



Pools of Fun trusts Sheltering Wings to use its funds for whatever needs arise

Tim Colon, president of Pools of Fun, had long felt compelled to work with an organization like Sheltering Wings when a guest speaker walked into his family's church one Sunday.

"Years ago, an employee spoke to our congregation about what Sheltering Wings was all about. I'd already felt an urge for some time to make a difference somewhere. So, I stopped by. One thing led to another," Tim says. "We did business first. My wife and two sons and I interviewed the staff, and they interviewed us. We looked at the facility and discussed the mission. And we've been involved ever since and have gotten more and more involved over the years."

Pools of Fun has been an Annual Sponsor for years and is now a Life Changer Sponsor for 2024. Additionally, the Colon family and company employees volunteer several times each year.

"You can be involved at whatever level best fits your situation. Sheltering Wings doesn't dictate what they need from you. They meet you where you want to be," Tim says.

Whenever Executive Director Cassie Mecklenburg offers him a choice of programs to support, "I say to her, 'Cassie, just tell me what you need, and we'll do it.' It doesn't matter to me if it's hauling trash or collecting certain items for the residents," he says. "If we're going to support the shelter financially, it's very important that we all be involved and understand the mission. Their needs are what we're supporting, not our own wants or desires, and it doesn't matter to me how they use us or the funds they get from us."

Tim's family and employees have moved furniture, cleaned out resident rooms, participated in several drives (and still do), and even lent a hand during construction of the men's area.

"It's a fantastic organization. From a business standpoint, we need to give back to the community. What we've invested in and done with Sheltering Wings helps in ways that we couldn't do otherwise," Tim says. "We're fortunate to be able to give back personally, too. For our family, we're doing what we are led to be doing through Sheltering Wings."

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