



## *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,  
and ready to spread hope*

*by Jennifer Thater*

