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 (248) 377-6262, ext 1236 or email at lbrauer@epilepsymichigan.org

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