



Volunteer Spotlight

Jill Manley Holly Creek Retirement Community

A native of Denver, Jill grew up in the University Hills area and graduated from the University of Denver in Real Estate and Construction Management. Soon after, Jill's employer transferred her to Seattle, Washington to assist in opening an office in residential real estate lending. A few years later, deciding to pursue a career in commercial real estate lending, she accepted a job transfer to the company's home office in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was assigned Seattle as her marketing territory.

After a few years in Des Moines, Jill returned to Seattle, taking a job in commercial lending and transferring to the company's Denver office. Back in her home state where her parents and brother were living was a comfort for her, as well as experiencing again the wonderful Colorado sunshine!

Jill settled in Centennial and, after taking a medical retirement in 1990, she began volunteering at The Johnson Center. There she began touching the lives of others by reading and praying with a blind resident and meeting with other residents on a one-to-one basis. Jill deeply feels the importance of giving back to the community in service to others, and she truly has exemplified this in her many years of volunteering for the CLC communities.

She was honored to receive the Volunteer of the Year award in 1996, and she twice has served as president and as secretary of the volunteer organization at The Johnson Center. Jill was an important part of the volunteers' annual bazaar at The Johnson Center, where she contributed significantly to the success of the silent auction as well as the poinsettia sales.

Jill later accepted a position as part-time receptionist, where after eleven years, she continues to greet visitors and staff with a kind word and friendly smile. She enjoys sharing with others her enjoyment of working in a loving and caring Christian environment. Jill says the mission-driven Christian Living Communities is an employment environment like none other she had experienced in her career. Jill's enjoyment of working carries over into her enthusiasm for volunteering. On the other hand, perhaps we should say that her enthusiasm for volunteering carries over into her commitment for working!

She continues volunteering with Christian Living Communities at Holly Creek, where she serves as secretary of the Volunteer Advisory Committee. While not actually living at Holly Creek, she explains she lives across the street and perhaps some day will become a true Holly Creek resident.