

# Volunteer Spotlight

Carol Mueller

Support Group Facilitator

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## Why I Volunteer

I **volunteer** as a support group facilitator because I saw the need in our community. There are so many people struggling with a loved one that has Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. I felt they needed a safe place to come together. It is so wonderful to see them listen to one another and try to help each other's situation and provide the support they need. I make sure everyone leaves the meeting on a positive note. The Alzheimer's Association has provided me with the resources to facilitate. I never feel alone. They provide our group with wonderful educational opportunities, so we all learn together!

## Making a Difference

*"Carol treated our parents with such compassion and understanding of what they were going through. She always spoke directly to them even when at times she knew that they were not totally understanding of the conversation. The many phone calls to us throughout our parents' journey were so encouraging and helpful. Even if there was nothing more that could have been done, she always was there simply listening and offering any assistance that she could. Carol please know what a difference you have made! Thank you."*

Family of Roger & Patricia Van Hemelryk

*"Carol has a Heart of gold, she has helped so many people. Talking about a living saint, that's Carol. She has given her heart and love to so many people. Peter and her children are so lucky to have her as a wife and mother. We are so lucky and happy to have her living in our community. She is a true leader and is loved by all."*

John

*Carol has a gentle, encouraging spirit...listening to each caregivers' joys, challenges and sorrows. Her attitude allows the caregiver to not compare or judge themselves or loved one, as each is unique in their own way.*

Lyn Wavrunek



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