

# April 2015 - Sherri Madore

*Congratulations to Sherri Madore for being named our April 2015 Volunteer of the Month!*

*Sherri has been volunteering with the Atlanta Track Club for 12 years. Her first volunteer event was the AJC Peachtree Road Race working a water table, and she's been with us ever since!*

1. What is one of your best memories from volunteering at any race?

**The race was two years ago in July, at the Decatur-DeKalb 4 Miler. That was the year I really started volunteering for other races (besides the Peachtree). I didn't know anyone, and was unsure of what I was supposed to do. Then I met my crew chief, Mr. Ganga (Ray) and he paired me with another volunteer, Mrs. Farrell (Cookie). She made me feel so welcomed! Showed me the ropes, so to speak. From that day forward I knew I had found a place where I belonged.**



2. What is your favorite thing about volunteering with the Atlanta Track Club? What brings you back?

**The camaraderie of meeting and working with other people. It's like one big family; you can't wait for the next race to see everyone.**

3. Do you have a favorite volunteer assignment?

**I'm usually a monitor and I like that one. Seeing the runner's appreciation when you cheer them one is awesome! But really, I'm happy to assist in any area I'm placed.**

4. Tell us what other organizations you volunteer for.

**For the past two years I have been involved with Hands on Henry. I also volunteer with my church, Eagles Landing First Baptist Church, Connecting Henry's Community Toy Shop and Operation Christmas Child. I think my need to volunteer began when my nephew was born. When he would go with me on Sunday mornings and I would drop him off in the nursery, I thought, "What can I do to help?" That's when I started to volunteer in the extended hour and got more involved in VBS and other outreach activities. It is also when I learned that I loved working with kids! As for Hands on Henry, they have partnered me with a local food pantry. Knowing that in some small way you are helping someone in need makes you humble. I say this because you never know where life is going to take you. We all might find ourselves in a situation where we might need someone with a kind**

**heart and a smile on their face. I would like to think that is how people see me when I volunteer.**

5. How many Atlanta Track Club events do you typically volunteer at during the year?

**With races, office projects and warehouse activities, I get in about 20 or more events each year.**

6. How many events outside of Atlanta Track Club?

**Not as many as the Atlanta Track Club, but I do try to get in at least 15 events each year.**

7. Tell us something interesting about yourself – an interesting fact or story that will help us get to know you...

**I'm the "mom" to two cats, Bo and Molly. I like to spend time with my nieces and nephew. I'm an avid reader. I like to garden and a year ago I learned how to put up fresh vegetables. That's a southern term for canning beans.**