



MEET CHRISTINA GRIER

A Story of How One Person Can Impact the World – One Faithful Act at a Time

FAITHFUL GILGAL VOLUNTEER

(December 2019 – present)

How and when did you get involved with Gilgal?

I got involved initially on December 21, 2019 as a volunteer with the Hank Stewart Foundation. Each year the foundation hosts an event for Christmas where over 100 volunteers create a red-carpet experience for the residents through personal assistants offering make-overs, haircuts, new clothing and gifts. Volunteers also provide breakfast and lunch for residents as well as staff. They even do yard work and help with small repair projects. It is an exciting day and I was immediately hooked!



What types of activities have you been involved with at Gilgal?

Outside of the initial day of volunteering, I've also donated cleaning supplies and volunteered in the office to help sort donated items. Most recently for Valentine's Day, I came in and gave the residents cards and silk roses to help make the day special for them.

What keeps you coming back?

First being a giver is in my nature. Second, I was homeless for a while when I first moved to the metro Atlanta area. I tell any and everybody that I don't look like what I've been through. By the grace and mercy of God, I am where I am today to live and tell about how He has kept me and sustained me from all hurt, harm and danger. I give God all the praise, glory and honor because He is a just and loving God, and He decided to keep me to continue to spread His Word and to work for His Kingdom.

Why Gilgal?

I will be honest and say that I didn't know Gilgal existed until my first volunteering experience. After meeting the residents for the first time and seeing how extremely humble they were, I knew I had to continue my community service. I felt at home. I felt a sense of peace.

What did you experience or learn from our women that you would share with our audience?

I have learned that there is nothing wrong with being humble and asking for help.

Is there a highlight or fun/touching experience that stands out to you?

An experience that stands out for me was actually on Valentine's Day. After presenting the residents with their items, one of them asked if she could give me a hug. When she gave me the initial hug, each resident came up to me and hugged me and said "Thank You." I left Gilgal so full of joy and excitement that I could actually make someone's day.

What would you say to someone whose thinking about getting involved but hasn't yet?

Just reach out and do it. It only takes a phone call or an email to the staff at Gilgal. Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.

Thank you Christina for sharing your Gilgal story! **Change Happens at Gilgal** and you are a part of it!