

Professionally I am a practical nurse. I served our country for four years in the Army, and as an Army wife for the last twenty years. As secretary for the past three years, I have discovered how much I enjoy serving this band. It's about the success of the band. It's about the students who put so much of themselves into this program. It's about the parents & making sure they receive the information to help their child get the most out of band. It is about loving what you do. To say I love what I do would be an understatement.

My proudest accomplishment has been as a mother. I have a Senior & Freshman this year. This band has made such a difference in their lives. In just one year in the band program, my youngest has grown from an insecure band rookie, to a more confident young man with a passion for music. Four years ago, Day 1 of band camp changed me. I dropped off this apprehensive, scared freshman that changed right before my eyes when I picked him up that afternoon. He was literally on fire. A fire had been set in his soul for what the program stood for and what it was about to accomplish. Immediately I wanted to volunteer every chance I had to witness this as a parent and spectator. I have had the privilege of not just watching this transformation in my own children, but also through the lens of a camera as I've taken pictures at events capturing the smiles on the faces of the students doing what they love. That very moment embodies the reasons why I volunteer and do what I do for the organization. The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.