

July 2015 - Mike Toulouza

Congratulations to Mike Toulouza, our July 2015 Volunteer of the Month!

July is definitely a great month to feature Mike, since the AJC Peachtree Road Race is where he got his start with us 20 year ago! It remains his favorite race today, and you can find Mike on the Fourth of July leading one of our start area water tables race morning. Thanks for all you do for Atlanta Track Club, Mike!

1. Do you remember your first time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? If so, what event was it and what brought you back?

July 4, 1996 was the first time I ever volunteered, so this year's event will be the 20th Peachtree for me, and 20th year with Atlanta Track Club. I originally registered to volunteer because of all the Olympics excitement going on. When race day came, the runners and the volunteers were so friendly and fun-loving. I had such a great time that I have been hooked on it ever since.

2. What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event and why?

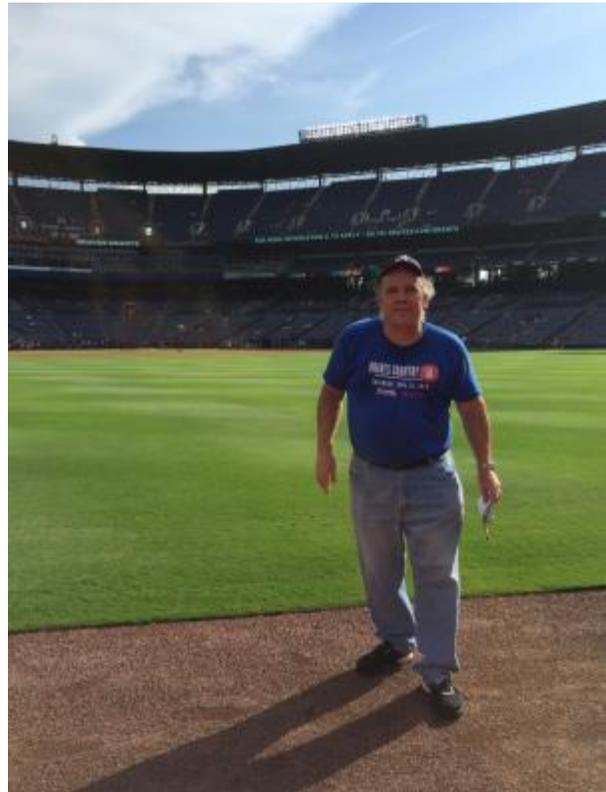
It is still the AJC Peachtree Road Race on the Fourth of July for me. I have had a great time over the years with the volunteers, and the runners are always so friendly. I have met some great people over the years that I wouldn't have met otherwise, and I am grateful for that.

3. Do you have a favorite volunteer assignment? If so, explain.

My favorite volunteer position is a course monitor. I like being out on the race course as the runners come by; cheering them on and keeping them safe.

4. What other organizations do you volunteer for and why?

Besides Atlanta Track Club, I have volunteered with Atlanta Sports Council, Habitat for Humanity, and Publix Marathon and Publix Half Marathon. I volunteer because I love helping out others and I still get more back than I put in by volunteering. I typically do 20 events with



Atlanta Track Club, and 5 events with Atlanta Sports Council, Habitat for Humanity and Publix Marathon combined.

5. What do you do for a living?

I am a systems configuration analyst with Aon Corporation here in Atlanta.

6. Tell us something interesting about yourself – a story that will help us get to know you...

I don't know if this is interesting, but it is embarrassing along with funny too. This February I was volunteering at Georgia Tech where the ACC Swimming Championships were being held. I was a backup timer on the races. Basically, we were the backup for the computer timer in case it failed. We had to stand right over the pool, and the moment we saw the swimmer touch their marks to finish, we stopped our watches and recorded it. On one race, I slipped and went into the pool. Fortunately, I missed the swimmer.