

## December 2019 - Svetlana Dimova

*Congratulations to our December Volunteer of the Month, Svetlana Dimova! Svetlana has been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club for almost two years. In that short time, Svetlana has become a staple at Atlanta Track Club events welcoming participants with her bright smile at numerous finish lines. She makes sure to use her free time for something good.*



### **Do you remember your first time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? What brings you back?**

My first time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club was at the 2018 AJC Peachtree Road Race. I remember having to get up very early in the morning. Some of the streets were already closed, but I was able to get there on time. It was an excellently organized race with numerous and colorful participants and of course many volunteers. From that day forward, I began volunteering at almost all of Atlanta Track Club's events.

### **Do you have a favorite Atlanta Track Club event?**

All of them are my favorite! But if I must point out some highlights, I choose the Anthem Peachtree Junior and the 50th Running of the AJC Peachtree Road Race. These are two of the biggest and best events that make me feel helpful and happy. I enjoy

them most. I especially enjoyed the different outfits for each occasion to celebrate the 4th of July holiday. The atmosphere was amazing from start to the end, many positive and smiling people. Giving the awards at the end of the race was rewarding to be able to congratulate the contestants on their amazing feat. The most repeated phrase was "Thank you!"

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

People. Energy. The desire for help. I prefer to use my free time to do something good instead of losing it. It's also free fitness. I found friends volunteering the Club that I feel like are now family.



**Do you do any volunteering in the community beyond Atlanta Track Club?**

I've volunteered with Operation Home Front and Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl.

**What do you do for a living?**

I am an administrative associate at Kennesaw State University.

**Do you have any words of advice or wisdom for any new Atlanta Track Club volunteers?**

In spring and fall, wear not only comfortable but warm clothes. Greet people, smile, and enjoy your assignment.

**Anything else you'd like us to know?**

I like to play chess and arrange puzzles. One of the biggest challenges for me right now is that I enrolled in school to study again.