

## VOLUNTEER Spotlight... TERRIE Liggans



**Terrie Liggans** recently gave us an interview about her volunteer experience with the Foundation.

**How long have you volunteered with the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan?** At least 12 years. I started before my grandson was born and he is 10 years old now.

**How did you first become connected to us?** I first became connected just trying to fill a need. When I first started volunteering for this organization, I was also volunteering for several others trying to help, to give back, to try to make a difference in someone's life. It's not always easy to ask or convince people to give donations, participate in walks, nor do I have money that I can just give monetary donations but I can give of my TIME. I can give my Service.

**What is your main volunteer role with the Foundation?** My main role is to provide help or services wherever needed especially during the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy.

**What does the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan mean to you?** Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan means so many different things to me that I don't know where to begin. Let me begin with these adjectives, family, friendly, helpful, and supportive, just to name a few. This Foundation is my passion. I started volunteering before my grandson was even thought of and what do you know, he was diagnosed with epilepsy at birth. The Foundation is a source of readily available information and resources to me, the grandparent. The questions and concerns I tell my children to ask the doctor are always conveniently forgotten so I emailed the staff at the Foundation to see who can help me with my concerns about my grandson. I am now *that* passionate Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan volunteer because I believe in what the Foundation stands for and is trying to accomplish. My family is 1 of the 26 that has been affected by epilepsy.

**What would you tell others to encourage them to become volunteers?** I would tell others if you like to help people and want to do something that is very fulfilling, volunteer. I would definitely encourage everyone to volunteer with us. I say "us" because I really do feel like I am part of the organization and not just another person filling in a volunteer spot. This speaks volumes about the team; they all do a great job of making us, the volunteers, feel appreciated. Thank you. 

To volunteer, contact Lori Brauer at  
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### MISSION Opportunities

#### NOVEMBER

**November 11**

[Wellness & Epilepsy  
Conference](#)

**November 23**

[Canton Turkey Trot](#)

#### Volunteer for 2018

- **Volunteer Week**
- **Summer Stroll for Epilepsy**
- **Camp Discovery**
- **Back to School Conference**
- **Toasting Hope Tasting Event**
- **Wellness & Epilepsy Conference**

#### Benefits of Volunteering

#### VOLUNTEER, *noun*

1. a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking.
2. a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

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