The Mission’s Volunteers – Hearts of Gold

Why did you start volunteering at the mission?

Tim: We had been donating to the thrift store for years, without knowing it was the same organization. After making the connection, we started volunteering at the mission.

Judy: We have a heart for people in poverty. We used to have a food pantry out of our garage and hand out food with our children to the homeless.

If you had one thing you could give to people who come to this outreach, what would it be?

Tim: It would be openess to receive the Gospel. The things they are going through are temporary; the bigger picture is spending eternity with the Lord, where there will be no more pain, no more suffering. Jesus met the physical needs of people and then went onto address the spiritual.

Is there one moment that stands out as really impactful since you’ve been volunteering?

Judy: One Wednesday, a lady came up [to the toiletry bin] and needed something for discoloration on her skin. I reached my hand in the big box, and the first thing I pulled out was exactly what she was asking for.

An Opportunity to Work Again

Carlina is one of 18 brothers and sisters. She is grateful for her involvement at the Central Coast Super Thrift Store through PathPoint’s employment services. Coming from a large family, she is used to working and loves interacting with the other employees. She loves that she can openly praise God for leading her to work at the thrift store.

Also referred by PathPoint, Denise is glad that three years of unemployment are over. She is so thankful to be working and contributing again, especially because she is helping to take care of her mom.