

HOMETOWN HERO:

Glenn Carr

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At Pathfinders for Autism, we call Glenn Carr our Volunteer Extraordinaire! From the time we first opened our Resource Center five years ago until today, Glenn has always been eager to help by raising funds, promoting events, and initiating events of his own. Glenn always has great suggestions and he regularly keeps us informed by sending articles and success stories about people with autism from a variety of local and national sources.

Glenn has provided well over 75 volunteer hours to Pathfinders for this past year alone. Events just this past year include:

- A Bullpen Party at Camden Yards – organized entire event
- The Rockfish Restaurant Autism Night – promoted the event and attended the press conference to represent parents of children with autism
- Organized a group event at the Washington Capitals – organized entire event
- Autism Speaks walk – assisted at information table
- Sailing event in June – organizing entire event

And this only scratches the surface of Glenn’s service to the many charities that he helps. Glenn works at the Motor Vehicles Administration and, in addition to his job duties, he heads up the Employees Activity Association that holds fundraising activities for a variety of nonprofit organizations. Glenn modestly insists that it is a collective effort, but since 2000 the EAA has raised \$65,237 for organizations including Pathfinders for Autism, United Cerebral Palsy of Central MD, American Heart Association, Agape’ House, USO Cares, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, American Kidney Foundation, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, St. Martin’s Home Hurricane Disaster Relief, Continental Realty Katrina Disaster Relocation, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Baltimore Pregnancy Crisis Center, National Kidney Foundation of Maryland, Partners in Care, American Diabetes Association, American Diabetes Association, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland. Glenn is also a regular supporter of Special Olympics Maryland and he participated in the Polar Bear Plunge this year.

What makes Glenn Carr worthy of the title, “Hometown Hero?” Many people support worthy causes and organizations related to autism, but Glenn’s great warmth and dedication as a father and as a friend set him apart. On a personal level, Glenn always asks about our children with autism. He is always ready with a kind word and an inspirational thought about the gifts that his daughter teaches him. While Glenn is a tireless worker, it is his giving spirit and positive attitude that spreads autism awareness and makes him our “Hometown Hero.”