

Hettie Shumway Award

Elizabeth (Betsy) Webster

The Hettie Shumway Award is given to a volunteer who provides significant and unfailing service, is an effective role model for other volunteers and demonstrates loyalty to the hospital. It is named for Hettie Shumway, a leadership volunteer who served for many years at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Webster has fulfilled the criteria on many levels! As past president of the Friends of Strong (FOS) Council, she inspired many. The support and advice Betsy gave to other Council members and Friends of Strong staff was invaluable. She was never too busy to help, whether with a volunteer program or fund raising advice. She enjoyed serving as a member of the University of Rochester Medical Center Board and communicated important information back to the FOS Council.

In past years, Betsy has been a member of the FOS Council for 4 years as well as a valued FOS staff member. As a matter of fact one of her greatest accomplishments was over 15 years ago when she developed and managed the SMH Ambassador Program. It still exists today as one of Strong's premier and admired programs!

Betsy loves working with volunteers and has continued her focus in health care – as a board member of the local Planned Parenthood and on the board of the Friendly Home. She and her husband, Peter, love to spend time with their 4 children and 10 grandchildren and enjoy traveling to Maine and other wonderful places.

Congratulations and thank you, Betsy, for your many years of dedicated service to Friends of Strong and Strong Memorial Hospital. (And, by the way, thanks for encouraging Peter to volunteer at the Information Desk!)