

# Giving From the Heart Volunteer

**Awards:** BANKS COLLINS #105

**Category**

Youth

**Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name**

Banks Collins

**If a Group - List all members here:**

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**Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address**

**Nominee/Group Contact Email Address**

**Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number**

**Volunteer Job Title:**

Community Kitchen Volunteer

**Years volunteered with organization:**

3

**Number of hours volunteered per week:**

{Empty}

**Number of weeks volunteered per month:**

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# Volunteer Organization

## Organization Name:

The Corner Table, Inc.

## Volunteer Organization Mailing Address

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## Nominator

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## Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (300 words maximum)

For the past three years, Banks Collins has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving through The Corner Table's Community Kitchen. As a rising senior at Newton-Conover High School, Banks first became involved with our organization during his freshman year after being nominated to participate in our young men's impact society, The Dudez Dozen. From the beginning, he showed a genuine desire to help others and make a positive difference in the community.

During his sophomore/junior year, Banks participated in our internship program, which allows students to earn graduation credits while serving within the organization. He worked closely with our kitchen manager and quickly became a dependable and valued member of the team. Whether assisting with meal preparation, helping organize supplies, serving guests, or stepping in wherever needed, Banks consistently approached every responsibility with enthusiasm and reliability.

His dedication to volunteering goes far beyond required service hours. Banks continually gave his time willingly and maintained a positive attitude while serving others. His commitment was especially evident when he completed more than 150 volunteer hours during his sophomore year, earning the Commitment to Serve Award among his peers in The Dudez Dozen. Banks has remained faithful in his service and continues to lead by example through his consistency, humility, and compassion for others.

Banks still shows up almost weekly when he doesn't have class to see how he can help out!

**Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

Banks Collins has made a meaningful impact on our organization and the community through his consistent service and dedication to helping others. One of his greatest accomplishments was completing over 150 volunteer hours during his sophomore/junior year, the highest number among his peers in The Dudez Dozen, which earned him the Commitment to Serve Award. This accomplishment reflects not only his strong work ethic but also his sincere passion for serving the community. Banks also raised more than \$3,300 during his campaign for our feeding programs.

Through his work at The Corner Table's Community Kitchen, Banks has helped support critical efforts to provide meals and assistance to individuals and families facing food insecurity. His willingness to assist in every area of the kitchen operation has helped ensure that community members are served with care, dignity, and compassion. Whether helping prepare meals, organizing supplies, cleaning, or supporting staff during busy service times, Banks consistently stepped up wherever help was needed.

In addition to meeting practical needs, Banks has contributed to creating a welcoming and encouraging environment for both volunteers and guests. His positive attitude and servant leadership inspire others to become involved and serve alongside him. Banks' dedication has strengthened our ability to continue serving vulnerable members of the community and has had a lasting impact on those he encounters through his service.

**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (300 words maximum)**

Banks Collins possesses outstanding leadership qualities, character, and interpersonal skills that make him an exceptional volunteer and role model. One of his greatest strengths is his reliability. No matter the task, Banks consistently follows through with excellence and can always be counted on to help wherever needed. His strong work ethic and willingness to serve without complaint have earned the respect of staff, volunteers, and peers alike.

Banks also demonstrates humility and compassion in every aspect of his service. He approaches each opportunity with kindness, patience, and genuine concern for others. Rather than seeking recognition, he quietly leads through his actions and example. His

positive attitude and encouraging spirit create an uplifting environment for everyone around him.

As a member of The Dudez Dozen, a nomination-only young men's impact society, Banks displayed leadership qualities that set him apart from his peers. He inspired others through his dedication, commitment, and consistency in volunteering. During his internship at The Corner Table's Community Kitchen, he showed maturity, initiative, and the ability to work effectively with both adults and fellow students.

Banks also has a natural ability to connect with people from all backgrounds. His integrity, respectfulness, and servant-hearted nature allow him to build meaningful relationships and positively influence those around him. These qualities, combined with his leadership and commitment to community service, make Banks an outstanding example of a young person using his talents and abilities to make a lasting difference.

**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

We nominated Banks Collins for the Giving From the Heart Award because he truly embodies the spirit of selfless service, compassion, and community leadership. Over the past three years, Banks has consistently demonstrated a genuine commitment to helping others through his volunteer work at The Corner Table's Community Kitchen and his involvement in The Dudez Dozen.

What sets Banks apart is not only the amount of time he gives, but the heart and attitude he brings to every opportunity to serve. He willingly takes on any task with humility, enthusiasm, and a positive spirit. Whether working behind the scenes in the kitchen, assisting staff, or helping meet the needs of community members, Banks serves with kindness and integrity.

Banks' dedication is evident in the more than 150 volunteer hours he completed during his sophomore/junior year, earning him the Commitment to Serve Award. However, his impact cannot be measured by hours alone. He leads by example, inspires those around him, and consistently demonstrates maturity and compassion beyond his years.

As a young leader in our community, Banks represents hope for the future. His servant's heart, strong character, and commitment to uplifting others have made a lasting impact on our organization and the individuals we serve. He reflects the true purpose of the Giving From the Heart Award by putting others before himself and serving with sincerity

and grace. I wholeheartedly believe Banks Collins is exceptionally deserving of this honor.

**Volunteer Photo**



# Giving From the Heart Volunteer

**Awards:** MARY DOUGHTY #98

**Category**

Youth

**Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name**

Mary Doughty

**If a Group - List all members here:**

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**Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address**

**Nominee/Group Contact Email Address**

**Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number**

**Volunteer Job Title:**

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**Years volunteered with organization:**

2

**Number of hours volunteered per week:**

5

**Number of weeks volunteered per month:**

4

# Volunteer Organization

## Organization Name:

Ashure Ministry

## Volunteer Organization Mailing Address

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## **Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (300 words maximum)**

Mary started with us as part of our inaugural class of S.E.E.D. interns. However, she never stopped coming to volunteer after the program ended. Mary routinely comes in on Fridays and other days each week to help sort through the donations that come into our Thrift Store or tag and hang clothes that need to go into the store. Mary is always willing to help with anything they need in our Thrift Store.

## **Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

One thing Mary did during her internship was create a partnership between Ashure Ministry and the Newton Library. Mary takes the books we are not able to keep over to the Library for them to have for their book sales. This has helped us to keep our inventories under control, and provided us a resource to send our overstock books to. A book is a terrible thing to waste, so being able to find a place that can use the ones we become inundated with is such a great help.

## **Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (300 words maximum)**

Mary just has a wonderful attitude. She always has a smile on her face, and she's always willing to lend a helping hand. Lately, as we've been bombarded with extra donations coming in (many from folks doing spring cleaning or having yard sales), our Thrift Store manager has been able to call Mary when there's been a huge pile up. Mary always finds

the time to come over and help us sort through everything. Her help has been invaluable to help us keep up with onslaught of thrift store donations we're seeing continuously come in.

**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

Mary has become such a pleasant addition to our volunteer family at Ashure Ministry. Most of the time, young people come in and volunteer with a program for school or elsewhere, and then are never seen again once it ends. But Mary has stuck with us. She is a welcomed presence every time she comes to volunteer. It's impressive to see a young person being so generous with their time. We are just so grateful to Mary for all the time she's given us, the connections she's helped us to establish, and just the wonderful attitude she brings with her. We hope to see her come through our doors for many years to come!

**Volunteer Photo**



# Giving From the Heart Volunteer

## Awards: NARIYAH DULA #92

### Category

Youth

### Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name

Nariyah (Sissy) Dula

### If a Group - List all members here:

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### Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address

### Nominee/Group Contact Email Address

### Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number

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### Volunteer Job Title:

Volunteer

### Years volunteered with organization:

2.5

### Number of hours volunteered per week:

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### Number of weeks volunteered per month:

0

# Volunteer Organization

## Organization Name:

The Kindness Project

## Volunteer Organization Mailing Address

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## Nominator

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## **Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (300 words maximum)**

At just five years old, this nominee has already shown an incredible and inspiring commitment to serving others. She began volunteering at the age of two and has consistently been eager to participate in every opportunity available. Whether it's our Sunday outreach program or larger community outreach events, she shows up ready to help with a joyful and willing heart.

Her involvement goes far beyond simply being present—she actively looks for ways to contribute. From helping box food and fill coolers with ice to unloading supplies and assisting with serving meals, she is always asking, "What can I do next?" Her enthusiasm is contagious and serves as a reminder to volunteers of all ages why we do this work. Despite her young age, her consistency and excitement demonstrate a genuine commitment to giving back. She doesn't view volunteering as a task, but as something she truly enjoys and looks forward to. Her dedication reflects the values of compassion, service, and community that our organization strives to uphold.

## **Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

While she may be young, her contributions have made a meaningful impact on our outreach efforts. By assisting with food preparation, organizing supplies, and helping serve meals, she plays a small but important role in ensuring our events run smoothly and efficiently. Every extra set of hands helps us serve more individuals and families in need, and she is always ready to step in wherever needed.

Her presence also brings something equally valuable—joy. Many of the individuals we serve are going through difficult times, and seeing a young child so eager to help often brings smiles, comfort, and a sense of hope. She helps create a warm and welcoming environment that reminds people they are cared for and not forgotten.

Additionally, her involvement encourages others—both children and adults—to step up and get involved. She represents the idea that you are never too young to make a difference, helping to build a stronger culture of service within our community.

**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (300 words maximum)**

This nominee's most remarkable quality is her heart for service. She naturally embodies kindness, compassion, and generosity in everything she does. Her positive attitude and eagerness to help make her stand out, even among older volunteers.

She shows initiative by actively seeking out ways to contribute rather than waiting to be asked. Whether it's carrying small items, helping organize, or simply offering a smile to someone in need, she approaches every task with enthusiasm and care.

Her ability to connect with others is also special. She brings warmth and light to every interaction, making people feel comfortable and valued. Even at a young age, she demonstrates leadership by example—showing others that helping can be joyful and fulfilling.

**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

We nominated her because she truly embodies what it means to give from the heart. At only five years old, she has already dedicated years to serving others with genuine joy and compassion. Her desire to help isn't something she has to be encouraged to do—it comes naturally to her.

She reminds us all that making a difference doesn't depend on age, but on willingness and heart. Her consistent involvement, positive spirit, and eagerness to serve make her an incredible example of what this award represents.

Beyond the tasks she completes, it's the love and kindness she brings that make her so deserving. She uplifts those around her—both the people we serve and fellow volunteers—and helps create a sense of community and care wherever she goes.

Recognizing her with the Giving From the Heart Award would not only celebrate her contributions but also highlight the powerful impact that even the youngest members of our community can have. She is truly deserving of this honor.

**Volunteer Photo**

