

Volunteer of the month January Questionnaire - Deria Whatley



1. How long have you been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? I have been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club since July 2021.
2. Do you remember your first-time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? If so, what event was it and what brought you back again? My first volunteer event was the Junior Peachtree July 2021. Interacting and meeting so many people (volunteers and participants) brought me back to volunteering with Atlanta Track Club.
3. What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event? Why? My favorite Atlanta Track Club event is the Peachtree Road Race. To see so many people together at this annual event is awesome. I've always watched it on television however I just began to volunteer, and it has been amazing to see in person.
4. What is one of your best memories from volunteering at any race? One of my best memories from volunteering was the graciousness of some of the sponsors to give away inventory that was left over from the race. That was surprising however, appreciated.
5. What is your favorite thing about volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? What brings you back? The opportunity to serve in the early hour of the event is one of my favorite things that brings me back. I am a morning person and I appreciate being able to start my shift early.
6. Do you have a favorite volunteer assignment? If so, explain.

My favorite volunteer assignment is volunteer guide lead/coordinator. This assignment allows me to utilize my leadership skills to ensure organization and effectiveness for the event I am serving.

7. Do you do any volunteering in the community beyond Atlanta Track Club? If so, what other organizations do you volunteer for and why? As a member of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, I volunteer and serve throughout the year. It is

imperative to me to oblige others and utilize my gift that God has blessed me with as long as I can.

8. What do you do for a living? Do you work? Are you retired? Professional volunteer? I am looking forward to retiring in 2026 from serving as an Educator.

9. Tell us something interesting about yourself – an interesting fact or story that will help us get to know you...

I am a native of Atlanta (Grady Baby). I am the #1 FAN for the Atlanta Falcons. I have a 15-year-old Yorkie (Diva Simone). I haven't eaten meat as of October 1, 2019.