

A Reminder to Accept Everyone for Who They Are – Special Needs or Not

Volunteer Spotlight: Georgianne Rasmussen

JH: What brought you to volunteer at Jill's House?

God's timing is always perfect. I had taken some time off of volunteer work to care for my ailing father and was ready to get involved again. I'd been praying for the Lord to direct me where He wanted me, and the very next Sunday I saw a flyer at McLean Bible Church recruiting volunteers for Jill's House. It was exactly what I was looking for--an opportunity to work with children in a Christian environment.



JH: Are there any special volunteer experiences at Jill's House that you would like to share?

The experience that really sticks in my mind happened last spring during a week of day camp. I arrived as the parents were dropping off their children and watched the whole process. Because it was early morning, many dads were dropping off their children. What amazed me was how patient, tender and loving they each were--making sure specifics about their children were communicated. Then, once the child was safely transferred, out came the cell phones and they each transformed into their work personae.

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It has stuck with me that I want to be that way with my loved ones, whether they have special needs or not. These parents made a decision early on that they would accept and deal with their children as they are, and I want to accept and deal with my loved ones exactly as they are (and be accepted and loved the same way)! That day I saw a little bit of God and

was reminded that He loves us and deals with us exactly as we are.

Every time I volunteer at Jill's House, I see the heart of the Lord. I can see the souls of the children that He loves so very dearly. I can see the deep love, acceptance and sacrifice the families have for their children. I can see the dedication and commitment the people at Jill's House have for them and for the work they do. It is a blessing and a privilege to be a part of Jill's House!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Jill's House visit jillshouse.org/volunteer or contact Jan Pascoe at jan.pascoe@jillshouse.org or 703.639.5665.