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Cathy Mehl's Heartfelt Contribution

For three years, Cathy Mehl has been an invaluable part of the HURRAH Volunteer team, supporting students and educators across Naperville 203. Cathy was inspired to start volunteering after her daughter, whose children attend 203 schools, shared information about the program with her. Even though she was never a teacher, Cathy has always enjoyed working with children, and the HURRAH program felt like the "perfect opportunity" to connect with the community.

Cathy appreciates the flexibility the program offers. HURRAH provides a range of opportunities, from regular classroom assistance to helping with one-time school events, allowing volunteers to tailor their commitment to their schedule. Cathy's favorite way to contribute is by interacting directly with the students.



What keeps her motivated? Simply put, the rewarding feeling of seeing her efforts benefit the students. "I enjoy it! I feel like I am making a difference," she shares. Her time provides students with extra attention and support, while easing the daily workload for busy teachers, whether it's helping with an activity or assisting with those small, crucial tasks that keep a classroom running smoothly.

Cathy believes that the partnership between volunteers and staff is essential, echoing the well-known sentiment: "It takes a village." She notes that the work not only benefits students and teachers but also gives volunteers a firsthand look at the wonderful things happening in the district.

For anyone considering stepping forward to volunteer, Cathy has clear and encouraging advice: "Do it! You can volunteer as much or as little as you want to fit your schedule. But whatever you can do, makes a difference."

Cathy Mehl's dedication truly embodies the spirit of the HURRAH program, proving that any individual's time and effort can have a profound impact on the success and well-being of Naperville's youth.

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Volunteers Make a Difference By:

- Mentoring students one-on-one
- Supporting classroom and club activities
- Assisting with lunchtime duties
- Sharing expertise through guest speaking
- Providing vocational guidance
- Offering technical and administrative support



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