

Simon

Originally from the Seattle area, Simon moved to North Carolina with his family in 2002. Before relocating, Simon studied English literature at several colleges and had his work published in a number college and university publications. He worked in sales and marketing and was an active member and participant of Seattle's electronic music scene. He now lives near Fuquay-Varina with his wife and two daughters and has been a member of Gateway Clubhouse since 2011.

Simon's current interests are film and literature. He has written movie and book reviews for the Gateway Clubhouse newsletter and continues to look for outlets to exercise his ability in creative writing. He would also like to begin composing and recording electronic music again in the future. Simon brings many gifts to the clubhouse, including but not limited to his patience and an ability to assist other members and staff with thinking through challenging situations. Although he is often very quiet, folks at Gateway have learned to pay close attention to Simon when he speaks due to his great wisdom and insight.

Logan

Logan relocated from Florida while in middle school. He attended Garner High School for a time and graduated from Middle Creek High School in Wake County. He has worked in customer service jobs since moving to the area and this allowed him to practice and utilize his significant people skills. He joined the Gateway crew as an original member in 2010. Logan enjoys playing softball and was a member of a medal winning team in the spring of 2012. He also is an avid video gamer and rock music fan. As a member of Gateway Clubhouse, Logan shares his enthusiasm and sense of humor at every opportunity. His persistence in completing daily clubhouse tasks combined with the extreme pride he takes in his work and willingness to help others make him a very valuable member of the community.

Tasha

Tasha is a lifelong Wake County resident. She is a graduate of Enloe High School and a current student at Wake Technical Community College. Tasha has worked at a local daycare and movie theater among other places and has learned valuable job related skills in doing so. She is also the very proud mom of a beautiful young daughter. She came to Gateway Clubhouse as a member in 2011.

Tasha enjoys using and learning about computers, visiting local eateries, shopping and watching movies. She is also a music fan and talented singer. She brings multiple gifts to Gateway Clubhouse. Her interpersonal skills, telephone etiquette and huge smile make her a wonderful ambassador to people visiting and calling the clubhouse. She earned the nickname "Sunshine" from members and staff due to the fact that she always enters the room with a smile and a kind word. She excels at tasks related to the administrative unit and has become very proficient with the computer programs used to complete admin tasks.

Roger

Roger made his way to the Raleigh area via the state of Georgia when he was in elementary school. He spent time in the military and has done many different types of jobs over the years, mainly in the food service industry. He is currently considering and preparing to begin classes at

Wake Tech to complete his education. He is an original member of Gateway Clubhouse, joining in 2010 when it opened.

Roger is a fan of the outdoors and enjoys fishing and horseback riding whenever he gets an opportunity. He is also an amateur harmonica player and music fan. He does an Elvis impersonation that is very accurate and entertaining. Roger's presence is valuable to Gateway Clubhouse in many ways. He is always willing to provide advice to a fellow member in need and is very intuitive about how others in the clubhouse are feeling. Roger can always be counted on for a good joke to cheer up a fellow member or staff and has many life experiences that always make for a great story.

Robert

Robert was born in Kenbridge, Virginia and moved to Wake County around the age of four. He attended school in the area and graduated from Cary High School. In his free time, he likes to work with kids and volunteers at Reedy Creek Elementary School during his free time.

Robert joined Gateway Clubhouse in 2011. He enjoys a variety of hobbies. He is an accomplished pianist and passionate fan of many kinds of music. He also enjoys playing games on the computer and is quite knowledgeable about how computers and different programs operate. Because of his expertise with computers, he is very valuable to Gateway Clubhouse and is usually the first person called when there are computer issues. In addition to this, Robert is known at the clubhouse for always having a positive outlook on all situations. His kind words of encouragement and disarming nature make his presence valuable to new members and old.

Milton

Milton is a triangle area native, having called Raleigh and Durham home his entire life. He spent many years as a construction site supervisor, overseeing the construction of numerous buildings all over the triangle. He is also a very experienced bass guitarist, working most recently in a gospel band. Milton is currently a valuable employee of a local grocery market.

Milton is an original member of Gateway Clubhouse, joining in 2010. Currently, Milton attends Raleigh International Church and is a diligent ambassador of his faith. He enjoys an active social life and particularly enjoys going out for meals and fellowship with good friends from all over the community. At the clubhouse, Milton is valued for his wisdom, sense of humor and loyalty. His work experience has made him an expert in the maintenance unit and he takes a great amount of pride in the clubhouse's appearance. He also recognizes the importance of developing relationships among members and staff at Gateway and is always willing to take time to sit down and get to know new members and provide counsel to older members in need.

Emily

Emily comes to Gateway after living in many different places. She was a member of the United States Air Force and this allowed her to travel all over the world in service to our nation. While in the service, Emily worked directly on the airfield with A-10 fighter jets among other aircraft. Emily joined Gateway Clubhouse in 2012. She is an animal lover, enjoys doing arts and crafts and being outdoors. Since coming to the clubhouse, she has worked in the maintenance and administrative units and has shown a particular interest in maintaining the fish and fish habitat in the clubhouse lobby. Gifts she brings to Gateway include many exciting stories about her time in the Air Force, a unique sense of humor and a laid back demeanor that puts fellow members at ease.

Cindi

Cindi is a native of the American Northwest, having spent a good part of her life in northern California. She now resides in Wake County with her family but holds tightly to her love of the weather and culture of her native region. She has worked in different fields and counts her favorite job as an employee of a national park in Colorado.

Cindi came to Gateway as an original member in 2010. Her membership benefits the clubhouse members and staff in many ways. Cindi enjoys writing and has contributed several pieces to the clubhouse newsletter. She is an organizer with big ideas and has played a significant role in developing volunteer activities, social outings, fundraising events and newsletter columns. She claims as personal traits a combination of compassion, social awareness and assertiveness that makes her a great advocate for herself and Gateway Clubhouse.

Mark

Mark is a Wake County resident with an adventurous past. He graduated from Millbrook High School and lives in Raleigh with his family. He has traveled extensively as a competitive cyclist. Mark attended school at UNC Chapel Hill, ECPI and Wake Technical Community College and studied in the fields of biology, medicine and computer technology.

Mark joined Gateway Clubhouse in 2012. He is a musician and fan of classic rock music. While working on tasks at the clubhouse, he stays motivated by listening to The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. One of the biggest gifts Mark brings to the clubhouse is his infectious laugh. He is capable of finding humor in just about any situation and proves time and time again that laughter can lighten just about any mood. Mark also enjoys playing games on the Wii and is always willing to serve as a teammate or competitor when there is down time at the clubhouse.

Josh

Josh is originally from Winston Salem, NC. He moved to Wake County to attend The Governor Morehead School in the 9th grade. He graduated and stayed in the area where he currently lives in his own apartment. He has worked in food service at several different companies in Raleigh and in the process gained valuable work experience and skills.

Josh came to Gateway Clubhouse in 2012 and immediately jumped into being a very active member. He is sports fan and counts Wake Forest University and the San Antonio Spurs as two of his favorite teams. He is a whiz with sports statistics and enjoys tracking the records and winning percentages of the teams he follows. As a member of Gateway Clubhouse, Josh is valued for his perpetual good mood and quick one line jokes. He has proven to be a willing and welcoming host to visitors and new members and enjoys giving tours of the clubhouse with

extensive explanations of all areas and their function. Josh has also taken a keen interest in both work areas and has spent significant time learning each task he signs up for thoroughly.

Sid

Sid is a Fuquay-Varina resident that has lived in the Wake County area for many years. He has done various jobs including working at a children's museum / movie theater and in the construction industry. He is very active in his church, attending weekly services and Bible study and is willing to share his faith with those that are interested.

Sid became a member of Gateway Clubhouse in 2012. He enjoys playing video games and socializing with other people. He is a great story teller and likes to share the story of his journey in faith and recovery. His goal is to share his story with large groups and serve as an inspiration to other people. At Gateway, Sid is valued for his quick wit and willingness to share advice. He takes pride in the person he has become and finds satisfaction in letting his experiences serve as a guide for fellow members. He is a natural leader and has been instrumental in helping establish volunteer experiences and clubhouse activities.

Dail

Dail was born in Washington, NC. Since then, he has moved to south Texas and back to Wake County. He graduated from Johnston Community College and has continued his education at Wake Technical Community College. He currently works at a local grocery store and is a valuable member of their customer service team.

Dail joined Gateway Clubhouse in 2011. He is a talented guitarist and avid fan of hard rock and heavy metal music. He counts Metallica and Slayer as his favorite bands. Gifts he brings to the clubhouse include his extensive knowledge of language and trivia, a quick and clever wit and a keen sense of his fellow members' mood. A great day at Gateway Clubhouse wraps up with all tasks completed and Dail entertaining members and staff with jokes and guitar playing.

Drew

Drew is a former resident of Wilmington, NC and relocated to Wake Forest several years ago. He has worked jobs in customer service in which he was able to utilize his friendly and helpful manner. He would like to work in the automotive field as he has an avid interest in both new and classic cars. He has attended Wake Technical Community College and vocational training programs to prepare him for a career in his areas of interest.

Drew came to Gateway Clubhouse as a member in 2011. He is particularly passionate about the outdoors and an experienced fisherman. As a member of Gateway, Drew is valued for his energy, enthusiasm and willingness to help others with tasks. He is always prepared for a mentally or physically challenging job and is equally knowledgeable in both administrative and maintenance areas of the clubhouse. At the end of a busy day when staff and members are trying to finish up their chosen duties, Drew can usually be found helping out to make sure that everything is done.