

# Gisela

## Volunteer



Hawthorne Volunteer since 2001

Days of the week: Thursday

### **What motivated you to Volunteer at The Hawthorne?**

After I retired, I felt like I needed to do something with my time so I volunteered with the American Cancer Society driving patients to treatment. As much as I enjoyed that, I needed something that was a little more consistent with time and day and The Hawthorne was looking for volunteers, (that was 20+ years ago!) My husband was diagnosed with cancer in the midst of all of this and his experience motivated me that much more to help.

### **What do you enjoy most about volunteering?**

Meeting people and trying to help with things they need to make their life somewhat easier.

### **What situation has touched the most?**

A lady with cancer whose husband told her that she was not sick. She had to come in from out of town on her own without any help or support. I listened and felt sorry for her. I don't know what happened to her, but her story touched me.