

The MAVA Mary Wiser Award for Excellence in Volunteer Administration

Sandy Bergeron, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of MN

This award was established to honor Mary Wiser, past director of volunteer services at Courage Center. As author, consultant and trainer, "Mary left a legacy that can be an inspiration to us all as she blazed the trail toward a higher level of professionalism" says Sue Vineyard. The award is recognition of excellence by the recipient's peers. It honors a professional in the field of volunteer administration who demonstrates the vision, diligence, and commitment to service that are the hallmarks of professionalism in the field.



Children's Hospital staff David Brumbaugh, Jenna Barke, Molly Lamon,
Sandy Bergeron, Lisa Munson and Ben Reed

Sandy Bergeron is the Volunteer Services Director at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. Sandy has worked in volunteer management since 1982, has been at Children's of MN since 1991, and has a long-standing reputation of leadership in the Twin Cities area. For the past nineteen years, Sandy has built the volunteer program at Children's Hospital from the ground up, from its beginning as two separate organizations (St. Paul Children's and Minneapolis Children's Medical Centers) to its current state as one of the most well regarded pediatric hospital programs in the area. Sandy has been president of MAVA and has presented at local, state and national conferences on best practices within volunteer management. Sandy's staff at Children's speak highly of her, "Sandy is passionate about what she does and wholeheartedly believes in our volunteer program. In her "director's welcome" in each of our volunteer orientations, Sandy says, 'In my nearly 20 years here, I have never left one day without thinking that a volunteer made a difference.' Sandy truly believes this, and her conviction makes everyone around her (ourselves, especially!) believe this as well.

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