

Giving a Hand to Our Helping Hands!

AFTD Volunteer: Susan Eissler



How do you begin to say thank you to a volunteer who has dedicated so many years to supporting AFTD's mission?

Susan Eissler is an inspiration. Through her various positions as a volunteer over the past nine years, she has inspired many to get involved and make a difference in the fight against FTD.

Susan served on AFTD's Board of Directors for six years. After losing her husband to FTD, her primary interest was research, but she also recognized the importance of all aspects of AFTD's work. In order to learn more about AFTD's programs, she became the Program Committee Chair for the Board. At the same time, she wanted to understand what was being asked of volunteers and became the Regional Coordinator volunteer for the South Central region. *"I admire and respect her tenacity and inquisitive nature," said Kerri Barthel, AFTD Volunteer Manager. "Her experiences in these various roles have provided a valuable perspective."*

This April marks Susan Eissler's sixth year as a Regional Coordinator volunteer. *"Susan has been a key factor in the development of the organization. The insights she brought to the Board from her role as a Regional Coordinator were key in the Board's ability to design a volunteer program that pushed the envelope for our organization,"* said Susan Dickinson, AFTD Executive Director.

"Susan is one of the most dedicated people with whom I have worked at AFTD. She gives tirelessly of herself. She is bright, articulate, and hardworking. In addition to serving on the Board and overseeing a region, she has actively run a support group in the Austin area, and was fundamental in the founding of other support groups", said Jary Larsen, AFTD Board Chair.

Volunteer Kacy Kunesh shared, *"As a Regional Coordinator, Susan's willingness to help and support families has positively impacted so many in our region. I am personally appreciative for her ongoing support and we are all so grateful to have her in the AFTD family."*



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