

Point Breeze is not only committed to working with our members, but supporting the communities that they live and work in.

When I have the opportunity to interface with businesses and with supporters in the community, I just tell them our story and I'm always very, very humbled if they are willing to come alongside us and support our work.

My name is Jamie Sykes. I'm office manager of the Westminster office.

My name is Gregory Miller and I'm the president and CEO at Penn Mar Human Services. Our mission is to support individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities, to become just as meaningful members of the society as possible and to take full part in the communities in which they live.

My daughter, Molly, she's special needs. She's autistic, so it's close to my heart. I'm passionate about helping special needs children feel accepted. I know my daughter, she just wants to be treated like everyone else, just like all her friends.

I started with Penn Mar 35 years ago. We play a vital role in supporting and encouraging folks to really become meaningful participants in their community. And the disability community is one of the last communities that's been brought into the mainstream of our culture. As they've aged out of school and have become adults organizations like Penn Mar have been there to help them.

Community to me is being there for each other and helping a greater cause, knowing that there's people out there that are donating to this charity and volunteering at this charity to help. There's many people out there that just need a little bit of help to live a normal life.

Community to me is what I call the kaleidoscope of every person, what they want, what they dream, who they are, who they're becoming. Hearing somebody who got a new job, talk about what that means in their life. Those stories are what drive me in my work because it is about how lives are actually being changed for the better, and how people are now able to exercise more control over what they want out of life.

It's important to give back to our communities that we serve our members in. I think about my daughter's future all the time, where she's going to work, where she's going to live in the community, knowing that there's places out there like Penn Mar for my daughter when she's older to help her in her life.

Organizations like Point Breeze that come alongside Penn Mar and say, we want to invest in your mission. They can do that knowing that that investment is actually changing somebody's life for the better.