

***A message from Susan Hailman,  
Volunteer Coordinator May 2016***



## **It Takes a Village to Make a Village**

We started in January of 2015 with about 42 volunteers. Our number of volunteers has remained the same but the volunteers themselves have changed over our first year.

We have 7 – 10 office volunteers who volunteer at the office daily and keep the office running by making copies of the newsletter, mailings, answering the phone and other necessary functions.

One of the most requested services the Village offered this year was transportation. Over the past year, 10 volunteers provided door-to-door transportation when other options were not viable.

TVIH also has a corps of folks who can do small home repairs, help organize and de-clutter, hang a picture, replace a light bulb, help with smart phones and computers or water plants while members are away. We've even refilled bird feeders!

About 10-12 volunteers are involved in “behind the scenes” work like organizing and managing our events and programs. While initially all the events on our calendar were Board-generated, now many are suggested, planned and managed by member volunteers.

This is the work required to become a Village. We need organizational infrastructure. We need the events that help us to get to know each other and become a community. We need the neighbor-to-neighbor assistance designed to make it easier to stay in the home/community that we love. It's all powered by volunteers who roll up their sleeves and give their time and talent. It takes a Village to make a Village – we couldn't do it without you!

To volunteer, send an email to me at [volunteer@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:volunteer@thevillageinhoward.org), or call our office at 443-367-9043.