

### **“Volunteer of the Year” Award Nominees and History**

Please use these narratives to vote for the one nominee you think is most deserving of the Volunteer of the Year Award for the 2018-2019 school year. We’ve listed previous winners of similar awards here so that you can know who has won in the past. However, a nominee may receive the award in multiple years and winning another similar award does not exclude him/her from earning it this year.

Thank you for your participation in the voting process. (Note: If a nominee doesn’t win “Volunteer of the Year,” he/she may be selected by teachers and staff for the Servant Award.)

**Servant Award Winners-** The Servant Award is chosen by the teachers and staff and given to a parent on the last day of school Mass in memory of Dave Grumney, who was a wonderful “servant” as a parent and grandparent in our community. It is not necessarily an eighth-grade parent, but someone who has demonstrated multiple years of volunteer service. Previous winners of this award include **Gary Blas (2018), Ann McQuade (2017), and Rob Viggers (2016).**

**Volunteer of the Year Winners-** In the past these have been nominated by school families, voted on by the PTC Executive Board, teachers, and staff. Typically, these winners may be relatively new to the school and have given above and beyond expectations for the current school year. The 2018-2019 school year will be the first time that parents are also voting on this award, as well as, teachers, and staff. Previous winners of this award include **Dayna Dennis (2018), Jane Frazier (2017), Audrey Jabbora (2016), Staci Johnson (2015), and Shelley Simons (2014).**

**Nominees for 2018-2019 Volunteer of the Year Award: (Number in parentheses indicates number of nomination forms submitted for that nominee. Comments are taken from the form.)**

**Ray Andrews (3)** (grandfather of Antja in 8<sup>th</sup> grade)- *He is funny and works well with the little kids. He volunteered to drive and participate in field trips/cross-country/track, even if his granddaughter wasn’t involved. He continues to volunteer in first grade and fills in when others cancel last-minute. The Andrews have made desserts for the auction and have always been so generous at this event. He is a kind-hearted man with a lot to share with our students in K-8, and always ready to lend a hand.*

**Noemi Ban-** (school guest) *Mrs. Ban has been teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 20 years about her personal experiences of life in the concentration camps in Poland. She is always a wonderful storyteller who incorporates the facts with her own personal tragedy. Her teaching so well complements Catholic education through its successful existence in eliminating hatred in our broken world.*

**Don Baldwin** (parish member, non-parent)- *Dedicated to raising fifth graders up and helping them improve in literature.*

**Gary Blas-** *He happily helps out as a volunteer chaperone even when he didn’t have a child in my class.*

**Dayna Dennis (4)-** *She is incredibly resourceful, tirelessly enthusiastic, and a genuine, kind spirit. She has been honored before, but her efforts merit continued recognition. Thank you. Above and beyond what she does as the PTC President (and the hours she spends on that Board), I see her chipping in on nearly every activity at the school, giving countless hours. She is often the person the school calls when a job needs to be done and no one is available or has volunteered. She does it selflessly and always with a smile on her face. We are blessed to have her at our school. Commitment, welcoming to new families, thoughtful of others. She is always involved in everything. She gives 100% all of the time. She may be PTC*

*President, but she goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is giving, kind, and patient. The children and parents love her.*

**Lee Eberhardt-** *He is selflessly giving of his time and talent.*

**Audrey Jabbor-** *She is always selflessly volunteering at the school.*

**Staci Johnson (2)-** *She is always ready to help and does so with a great attitude.*

**Ann McQuade-** *She is consistently stepping up to lead, be it through the school's marketing team, room parent (every year?), events, School Commission, as well as, field trips, school masses, liaison to Sacred Heart Parish and trying to increase outreach there.*

**Dave Pethick-** *Volunteer for class field trips and as a speaker and a chaperone. He buys food for auction volunteers (done this for years), does pizza lunch pick-up and class deliveries. He has also done fire safety talkd and book labeling.*

**Tara Gilligan Reimer-** *She's always willing to help. She's so kind and thoughtful- a great addition to our Assumption family.*

**Sara Rush (5)-** *She is always helping out with the school activities both during school and after. She also comes on a moment's notice when she can. She is a fairly new parent who has jumped right in to leadership positions and helps out cheerfully wherever needed. Her heart and presence at Assumption has helped transform the community. Her influence is happy, health-focused, child-centered and supportive of all staff. She is always there with a warm smile and helpful. She is super positive and helpful-willing to go out of her way to help in many different areas! She has made us feel welcome and has been a huge support to the cross-country and track programs.*

**Kelly Segel-** *She has a gentle approach, tackling many tasks and duties with grace. She says "yes" to help out and always has a great attitude and smile.*

**Jennifer Stiff-** *She is always willing to jump in and help out for any fundraiser or activity that is happening.*

**Shanae Strayer-** *She was the Auction chair and has been a part of the marketing committee, but she's always willing to help in so many ways.*

**Dang Tran -** *She has trained volunteers in the routines of hot-lunch clean-up at Assumption Catholic School, last year and this year. Together, we dry plates, and she shows us where to stack. We tackle messy pans, and Miki shows us where to store them. First generation to this country, Miki works a night shift, then volunteers at the school. Miki shows us Christ's peace of disappearing into work, refuting ego, serving without needing recognition.*

**Teri Treat (2)-** *She has used her exceptional talents for many years to benefit the school in BIG ways. She has single-handedly made the sponsorship of the auction a massive success. She represents our community with grace and is an absolute blessing. She should NOT be able to leave this school without receiving this award. She has been dedicated to our school for the last nine years doing an amazing job with securing sponsorship for the auction and working tirelessly for the benefit of our school.*

**Rob Viggers (2)**- *Selfless service... He gives of himself on so many levels to the Assumption community. He ensures all feel welcome and heard in their concerns and suggestions. He always is willing to pitch in and help and always has an encouraging word and smile. Thank you, Rob, for your dedicated service. Rob consistently finds ways to say "yes" to needs rather than reasons to say, "no." He has a huge heart, leads the Spaghetti Dinner, and seems to be there for set up and clean-up of every event. This year he stepped in last-minute to lead the Auction clean-up crew. Awesome person and dad!*

**Stephanie Wolf**- *She has done an excellent job jumping in and volunteering from the start. She chaired the auction with grace and professionalism. She helps on field trips and all aspects of volunteering. She is a wonderful example to all- a kind and God-loving human.*