

Dove Award

Eileen Beck

The Dove Award recipient is chosen from names submitted by volunteers and supervisors of volunteers. A committee made up of volunteers reviews the submissions and chooses a winner. In order to receive this award, the individual selected must have been volunteering for at least 3 years. Recipients traditionally perform quietly, unobtrusively and often “go the extra mile.” This year’s recipient is **Eileen Beck**.

Eileen is a pediatric volunteer that goes above and beyond on a regular basis. She is kind, caring and courteous to all she encounters—staff, families and visitors. She is always willing to help whenever needed, whatever the task.

Eileen is a retired elementary school teacher with 32 year of service in the Churchville-Chili School District. Her training as a teacher helps make her the encouraging volunteer that she is. Eileen does not just take a child for a stroll down the hallway. She looks at it as an opportunity to educate them about the things they see, reassure them about their stay, ask questions to build a relationship and make them feel comfortable, or reinforce how well they are doing.

When a child is alone or upset, regardless of age, Eileen understands the extra time that is required to help them to trust, to feel comfortable with others, and ultimately to cope with their stay.

Eileen respects the family unit, attending to a parent’s needs as much as the child’s. She routinely promotes the relationship between parent and child by making sure they have the materials they need.

One of the comments the pediatric staff recently made about Eileen was that “she seems to always be there when you need her.” Thank you for always being a marvelous volunteer!