



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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Lois Butler

Kids and Horses



How long did you live in Douglas County?

25 years

Town of residence

Carson City

Family

I live with my husband and I have two sons and five grandchildren.

Are you currently working or retired?

I have been retired for 12 years.

If retired, former profession / If still working, current profession?

I retired from the Carson City School District where I was a school librarian.

Where do you currently volunteer?

Kids & Horses therapeutic riding center.

How long have you been a volunteer there?

Eight years

What are your duties?

Horse handler during lessons on Mondays, and I help with the horses on Fridays by grooming, turning them out and training them.

How much time do you volunteer per month?

Four hours on Mondays and four hours on Fridays, 28 hours a month.

Why and how did you become a volunteer?

I grew up riding horses, and when I started my family I didn't have time to ride anymore. I saw an ad in the newspaper and I went down to volunteer to get back to horses again.

Favorite aspects of volunteering?

Working with the horses, students and staff.

What would you say to others to encourage others to volunteer?

It is the most rewarding thing anyone can do. You teach the students how to ride and you receive inspiring feedback from the students and horses. I always leave with a good feeling.

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