

## Gloria Hollo



Gloria has been a volunteer with BHcare's Bowl-2-Benefit (B2B) event since its inception in 1988. B2B is one of the largest events of its kind in the state, uniting over 1,200 concerned citizens, businesses, schools, organizations and community leaders in the fight against domestic violence. Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, the event raises more than \$90,000 to support victims of domestic violence.

Gloria has been an advocate in the fight against domestic violence since 1986 when a loved one was left for dead by an abusive husband. She believes it was a miracle that she survived the incident and felt compelled to help other domestic violence victims. She saw an ad in the newspaper for the bowling event that caught her interest. Although she could not participate in the event the first year, Gloria was able to raise money through her bowling league.

Gloria went on to be a top fundraiser of the event for several years. Eventually she joined the Bowl-2-Benefit committee and served as a co-chair. Today she is an active member of the committee and volunteers her time during the day of the event.

Gloria is a Connecticut native, spending most of her life in the Valley, where she continues to volunteer her time and talents to the community. She is also a volunteer for other BHcare programs and events including Back to School Program, Under the Tree and the community block party; and is a former Foundation Board member. Gloria is involved in other local causes including the Leukemia Walk-A-Thon, Our Ladies' Guild and Small Christian Group.

In 2004 Gloria was nominated for Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award and she was awarded the Living Treasures Award from the Valley United Way in 2006.