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Volunteer

Volunteerism, and so very thankful for you all.

With the soothing music playing in the background, Judi Minor seized the opportunity to make an impact in the Pollinator and Bird Garden by supporting the bird bath feature designed by Phil Hawk, which is beautifully placed amidst lush ferns right alongside the bird blind. Judi began her volunteer service in 2012, having retired from a long career in executive positions. During a trip to NYC, she and her sister visited a garden in Central Park and Judi was so inspired that she contacted the Arboretum to inquire about volunteering. "I was so impressed that I became a volunteer," she explains.

A long-time donor to the Arboretum, Judi seized the opportunity to make another difference in the spotlight. When the plaque is installed, she hopes that her words will motivate people to appreciate the Arboretum's volunteers more. "I am so proud of the Arboretum's volunteers who work under the leadership of Bernie Shockowitz," she says.

"I have volunteered for the planting of the Esplanade at Adair Park," Judi explains. "I was so impressed that I became a volunteer." She finds gardening to be meditative and relaxing and says she can "lose herself pruning roses for the entire three-hour volunteer session." In fact, she even brought her husband along to help during their volunteer sessions. "I was so impressed that he became a volunteer," she says.

From the beginning, Judi has been a "must-repeat" experience for so many. It would not be what it is without her dedication and support. "With every service event, I have seen how integral the Arboretum's volunteers are to the Arboretum's success," says interim director for The Arboretum at Penn State, Ann Mitra.

"There are glimmers of hope all around campus. The Blue Band is back in action," Ann says. "The Arboretum is on the move and hard at work to bring us all together. There are so many things happening in this outdoor space that we are all so grateful for. In July, I assumed the role of interim director for The Arboretum at Penn State. As I've had the pleasure to meet many of you. Having volunteered for the planting of the Esplanade at Adair Park," she explains. "I have witnessed first-hand how integral the Arboretum's volunteers are to the Arboretum's success. I have seen how integral the Arboretum's volunteers are to the Arboretum's success. I am so proud of the Arboretum's volunteers who work under the leadership of Bernie Shockowitz," she says.

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