

VAC Corner, April, 2018

I hope everyone enjoyed Volunteer Week. Why only a week when our volunteers give day in and day out? April seems to be the time to reflect on the value that volunteers bring to our organizations but what about what they bring to all of us. I have witnessed in the past twenty years so many wonderful interactions that begin with a volunteer. I have watched lasting friendships begin that carry volunteers through many of life's journeys. I have seen volunteers support each other and staff through tough personal times and also celebrate happy occasions. I have witnessed relationships grow that result in marriage and what could be better for two people in their 70's than to begin a new life.

Volunteering is a truly rewarding experience for people, but not just for what they provide to our patients. When is the last time you were in a room with 150 volunteers? Did you find the noise of happy conversations deafening? I love that sound, knowing that in the time that these wonderful people have given to our organizations they have also gained so much personally. What a win, win for everyone. So embrace the month of April and the rest of the year with a thankful heart for being able to be part of this amazing volunteer journey.



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