

Volunteer Spotlight

July 2019

Shirley Brown

3 months

4.21 hours of volunteer service!

Volunteer Area: Ronald McDonald Room

Why do you choose to volunteer at St. Luke's?

I retired in February and for the first time in many years, I had free time. My daughter knows someone who volunteers in the neonatal unit and suggested we volunteer together in that area. But we now know there are other fun places to volunteer!

What do you find most rewarding about your volunteer assignment?

I enjoy volunteering in the Ronald McDonald Room. It is rewarding to contribute to a resource where parents can rest and refuel, and enables them to be there for their children. The RM room motto should be, "Give us your tired, hungry & stressed parents and we will offer food and rest."

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

When I have free time I like to ride my bicycle. I also love to travel and have visited some incredible places in the world. When I'm home I'm usually outside pulling weeds out of my garden and flowers, or chasing my dog who will pick up anything and run with it.



What is your favorite TV show?

My husband and I have been watching Longmire, a TV Series. Though I could live without television and just read a good book.

What is your favorite quote or saying?

My heart felt words to live by are, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Wouldn't the world be a better Place?

Every week, Shirley graces the Ronald McDonald Family Room with kindness, helping to make this "home away from home" a place of respite and comfort for families facing the difficulty of having a hospitalized child. Whether she's baking banana muffins, making beds, cleaning the kitchen, or having a conversation with a guest, Shirley's calm, steady and gentle presence is appreciated. We are grateful for all the ways she helps in serving our mission of keeping families close when they need it most. Thank you, Shirley!

Lynn Butterbrodt, Ronald McDonald Family Room Coordinator