

Cynthia Brown

Cynthia came to Boaz & Ruth in July 2003 to fill the position of Administrative Director, but she has been involved with Boaz & Ruth since it was started. Before coming to Boaz & Ruth, Cynthia worked at Martha's Mixture for seven years. She says that the Lord seems to put her in place where she needs to be, and when it was time for her to leave Martha's Mixture, He decided to place her here at Boaz & Ruth. Cynthia has lived in Richmond since she was three years old, and she spent a large portion of her life



right across the street. Her biggest goal is to continue to learn and grow and to be around people who want to make a difference in the community.

So far, Cynthia has learned many things at Boaz & Ruth, and she expects to learn even more. She has learned that you cannot judge a book by its cover, and she has also learned that, she says, “even though you don’t think you can make do something to help your community, you can. Even the littlest things: even if you pass out flyers or make phones calls or even volunteer hours your time; you make a difference.” One big thing that she hopes to learn while at Boaz & Ruth is how to turn Highland Park around. During the time that she has lived in the community, she has always felt as if she was the only who was trying to do something. Now that Cynthia has come to Boaz & Ruth, she feels that there is a group effort to revitalize the community.

Boaz & Ruth is making a huge difference in Cynthia’s life. She says that she is much happier when she comes home from work and that there is nothing like feeling like she has made a dent in something. Before coming here, Cynthia had a little bit of job burnout because she didn’t feel as if she was making a difference, but here at Boaz & Ruth, she feels like she can teach people whatever she can pass on and that people can learn something from her. Her favorite thing about Boaz & Ruth is the people, who she says are nice, helpful, and “the best people to be around.” Even though Cynthia wishes that Boaz & Ruth has been here years ago, she says that sometime you have to have patience and that things come when they are supposed to come, and she says that she is glad that Boaz & Ruth is here now.