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Mother's Day



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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Did you know that April 20 is National Volunteer Appreciation Day? This day helps to remind all of us in the Turn Community how fortunate we are to have such an amazing group of volunteers. This newsletter highlights our volunteers and what an important role they play in absolutely everything we do at The Turn. Their tremendous commitment and hard work are a vital component of helping Turn members succeed and simply put, we could not do it without them.

So many Turn members and staff have expressed to me how much they enjoy the friendships that they have developed with our volunteers and I know for a fact that the volunteers feel the same way. Our dedicated team of volunteers also help to make the whole experience at The Turn more fun and enjoyable.

A perfect example of how much our volunteers care is our recently announced Turn Care Package initiative. A care package, including a boxed lunch and some other giveaways, is being organized for next Friday May 15 and the whole effort is being led by a team of volunteers. There are pick-up and drop-off options, but you must register for the care package ahead of time with Shellie. You should also have already received an email with the details.

So in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every Turn volunteer and I encourage you to do the same!

## SOCIAL TOPIC!!

**What is your favorite restaurant and what item would you recommend or what are they known for?**



### Did You Know?

**Did you know** that some of our Turn volunteers are retired physicians and rehabilitation therapists?

**Did you know** that several of our volunteers spent years working with children and young adults with developmental, multi-handicap and physical disabilities?

**Did you know** that the golf room is full of golf coaches who have played golf for over 50 yrs. and shoot in the 70' and 80's consistently? Many of these volunteers have been with the program for greater than 10 years! One volunteer has played in the Greenbrier Pro-am.

**Did you know** that one of our golf volunteer has patents for several adaptive golf tools and another for rehabilitation products?

**Did you know** one of our volunteers has authored a book chapter and several published articles on rehabilitation topics?

**Did you know** each volunteer goes through specialized training before becoming part of our volunteer team?

#### The training includes:

- Learning about various diagnosis and how their physical limitations may affect their golf game.
- They practice the use of good body mechanics and receive instruction on how to safely transfer and assist members with mobility needs.
- Each volunteer reviews topics in disability etiquette. They practice universal precautions and attend our CPR classes.

**What we do know is that our volunteers have been instrumental in helping The Turn become a nationally recognized non-profit organization!**



### They're More Than Just A Pretty Face!

Hello Turn Members,

This week we are talking about one of our most valued assets, our volunteers!

Some of our amazing volunteers date back to 2002 when we were called Back to Golf and have been with us through Return to Golf and now as The Turn.

To give you an idea of how great they are, since 2017 we have grown to 31 volunteers who have donated over 15,500 hours, and monetarily over \$22,500! These numbers do not include the new and improved golf room with 2 Opti-Shot bays that Bill Fry created. The Turn cornhole set that Matt Davis built and donated, or the countless hours at junior golf, Veteran programs and fundraising events our volunteers have stepped up for! I will not leave out the Turn members who have volunteered, you know who you are and we appreciate all the time you donate to us!

These are just a few acts of generosity that we at The Turn have been blessed with. The next time you see a Turn volunteer, please thank them. They are more than just a pretty face they are a true value!  
Stay safe and healthy!

**Your Program Coordinator - Shellie**

