car breaks down or a child is sick, a downward financial spiral may begin which can lead to a desperate situation for their families. Despite the economic growth in Middle Tennessee, these individuals are not receiving the benefits as the poverty rate remains unchanged.

Begin Anew Students

- Attend four hours of classes a week at no cost
- Enroll in educational classes such as High School Equivalency test preparation, Computer and Job Skills, or Life Skills English, etc.
- Receive free child care and tutoring for their children while attending class
- Obtain access to community resources
- Are matched with an Encourager
- Connect with a transformational community
- Gain spiritual development

Volunteer Opportunities

Begin Anew relies on more than 250 volunteers to accomplish our goals and serve our students. Volunteer opportunities include ongoing support, one-time tasks or serving as a group.

INDIVIDUAL ONGOING VOLUNTEER ROLES

- **Tutor** Assist students one on one or in small groups with preparation for the High School Equivalency (HiSET) test by studying Math, English Grammar, Writing, Social Studies, and Science with our provided curriculum.
- **Teacher** Teach a group of students in a specific class, class topics including: HiSET, Job Skills, Life Skills, English as a Second Language, Computer, and Finance.
- **Prayer Partner** Call or text an assigned student once a week, providing a listening relationship until matched with an Encourager.
- **Encourager** Meet with a student for one hour weekly for a one year period, providing a listening, supportive relationship in which a student can discuss his/her personal goals and life situation.
- **Childcare** Assist in supervision of student’s children during activities such as story time, tutoring, snack time, play time, etc.
- **Administrative** Assist Program Director with organizational and/or clerical duties as requested.
- **Greeter** Welcome students, volunteers, and guests as they enter the site, assist in placing students in the correct class.

GROUP OR ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER ROLES

- **Serve a Meal** Prepare and deliver a meal for students and their children to enjoy before class time.
- **Special Session Leader** Lead a class on time management, goal setting, decision making, budgeting, healthy habits, or some other topic of interest.
- **Holiday Event** Assist with supplies and organization of a holiday party for students, children, or volunteers. Groups may purchase gifts for the students, prepare a meal, and/or plan activities for the students and volunteers to enjoy together.
- **Graduation** Celebrate students and their families by assisting to pass out programs, set up and clean up, etc.

Become a volunteer.

Visit our website to submit your volunteer application or complete volunteer training online today.

www.beginnew.org/volunteer-application/