



Volunteer of the Month



Karen Ettleman

June marks the 50th anniversary of volunteer Karen Ettleman's service to Jennie Edmundson Hospital and it is only fitting she should be our Volunteer of the Month. Through 2024 Karen has volunteered over 12,600 hours working weekends in the gift shop!

As many volunteer stories go, Karen was asked by a friend if she ever thought of volunteering and she said she'd give it a try. From the very first moment she has

loved it all and has been going strong for the past five decades.

Karen enjoys seeing people in the community come through the gift shop, visiting with hospital employees, patients and visitors. For her, being a volunteer means giving back, being a good listener and having the opportunity to help others.

One stand out moment was when Karen helped an injured RAGBRAI rider who had been treated and released by our Emergency Department. Karen invited the battered and bruised rider to stay in the gift shop, so she didn't have to sit in the waiting area for everyone to look at her while she waited several hours for family to travel to Council Bluffs to get her. This kindness earned her a Hidden Halo.

Family, baking, going to church, babysitting, collecting teacups and visiting with others fills Karen's time when she is not volunteering. She also volunteers at New Visions Homeless Services with her church.

She and her husband Ron have 4 married children, 14 grandchildren, 13 great grand children and 2 great-great grandchildren, with 1 more on the way!

**Congratulations Karen, thank you for your 50 years
of volunteer services!**

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities contact Sam Fragoso at 712-396-6040



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