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Meet the Family: Tanya

“This is my job,” says Tanya. She glances over her shoulder at the busy food pantry, eager to get back to work. “Regardless of whether you’re getting a paycheck or not, God is paying you in other ways.”

Tanya came to Crossfire Ministries in 2014 looking for a place to volunteer and fill some empty hours. What she found was a family. Now you can find her at Crossfire whenever the doors are open. And you’ll rarely catch her standing still.

As volunteer Food Pantry Floor Supervisor, Tanya may be organizing that day’s team of volunteers, monitoring the temperatures of the refrigeration units, unloading pallets of donated goods or working at the never-ending job of restocking shelves.

The mother of eight grown children, Tanya holds a degree in Healthcare Administration, but was unable to find work in her field. Though only her husband is employed, Tanya says they haven’t wanted for anything. And her service at Crossfire has brought something better than a paycheck.

“Since I’ve been here, I’ve learned to pray,” she says. Tanya often prays with the family members who come to Crossfire for assistance.

“A woman came to me and just asked for a hug,” Tanya recalls. The woman went on to share the tragic story of her husband’s death. “I didn’t know what to say. So I just stood there and let God use that prayer.” Tanya doesn’t even recall what she prayed, but the woman later returned to tell her how much that prayer had touched her.

Tanya regularly attends bible study at Crossfire, and sees the many ways God is changing her. Yet she’s quick to say, “I’m not a perfect Christian. I’m just trying to keep on the right path.”

“As long as I have Jesus by my side,” she adds, “I’ll be alright.”