

Volunteer Spotlight **Merl McCormick**

THE JOHNSON CENTER



Shown with Merl (far right) is Sara Sieker and June Liverance.

Merl is a standout on our Monday morning coffee cart. She is a consistent volunteer despite her own visual disability. Her presence is an inspiration to our staff and our residents that she visits with while going door to door serving coffee and cookies every Monday morning.

Merl's age makes her an unusual volunteer, as she is older than most of our residents. She no longer drives, so one of the other coffee cart ladies brings her in. The whole group of 6 volunteers is being awarded the bronze Presidential Service award in 2008. Merl herself has amassed 500 hours of service since beginning her volunteer career in 2001. She is an active senior helping other seniors. Her contribution to this community cannot be measured by hours or years of service, but by her simple presence.