



Clownie Connection

The Parade Company Volunteer Newsletter

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WE MISS YOU!!!

We've been busy preparing for your return!

While we do not have any volunteer work now, we will have opportunities later this summer.

We will send an announcement to let you know when we're ready.

Watch your email!!

While safety and cleanliness have always been a top priority for us, we are adding extra measures to keep our environment as safe as possible.

You can click [HERE](#) to learn how we've updated our protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

VOLUNTEER SAFELY



Please Stay Home if Sick: If you are feeling sick, or displaying any symptoms of illness, please stay home for the safety of the Parade team and your fellow volunteers.



Wash your hands before, during, and after volunteering.
Please wipe down your volunteer area before and after you volunteer.



Please Wear a Mask!
We have masks onsite and can provide one to you, if you do not have one.



Please Social Distance Be sure to keep a distance of at least 2 meters (6.6 feet) between yourself and others.



Confirm Your Activity: Please be sure to confirm with the volunteer coordinator that there is still a need for volunteers before heading to the studio.



Ah-Choo! If you sneeze or cough, do so only into a tissue or your arm.



NEW VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL ORIENTATION ZOOM MEETING JULY 24, 6-7 PM

We will resume new volunteer orientations starting July 24. The orientations will be offered online via Zoom. We'll go over volunteer guidelines, how to use Volgistics (our volunteer management system), and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to klleverett@theparade.org.

If you cannot make it, no worries! We will offer more training dates throughout the summer.



Send Us Your Favorite TPC Picture!

If you've visited our social media pages recently, you may have noticed that we've been sharing fond memories from past events.

If you have a favorite picture from one of our events that you'd like to share, please send it our way! You may see it on social media or in the next newsletter!

Send pictures to: klleverett@theparade.org



5 Fun Facts About Cynthia

- 1.** Favorite place to eat:
Red Lobster
- 2.** Best leisure activity:
I enjoy watching TV,
it's my favorite pastime. My
favorite shows are mysteries
and comedies.
- 3.** Favorite place to
travel: New York
- 4.** Any pets?
I don't have any pets,
but I LOVE dogs!
- 5.** Any awards?
I've won Employee of
the Month and Employee of
the Quarter at the DIA. I've
also received Service and
Recognition Awards from my
church.



Cynthia and fellow Parade Company
volunteers at the 2019 Detroit River Days



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



CYNTHIA BLACKBURN

As Group Reservation Coordinator for the Detroit Institute of Arts for over 20 years, Cynthia Blackburn specializes in the art of making people happy. So when she signed up to be a volunteer at The Parade Company (arguably one of the happiest places on earth), it was a perfect fit! "I'm a people person," says Cynthia. "I love meeting new people and making people happy!"

Cynthia has been a volunteer at The Parade Company for nearly nine years. During those years, she has volunteered for several events, including Detroit River Days, Big Head events, and Preview Party. Every year, you can also spot her (dressed in her elf gear) helping Santa at Hob Nobble Gobble presented by Ford. Whatever the volunteer role, Cynthia brings joy and energy to everything she does, and it shows!

We are so lucky to have volunteers like Cynthia in our Parade family. That's why we are happy to shine this issue's spotlight on Cynthia Blackburn!

Q: How long have you been a volunteer with TPC?

A: 8 1/2 years.

Q: How did you get involved with TPC?

A: I was watching the Parade on TV. I thought it was so cool to see all of the floats, the kids and the excitement of the crowd. There was a volunteer sign-up announcement at the end of the broadcast, and I immediately went online and signed up!

Q: Did you grow up watching the Parade?

A: Yes, I watched the Parade on TV with my family as a child. I also took my sons to the Parade when they were little



Cynthia & Randy Cain passing out popcorn,
with a side of smiles!



Q: What volunteer roles have you done during your tenure here at TPC?

A: I've been a Costume Marcher, a Banner Carrier and a Band Marshall.

Q: What is your favorite volunteer position?

A: Being a Costume Marcher - I love the interaction with the spectators.

Q: What is your favorite TPC event?

A: I don't have a favorite event, because I love them all, but if I had to choose, it would be the Parade.

Q: Best volunteer memory:

A: The best volunteer memory was my first Parade. I was a Costume Marcher with Mother Goose. She was the first float in the Parade. The whole experience was so meaningful and fun!

Q: What did you miss most during the Stay-At-Home period?

A: Going to work and volunteering for the Parade Company.



Hanging with Santa at Hob Nobble Gobble presented by Ford!



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Lavette Benson
Linda Bigger
Cynthia Blackburn
Margaret Boussum
Jim Boylan
Gwen Britton
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