



Volunteer Spotlight: Selette Pearce

Selette Pearce first came to NEW as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps for a year-long commitment to volunteer two days per week. She has now been working with the women of NEW for nearly five years. “When I first came,” Selette says, “I said, I’ll do whatever you need me to.” Then-director Mary Mulhollen asked Selette to organize NEW’s clothing donation room. Selette took to the charge, and turned a jumble of donations into NEW’s very own boutique, where she works hard to make sure the women she works with have a special experience. NEW participants cherish the time they spend talking with “Miss S” in the boutique. “Sometimes, the women come in to get clothes, and we start talking. Sometimes, they just come to talk.” And when they do, they get nothing but encouragement from Selette. “I love seeing how the women can change, and how strong they can be. I love to tell them about the progress I can see them making,” she says. “I’ve gotten so much from working with these special, beautiful women.”

