

PAM SAYLOR ('07)

BUB SPOTLIGHT: PAM SAYLOR - VOLUNTEER EXTRATRAORDINAIRE!

Former BUB intern turned volunteer truly excited to help those in need

Five minutes after meeting Pam Saylor she said "it was meant for me to complete my internship with Brothers Uplifting Brothers; don't you love it?" In a matter of weeks her social work placement was approved and she began her tenure with BUB.

Pam completed an amazing body of work that both increased the capacity of the organization and touched the hearts of board members, clients and staff. Saylor, who lost her brother to AIDS in 1991 effectively, used her personal experiences to reach out to and serve clients. As a student at Valparaiso University she facilitated the development of a partnership between BUB and the university that has resulted in opportunities to explore the societal impact of HIV/AIDS and the role of social workers in providing HIV services. And as a serious shutterbug, she took over 100 photos that documented every meeting and community event that she participated in during her 2006-07 placement at BUB. Pam stayed on at BUB as a volunteer project coordinator for the Northwest Indiana AIDS Memorial Quilt Project. "The quilt panels memorialize people who have passed away from AIDS" she said. Ten panels were created under Pam's leadership and are now available for display. "I was so honored to be part of this project," she said. "It's such a rewarding experience and it's something I always wanted to do. I'm very, very proud because it will raise awareness of AIDS and HIV and it will put a face on the disease." Pam along with her mother and sister created a beautiful panel in honor of brother.

Since completing her internship, Pam graduated from Valparaiso University and enrolled in the MSW program at Indiana University. She is employed as an intake specialist at Opportunity Enterprises working with physically and mentally challenged individuals. Just recently she was recognized for going above and beyond to serve her clients. That's really not a surprise to anyone who knows Pam. She goes to the extra mile and puts her heart into everything that she does.

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