

## **Volunteer of the Month December: Leatha Cooper - Miller**

Leatha Cooper began her journey as a volunteer with the Adidas Atlanta City Games in May 2024. Inspired by the chance to see Olympic gold medalist and 100m champion Noah Lyles in action, she discovered volunteer opportunities through the event's website and has been dedicated ever since. Leatha commits to at least two events a month. She feels a deep sense of purpose through her involvement with various organizations, including the Atlanta Track Club, where she helps support the walking and running community.



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When she's not volunteering, Leatha works full-time at Emory Healthcare as a Pharmacy Technician Supervisor. She has been with Emory for over eight years and takes pride in ensuring patients receive the care they need to

recover. Leatha is married, has two beautiful children, and loves traveling the world by cruise ship—exploring new cultures and cuisines one port at a time.

When it comes to Atlanta Track Club, Leatha has already volunteered at over 10 events and matches that with about 10 more events each year with other organizations. Her dedication to giving back truly knows no bounds! Leatha's volunteer efforts extend far beyond Atlanta Track Club. She actively supports local walks, serves on her HOA board, helps at food banks, participates in the Million Meal Pack, and contributes to several initiatives through her job.

As a relative newcomer to Atlanta Track Club, her favorite event so far has been the AJC Peachtree Road Race. "I loved being in the mix of the action as a volunteer in the finish chute," she says. "It was so inspiring to cheer on the racers as they crossed the line. Seeing children, adults, and seniors dedicated to their health was incredible." One of her most touching volunteer memories comes from the MADD Race, where she witnessed families walking in honor of loved ones. "It's something I'll never forget." When asked about her favorite volunteer roles, Leatha mentions that volunteer check-in and bib number pickup are her favorite roles. She shares, "I love meeting new people and hearing racers' stories during those brief interactions."

What brings Leatha back to volunteering is the opportunity to meet new people and connect with those who are committed to prioritizing their health over wealth. She loves working with the staff and other volunteers, describing the experience as truly rewarding. Plus, getting to represent Atlanta Track Club and wear adidas gear makes it all the more enjoyable!

Leatha also has advice for anyone thinking about joining as a volunteer: "Just do it! Once you sign up and volunteer at an event, you'll want to come back. The staff and volunteers make you feel so welcome." Leatha's commitment to the Atlanta Track Club and her enthusiasm for giving back inspire us all. She truly embodies the mission to make Atlanta healthier, motivating and encouraging everyone in our community.

