

# December 2017 - Carol Dell

*Congratulations to our December Volunteer of the Month, Carol Dell! Carol has been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club for the past two years. In that short time she has become an All-Star volunteer and is an integral part of our office projects proceeding each event. This year alone, she volunteered with Atlanta Track Club over 20 times. Her passion is serving children and you can often see her volunteering with a smile at our Kilometer Kids Fun Runs. She appreciates all the great people she has met through volunteering at Atlanta Track Club including fellow volunteers, our staff, and our enthusiastic runners.*

## **1. How long have you been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? What brought you back?**



I don't remember my first assignment but what brought me back were the friendships and bonding with other volunteers. I enjoyed working with Atlanta Track Club staff to make sure the event went smoothly.

## **2. What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event? Why?**

My favorite Atlanta Track Club events are the Kilometer Kids Fun Runs. Kids are a gift and I adore them. Kids give me a purpose for serving. At the Kilometer Kids Fun Runs, I get to see kids achieve their goals at every finish line.

## **3. What is one of your best memories from volunteering at any race?**

My best memories from Atlanta Track Club races include seeing the smiles, joy and endurance everyone has. Being a part of making sure each runner makes it to the finish line is special to me.

## **4. What is your favorite thing about volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?**

I love the mission of Atlanta Track Club. Running keeps not only the body healthy, but also the mind. The wonderful people at Atlanta Track Club keep me coming back. At the Club, there are extremely great volunteers. I enjoy meeting enthusiastic runners of all ages. The staff always make me feel welcome and appreciated.

## 5. What is your favorite volunteer assignment?

All of my assignments have been great, but I especially enjoy working at the Gear Check booth with my crew chief Shirlene Stafford Reeves. We have truly bonded during our volunteer assignments. I love volunteering with her. We are always smiling and truly having fun.

## 6. Do you do any volunteering in the community beyond Atlanta Track Club? What organizations?

I volunteer with my church community, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and with the Chick-Fil-A Foundation. Service is the reason I volunteer and I try to volunteer as much as I can. I always hope to volunteer with a smile.

## 7. What do you do for a living? Are you retired? Professional volunteer?

I am a retired federal government employee with over 32 years of service at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.



## 8. Tell us an interesting fact to help us get to know you better.

Since retiring, I have begun to do a lot of challenging activities. I am a beginner hiker and a novice Spanish speaker. During a trip to the Bahamas this summer, I tried jet skiing. I am trying my hand at pinochle. However, the greatest joy of my life is being a mother of two adult kids. I am a lover of children.