

Volunteer spotlight

Claire Thriffley



Volunteer for 8.5 years

Children's Hospital New Orleans

My favorite memory volunteering

One year during the holidays, I dressed up as Elsa and created a "Frozen" themed sleigh to visit patients. It was amazing to see how excited patients were to see me and Olaf. The smiles on their faces were the best gift I received that holiday season.

My inspiration to volunteer

My cousin Amy Palmer, who was an artist and art teacher that passed away in 2012 from multiple sclerosis, inspired me to get involved with at Children's Hospital. With the help of many dedicated people in the hospital, I was able to start both organizing and fundraising for our Amy's Art Cart program at Children's Hospital, which was dedicated in my cousin's memory and has raised close to \$100,000 in donations.

My favorite part of volunteering

The one-on-one time with patients is the best part of volunteering. With Amy's Art Cart, I am able to see how something as simple as a coloring book and crayons can bring so much joy into the lives of patients.

My little something extra

Sharing my love of art with our patients is a special joy in my life. I have met so many extraordinary and creative patients over the years, who have inspired me.

Why I'm extra-ordinary

I think my love of art and creativity makes me extra-ordinary. I am always trying to find new and innovative ways for patients to engage with and experience creativity in the Hospital.

My day job

I own an art gallery, Claire Elizabeth Gallery, located in New Orleans.



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