



TEEM

The Education & Employment Ministry

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Sponsor of the Month:
Western Industries Corporation



TEEM would like to thank Western Industries Corporation for their partnership and support!

Our Mission

Empowering people,
changing lives.

Dear

During the Career Development Workshop graduation last Friday, one of our graduating students shared an insightful poem from "Purpose Driven Life" by the bestselling author Rick Warren.

"No, the trauma you faced was not easy.
And God wept that it hurt you so;
But it was allowed to shape your heart
So that into His likeness you'd grow."

It was humbling to hear such encouragement coming from a student who had been at the end of her rope when she arrived at TEEM, but within a week of participating in the program felt a renewed sense of hope. This piece of the poem is reminiscent of the verse 2 Corinthians 12:9 where we are reminded of the hope we have in Christ, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

This student recognized that she is set free from the illusion that we are defined by our weakness. We have the opportunity to define ourselves by the way we respond to the challenges we face, and attending TEEM is the response for many of our students facing adversity. TEEM is dedicated to helping our students find a refreshed hope through education and employment.

A Talent to Share



TEEM Volunteers, Barry and Nancy Groves

Barry and Nancy Groves read about TEEM in a newspaper article and became donors to the organization in 1996. They became devoted volunteers at TEEM in 2001 after responding to a newsletter article looking for GED math tutors. The Groves have been volunteering for 9 years, and hold the record for the longest standing volunteers at TEEM.

Barry retired from a career as an actuary and Nancy retired from a career in computer programming. Their backgrounds in math made them the perfect fit for TEEM math tutors. "It fit us to a "t" to come and help students who needed extra assistance as they studied math," said Nancy.

The couple enjoys their work at TEEM because they love working with those who hunger to build their math skills to pass their GED tests. One of the greatest reward for the Groves is watching the light come on as they begin to solve problems on their own. The other major reward is seeing students that have worked to graduate with their GED excel and go on to achieve their dreams. Tutoring at TEEM provides an avenue for Barry and Nancy to build relationships with those they tutor. Through their passion and consistency they personify the mission of TEEM to empower people and change lives.

TEEM offers a variety of ways to volunteer and get involved. If you would like more information, please contact:

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Donate at Men's Wearhouse

Donate a new or gently used suit to TEEM at any of the three local Men's Wearhouse locations during the month of September, and Men's Wearhouse will donate a new, matching shirt.



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