



Volunteer Profile: Elizabeth and the Story of the \$1 Room

About 20 years ago, Elizabeth Blanchard and her daughter received a Blessing Box from the Pass It On Kidsignment Sale— a box full of donated items for children and families in need. Because of that Blessing Box, Elizabeth first found out about Pass It On and she and her mother decided to sign up to volunteer at the next sale. That box sparked something in Elizabeth and her family that has turned into quite a ministry at Pass It On — the \$1 room.



When Elizabeth first became involved with Pass It On, clothes priced at \$1, were put on the racks on the gym floor alongside all the other price points. Elizabeth recalls going through the section of \$1 clothes on racks first and realizing that “there’s not much that can’t be fixed with some blue dish soap and creativity.” She found great deals for her kids and almost exclusively dressed them in clothes purchased at Pass It On for \$1 for a large part of their childhood.

As donations started coming in and consignor numbers grew from 9 to 225, the number of \$1 clothes and items increased. A few consignors marked ALL their clothes and items as \$1 as a way to give back to the community. Seeing that growth, Pass It On leadership decided to have a dedicated space just for clothes and items that are marked \$1. And the bargain room was born! After shopping \$1 finds for years, Elizabeth began organizing and coordinating the bargain area as her primary volunteer role.

Elizabeth and volunteer Janice Boisvert really have a heart for this area, its growth and its outreach for shoppers. “Shoppers often overlook the \$1 area, thinking it is just stained items. But there are some great finds!” Elizabeth notes that the bargain area attracts shoppers looking for deals, crafters looking for items to repurpose and recycle, game enthusiasts looking for elusive missing pieces, and folks looking for the diamonds in the rough. Additionally, the bargain area allows families in need to fill closets and buy gifts on a budget.

Pass It On is especially thankful for donors as Elizabeth reports about half of the \$1 area is full of donated clothes and items. 100% of monies brought in from the sale of donated goods goes to Pass It On charities and ministries. We are grateful that consignors , who get back 60% of the proceeds from the sale of their goods, mark lovingly used items at the \$1 price point. The bargain area wouldn’t be what it is today without Elizabeth and Janice and their families. We are so blessed they are a part of the Pass It On family of volunteers!



»COUNT your BLESSINGS

One thing we hear during Sale Week is that Pass It On Kidsignment is a blessing —to shoppers, to consignors, to volunteers, and to those who benefit from our charitable works. This sale, we asked our followers on Facebook to share their Pass It On blessings. Here is what some of them shared!

“I enjoyed volunteering for the first time. Meeting new people was great. Shopping early was great. Will be doing it again next sale.” - Suzanne, first-time volunteer

“I volunteered this Fall. Everyone was so kind as usual. The conversations were so beautiful. I enjoyed seeing everyone work so hard to get the event together. Being behind the scenes you get to see the dedication of each person and how hard everyone works. The bonus of shopping early was so well worth it. I was able to get things for myself. As someone who left a domestic violence situation just a few years ago, I had to rebuild my closet. I was finally able to do that with the Fall sale. Thank you. ❤️” - Dazmine, volunteer

“If it wasn't for this sale my brother would not have the clothes he needs for school. Thank you for all you do. This sale truly is a blessing.” - Anonymous shopper

Want to shop early? Sign up to volunteer!

Just 8 hours of volunteering gets you one ticket to the Thank You Preview Sale on Thursday evening! Put together a team of family & friends to get hours in! Volunteer Friday morning to get 6 hours credit for 4 hours of work! More info at <http://www.passitonaiken.com/volunteer-information>

Teen Section Update

This Fall Sale, we made some updates to the Teen Section: we 1) changed the way consignors tag teen items, 2) requested that consignors include brand names on the tags. and 3) asked consignors to thoughtfully consider whether a teen would wear their items. These requests were made to help our teen section really focus on items that are appealing to teens. Several teen shoppers remarked that the selection was much better this sale. Anecdotes from our receiving team were that in general, consignors did a good job at focusing on teen styles The team did mention that consignors should review the new tagging guidelines thoroughly!



Follow Pass It On on Facebook

Be sure to follow us on Facebook! Around Sale Week, our page is hopping with live videos with sneak peeks, tips for consignors on presenting clothes and items well for sale and ideas for shoppers! Check out us at: <http://fb.me/passitonaiken>

SPECIAL THANKS

to these businesses who supported our Fall Sale:

Allegra Printing * Smallcakes Cupcakery
Bragg Heating & Air * Sign-tific
* The Hub at SRS *



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Sale Week

March 10 - 16

Sale Dates

March 15 & 16