

## About Volunteer Work ...

Your Name: Tami Orr

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**Favorite Organization that you volunteer at and why.** TOPSOCCER- I coach physically and mentally challenged children ages 6-16 in soccer (futbol). They are the kindest children in the world and their parents are so very appreciative. It's great exercise and good experience in playing on a team and sharing. I think I learn more from them, than do from me. [www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/index\\_E.html](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/index_E.html)

**Second favorite organization, if applicable, and why.**- Salvation Army. I've been a volunteer bellringer at Christmas for 17 years. I like it because it's a chance to give to an organization that doesn't use the money for high salaries. The monies go to the people who need it. I also got to help pack and load emergency food boxes last year for Hurricane Katrina victims. We put a Bible in every box as well. Hopefully we fed souls as well as stomachs! [www.salvationarmyusa.org/](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/)

**Blessings you receive from doing this type of service**-The best Blessing I've received from my volunteer work is a daughter who is a volunteer as well.

**How do you balance your busy daily life with this type of service...**It's a priority! It's what I LOVE to do! I look forward to the day I'm retired and can volunteer full time. It's the best feeling in the world to know that you helped someone.

**Tell us a memorable story about your work (if applicable).** On Christmas Eve, my husband, daughter and I take \$500 and go out into the night on a mission to give it away to needy folks around the city. We call it "City of Angels". One year we went into A Denny's restaurant and asked the manager if she knew of anyone who was having a particularly tough time this Christmas and could use a big tip. She said she did. One of the waitresses just took in her daughter and granddaughter and was working double shifts to try to pay the bills. She sat us in her station. We ordered a slice of pie, and left her \$00 tip. She saw it before we were able to leave, and she came running up to the 3 of us and hugged us so tightly as she cried! My daughter, who was 8 at the time said that that was her best Christmas ever! I think it was mine too!

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## About Supported Charities ...

**List the favorite organizations that you support and why:** SPCA, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Junior Achievement, Breast Cancer Walk, Diabetes Research, Smile Train, March of Dimes, Special Olympics, Grey Haven, ASAP, Angel Tree,

I love all of these because they help with no red tape. No multi levels of management—they just get the work done.