

Mauri Riesenber **Volunteer Awards Nomination**

Mauri is someone who truly exemplifies what it means to have a larger than life personality. She is funny, smart, kind, inclusive, and driven. I have had the pleasure of knowing her personally and professionally - and while there are many things to admire about Mauri, the most notable is her innate ability to make every person she comes in contact with feel seen and heard. Our community is so very fortunate to have someone like Mauri serving its people in the day-to-day.

Mauri uses her gifts in both the nonprofit world and in the workplace. She has 15 years of Architect/Engineering/Contractor (A/E/C) industry related experience. She currently serves as the Office Manager for the newly established STV office in Franklin, TN. Throughout her career she has become very involved in the A/E/C community and currently gives her time with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) as a member of the National Engineering Excellence Awards Committee. She also serves as the Co-Chairman and past Chairman of the Tennessee Chapter of the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee, and has assisted with the Engineer's Conference.

While these commitments keep her busy, Mauri doesn't limit her time to industry-specific organizations. She also uses her talents and gifts to aid and assist local nonprofits whose missions are to care for those in need and improve our community as a whole.

One of Mauri's volunteer positions is through Franklin Tomorrow as a Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament Committee Member. Franklin Tomorrow's largest fundraiser is the Annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament. Mauri has worked closely with the Executive Director and Event Chairman for the past five years on the committee to plan the tournament. Her volunteer efforts for this organization include planning the event, fund raising, securing vendors, event set up/tear down, and event day-of logistics.

Mauri also serves as Board Secretary for A Vintage Affair, which is a Williamson County, TN non-profit that specially focuses on women and children in need in Williamson County. This year, AVA events set a record for the organization and raised \$310,000. Mauri played an integral part in planning the 2021 events, fund raising, selling tickets, securing vendors, event set up/tear down, and event day-of logistics. She was responsible for coordination of nearly 60 volunteers that helped make the event so successful. In addition, Mauri serves as Secretary for the Board documenting the monthly meetings and distributing the minutes to the board members.

Lastly, Mauri's passion for mental health led her to participate in a Pregnancy to Parenthood Study through Vanderbilt University. Mauri had the unique experience this year of giving back to the educational community by participating in a study throughout her pregnancy before and after giving birth to her son Calvin in February 2021. The goal of the study was to examine changes in emotions and mental health during and after pregnancy. She completed interviews and questionnaires, as well as three lab visits where they did a series of computer tests while she had an EEG to evaluate her brain activity, twice during pregnancy and once after Calvin was born. In addition, she completed four electronic questionnaires about her emotions in the weeks following delivery.

It's evident Mauri has committed countless hours to helping others. Her efforts never tire as she continually works to give back to her community in a variety of ways. She is truly an inspiration and lives her life in a way we all could learn from. While Mauri never expects anything in return for putting her heart and soul into each day, her giving spirit is truly contagious and deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated.