



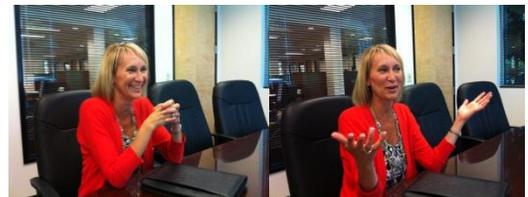
COMMITTED TO SERVICE - Mary Grimes

(An occasional feature about volunteers and donors of the DFO)

Mary Grimes learned about giving growing up in St. Genevieve, a small rural farming community about an hour south of St. Louis, Missouri. “Everyone knew everyone, and people took care of each other. We grew up with a strong sense of community, all volunteering at school related activities and 4H clubs. It was ingrained in us; everyone wanted to be part of it.”

Mary remembers the Mississippi River flooding its banks one year and she and her high school friends helped fill sand bags to try and stop millions of gallons of water from ravaging homes. Seeing the terrible destruction made a lasting impression. She realized that other people, through no fault of their own, were suffering and needed help to pick up the pieces of their lives.

After college, Mary and her husband, Rob, made a career move to Oregon. She started working in banking and raising her two daughters, and she got involved in community organizations including her



local church, her children’s schools, and business organizations like the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce. In her role with Premier Community Bank, Mary works with a wide range of professionals, including many dentists. Mary’s dental clients told her about the sorry state of children’s dental health in Oregon, and about the Dental Foundation of Oregon. “The Dental Foundation of Oregon is doing incredible work advocating for children and helping to raise awareness of the problem. And I love the Tooth Taxi. It is a happy, non-threatening way to take free dental care to low-income children who aren’t getting into a dental office. Kids love it, kids need it, and that’s what I love about it, and that’s why I wanted to get involved.”

And Mary has been *very* involved, serving as a volunteer on the DFO Board Development Committee, and volunteering at DFO fundraisers. She is also a generous donor. She set up a monthly automatic donation on the DFO website. “When Rob and I sat down to think about doing something more to help the DFO, not just participate in an event, we decided to set up a monthly gift that would help sustain core programs. It was easy to do, and we could designate the amount. Now, I don’t even have to think about it and it feels great to be part of something that’s helping so many children in need.”

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