

Marye

Volunteer



Hawthorne Volunteer since 2001

Days of the week: Tuesday

What motivated you to Volunteer at The Hawthorne?

When I began volunteering it was mainly to give back to the community since I had just gone through a year of chemo & radiation for breast cancer. Having now lost my husband to cancer, plus my Mom is a 2-time Survivor and my Dad had CLL for 17 years prior to his death. My reasons are much more profound.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Connecting with people; the Survivors and their families. Being able to give the light in the depth of their darkness. Offering comfort to a grieving spouse. In other words....I've walked the walk so I CAN talk the talk. Most of all, it feels great when I can offer hope and or a hug.

What situation has touched the most?

When a 16-year-old came in with her parents. The young girl had uterine cancer. The family's financial situation was strained and their electric bill was past due. With a sick child and a younger one at home and the threat of the power being cut off, it was overwhelming. Thankfully, we were able to resolve this situation. This was only one situation. There are so many more. The families coming through our doors are in need of something; encouragement, hope, love, inspiration, hugs, and much more!