



Remembering & Honoring Board Member Francie Billotti Wood

The Board and staff of Volunteer Frederick are grieving the loss of Francie Billotti Wood and her family. We extend our most sincere sympathies to all members of her extended family and the entire family's community of friends.

Francie Billotti Wood was Volunteer Frederick's newest board member and she was eager to get involved in her community. Due to her former involvement with Volunteer Jacksonville in Florida, she understood the value of volunteer centers and knew she could be of great help to Volunteer Frederick.

Francie was a Certified Fundraising Executive through CFRE, International, Inc. and had served as Director of Development for North Florida University's Carpenter Library and College of Computing, Engineering and Construction. She also served as Special Project/Grants Manager at LSS Second Harvest Food Bank in Jacksonville, FL. She was later promoted to Executive Director/Consultant of the Florida Association of Food Banks, Tallahassee, FL. Francie participated in and served in a variety of leadership roles with the Junior League of Jacksonville, the Junior League of Florida, the Association of Fundraising Professionals- First Coast Chapter, the Association of Fundraising Professionals- International, and the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless.

In her short time with Volunteer Frederick, Francie exuded enthusiasm, intelligence and creativity. She readily jumped at the opportunity to lead Volunteer Frederick's Marketing and Development Task Force. On April 10th, she participated in a Lunch 'n Learn with Volunteer Frederick staff and board members to share ideas and strategies gained from attending the Nonprofit Summit on March 25. Just last Tuesday, on April 14, she was an active participant during Volunteer Frederick's training on the Board Development Cycle.

Francie was delighted to be back engaged in the community where she grew up. She often shared stories about her children and family; her passion for life and giving back came through during every interaction. She will be greatly missed by Volunteer Frederick's, Board of Directors, Executive Director Lisa Orr, and staff. "Francie was a vibrant, spirited, happy person and we were eager to work together to strengthen our Marketing & Development Task Force; in fact we were scheduled to meet about it on Friday morning at The Main Cup in Middletown," said Orr; "She had so much creativity. It was fun to brainstorm with her because she had such great ideas. I could tell she was going to bring a lot of life and energy to Volunteer Frederick."

To honor her passion for community engagement, Volunteer Frederick's 2009 BIG Sweep on April 25 will be dedicated to Francie Billotti Wood.