

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Rose Mangino, a member of JCRTA since 2006, is a tireless volunteer with over 1,400 hours of volunteer work in 2019 and 2020. She has a passion for all the different agencies for which she volunteers and is known to step in at a moment's notice if called upon. That dedication comes from a 40+ year career starting out at Southwick Elementary. She moved to Bloom Elementary and then to Audubon Elementary for 24 years. Her last six years were spent at Maupin Elementary in the ESS program. Her students loved her and so do the various volunteer agencies she now supports!

Louisville Muhammed Ali Airport is a regular stop for Rose. For the last five years, she is the face of Louisville as she works at the Welcome Center for travelers. She gives out information on tourist sites, answers phone calls, provides directions to airport facilities, and helps connect non-English speaking visitors with interpreters. You have probably seen Rose's smiling face but just didn't know she was one our very own retired teachers.

Kentucky Center for Performing Arts is the beneficiary of 15 years of Rose's volunteer work. She checks tickets, directs people to their seat locations and has won the Home Away from Home Award (top 50 volunteers out of 500) for two years. She eagerly volunteers for extra hours when the Center needs her.

Ronald McDonald House has seen Rose enter their doors for 15 years as a volunteer . She is a "Jill of all trades" and helps cleaning rooms, baking deserts, and making the experience for nervous parents a little less tense while their children receive treatment at local hospitals. Parents at the Ronald McDonald house see Rose as one of their special angels

Candy for Caring, a non-profit that directly helps the underserved through the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation, is a regular volunteer stop for Rose. In her 15th year, she helps direct people on making candy, selling candy at various locations, and is on the Board of Directors for Candy House. She is instrumental in raising money and dispensing it to some 30 charities in the metro area.

In addition to the various groups above, Rose is active in her local church, St. Stephen Martyr. She regularly volunteers for numerous church activities.

Rose Mangino is filled with energy and dedication to our community and deserves recognition as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year.