

Pillars Volunteer Spotlight

Joey Weichmann Meal Server



Q: Tell me a little about yourself?

"I am a 34-year-old entrepreneur. My passions include animals, nutrition, and sailing. I grew up in Wisconsin and have lived all over the country since."

Q: What were you doing before you became a Pillars volunteer?

"Volunteering at a shelter in Costa Mesa, CA."

Q: Why did you start volunteering? What motivates you to continue volunteering?

"Giving back to my community is a core tenant of my life principles. After moving back to Wisconsin, Pillars was a logical choice in the Fox Valley. As far as what keeps me volunteering, it is the people. The ability to positively impact even just one person has a ripple effect that touches the lives of countless others."

Q: What does your typical volunteer shift look like?



"My Mom and I typically arrive around 6:30am to start prep and cooking. We make everything from scratch (the way it should be) so it takes some time. Most days we are ready to serve at or around 8am, right when people start waking up."

Q: How has volunteering impacted you?

"It is inspiring to see people who've been dealt a hand triumph over adversity. It is sad to see them go, but I am so incredibly happy for them when they are able to get their feet under them and move out on their own again."

Q: What is the best thing that has happened to you, or that you have seen while volunteering?

"There isn't a single instance. It's the smiles on the faces every Saturday morning that continues to inspire me."

Q: For individuals interested in serving in your position at Pillars, what is one thing they should know?

*"Hands down, this is one of the most rewarding activities for which you will ever be involved.
VOLUNTEER!"*

THANK YOU, JOEY!



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