

## Our Volunteers

- They are givers of time, patience, laughter, kindness and love
- They are funny and vivacious...humble and shy
- They are the ones that know and remember that the hole in your favorite sweater was made by your cat
- They use cool words like 'spiffy'
- They are spiritual guides and spirit guides
- They are healers, teachers, artist, dancers, story tellers and first-generation immigrants
- They have worked in the fashion industry, banking, media, hospitality, health care, and the big world of 'corporate'
- They are the voice on the other end of the phone and on the loading dock saying, 'thank you for your donation' or 'how are you?'
- They are the singing song from across the room
- They are the smile that greets you
- The hands that hold open the door
- The quick minds and fast feet that help us all stay organized in so many ways
- They are advocates, late life rebels, and community builders for those who without them would have no community
- They are world travelers, avid readers, lifelong learners
- They are sisters, brothers, tios y tias, life partners, wives, husbands... widows and widowers
- They are friends and strength and support to each other
- They are full hearts easing the way of participants and staff who thrive when known by others
- They are our ground
- And, wherever they are, they show up in the most human of ways, ready to be a spread hope

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