

## Volunteer Spotlight

# AWESOME ASSOCIATE ... ESTHER PATTERSON



The Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB team has become a vital part of Children's Miracle Network fundraising over the last eighteen years. Since 1988, Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUBS' across the West Palm Beach, Gainesville, Ocala, and Tallahassee areas have come together to raise more than \$5 million for Shands Children's Hospital.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. encourages their Associates to give back to the communities where they live. One of the ways they accomplish this goal is through their Volunteerism Always Pays Program (VAP). This program encourages their Associates by making donations to charitable organizations on their behalf for the time they spent at the organization as a volunteer.

One outstanding Wal-Mart Associate is Esther Patterson. For over 15 years, she has been the team leader for her Jupiter store's fundraising efforts to benefit Shands Kids. Esther's commitment continues beyond store fundraising. For five consecutive years, she has traveled to Gainesville to volunteer for the Miracle Maker's Radiothon event held in August. As soon as she learned of the WRMF 97.9 Radiothon in West Palm Beach, she jumped at the opportunity to volunteer. Her zest for life, determination, and commitment to contribute to her local community goes above and beyond.

**Thank you Esther for being a true inspiration—  
a champion for Shands Kids!**

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