


## Volunteers Make All the Difference

Volunteers are the backbone of the Arthritis Foundation. They lead committees. They advocate. They walk and fundraise for a cure. Volunteers are our face and voice in communities across the country, expanding the Arthritis Foundation's reach exponentially. In short, our volunteers are hope in action for every person living with arthritis.

Meet three committed Arthritis Foundation volunteers. They are just a few of many who do great work from coast to coast for everyone who has arthritis.


### *Hope in Action*

#### **Jeffrey R. Brashares, Columbus, OH**



Jeff has spent 30 years volunteering for the Arthritis Foundation, raising more than \$1.7 million as the volunteer chair of the Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In event in Dublin, OH. Because of this and his dedication to other fundraising initiatives, Jeff received the Award for Innovative Philanthropy at the Arthritis Foundation's 2013 Annual Meeting. This national award recognizes extraordinary contributions to innovation and transformation of the Foundation's mission and services.

#### **Deborah Snyder, Los Angeles, CA**



In her spare time, Deborah is an arthritis awareness champion. In her professional career, Deborah is a film producer of blockbusters like *Man of Steel* and *300*. She even helped the Arthritis Foundation produce **our own public service announcement (PSA)**, which has aired nationwide. To raise even more awareness, Deborah has continually opened doors and builds relationships that will have a lasting impact in our fight. She's also a top fundraiser: As chair of the Pacific Region's 25th Annual Commitment to a Cure Awards Gala in Beverly Hills, Deborah and her team raised nearly \$1 million.

#### **Deane Felter, Cromwell, CT**



Diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis 20 years ago, and more recently with rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, Deane became an Arthritis Foundation advocate in 2012 and participated in his first Walk event. Since then he has stepped up and become an Arthritis Ambassador, dedicating time each month to maintaining a relationship with his legislators, making sure they understand and support issues and policy related to arthritis. Deane also helps further arthritis research by being a patient reviewer at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). He has contributed to a National Institute on Aging project to help make homes safer for seniors and served as a consumer reviewer for the U.S. Department of Defense's Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.