



Volunteer Spotlight

Emily Huizingh UNIVERSITY HILLS VOLUNTEER

Emily has had quite a remarkable tenure as a Christian Living Communities volunteer. She has been enriching the lives of residents with her gentle smile and delightful sense of humor for over **thirty years**. She was deeply honored when she was selected as the University Hills Volunteer of the Year seventeen years ago. She fondly remembers her husband's special tribute of a home made cake as his way of expressing his support of her tireless work. Emily happily describes her time spent at the nursing home as comfortable as a "home away from home." She credits the caring and respectful staff members for creating an atmosphere of love and compassion.

As the youngest child in her family, Emily experienced a traditional Dutch childhood in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She comments that perhaps growing up without really knowing her grandparents may be one of the reasons that time spent with seniors is so special to her.

In 1956, she and her husband decided to move to Colorado to join the family's furniture business. This move also allowed her the opportunity to be a caregiver to her aunt who was living in south Denver. Emily was a very busy woman during this time raising six children! When her friend from church, Wilma Keesen, asked Emily to join the ladies who volunteered at University Hills on Monday morning serving coffee and cookies, the rest is history.

Emily believes that volunteering is an important part of her life and a wonderful opportunity to live the way that the Bible teaches us. She has the determination, commitment and heart for the job that she does so well. Thank you, Emily.