

**2014 NATIONAL WALK TO CURE ARTHRITIS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

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**National Volunteer Chair, Kelli Schandel**

My name is Kelli Schandel and I am the Chair of the National Walk to Cure Arthritis Committee. I live in Highlands Ranch, CO with my husband Dan and son Willie. My other son Daniel attends Montana State University. I have a big love for dogs and have a 5 year old golden named Lambeau and an adopted 8 year old black lab named Annie. My love for dogs is part of what got me involved with the Foundation, believe it or not, as I came on the National team as the Dog Walk Chair and served on my local Walk committee as the same. Currently, I am the Team Development Co-Chair on the Walk to Cure Arthritis – Denver event and also serve on our local Advisory Committee. I have been involved with the Foundation for 10 years, and in 2010 I was the lucky recipient of the Lorraine Potocki National award. I was diagnosed with RA 15 years ago at the age of 26 and have made it my mission to find a cure for this awful disease!

She is available to speak with your volunteers about growing your event, cultivating team captains, or really anything related to Walk to Cure Arthritis. Contact Kelli at [danjkellij@q.com](mailto:danjkellij@q.com)

**National Volunteer Immediate Past Chair, Julie Underhill Butscher, MSW, LCSW**

Prior to this position, Julie spent four years as the Team Development Chair on the National Committee. She has been on her local Arthritis Walk Committee since 2004 as Event Chair and Team Development Chair. Julie and her husband, Mark, became involved with the Great West Region of the Arthritis Foundation when their son, Andy, was diagnosed with JRA in 2003. Two years later, their daughter, Katie, was also diagnosed. Both kids were 18 months when diagnosed. Andy (13) and Katie (11) are currently in remission thanks to the efforts of the Arthritis Foundation, their wonderful pediatric rheumatologist, medicines and physical therapy.

In addition to the volunteer work for the Foundation, Julie is the Education Coordinator for the National Association of Social Workers. Julie is also chairing the 2014 National Juvenile Arthritis Conference that will take place in Keystone, CO July 3-6, 2014. Contact Julie at [juliebutscher@gmail.com](mailto:juliebutscher@gmail.com)



**National Logistics Chair, Colleen Ryan**, is enjoying her fourth year serving on the National Volunteer Committee. Her involvement with the Walk began 8 years ago with the Orange County event in California. Her family formed their team, Princess Parade, in honor of their daughter Caitlin who has battled systemic JIA since she was diagnosed at the age of 3. Their team has consistently been a top performer locally, and has been one of the top ten national teams for the last six years. Colleen served as the Co-Chair of her local event for many years, as well as managed the logistics for the last seven years. In her own words, "The bottom line is - I am a mom whose teenage daughter has been through the ringer with arthritis, including having already gone through bi-lateral hip replacements. I find arthritis unacceptable, and I see money raised through the Walk as our best hope of a better future for people who suffer from

arthritis. I am passionate and motivated and I will do whatever I can to help Walk to Cure Arthritis grow nationally!" Contact Colleen at [cryan2@csulb.edu](mailto:cryan2@csulb.edu)



**National Mission Delivery Chair, Amy Barron** has been involved with the Walk to Cure Arthritis for nine years. She suffers from several types of arthritis, including Rheumatoid Arthritis and Ehler's Danlos Syndrome. Amy has been on the Cincinnati Walk Committee for eight years serving as Assistant Chair, Chair and Mission Delivery Chair. She has also served as a local and national honoree, is an Arthritis Advocacy Ambassador and has been awarded the Edward M. Kennedy Advocacy Leadership Award. As a past Arthritis Walk Honoree and as an Advocacy Ambassador, she can use these experiences to help staff and volunteers incorporate strong mission awareness through the event planning phase as well as on event day. Amy feels the Mission of the Arthritis Foundation is the heart of everything we do at the Arthritis Foundation. She is excited to help staff and volunteers implement strong plans around the use of a local honoree to further fundraising, Advocacy and mission delivery activities.

Contact her at [ambarro@fuse.net](mailto:ambarro@fuse.net)



**Social Media Chair, Kelby Peachey** is involved because she was diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis (a form of arthritis) at the age of 16. She currently volunteers as Event Chair for the Walk to Cure Arthritis in Boston. Kelby has been on her local committee for the past year and was involved with the Walk to Cure Arthritis, Denver for 6 years serving as a Day-of Volunteer, Day-of Volunteers Chair, Event Co-Chair and Event Chair before moving to the Boston area! During her move, she wanted to continue participating as a volunteer and served as the Mission Delivery and Hero Area Chair and had the honor of being the 2013 Denver Walk to Cure Arthritis Adult Honoree. Kelby was the recipient of the ABC Channel '7 Everyday Hero' in 2012 for her community service and excellence in the volunteering for the Walk to Cure Arthritis, Denver.

Kelby joined the National Committee 3 years ago as the Social Media Chair, an area which was new to all users-alike and believes it's an area that we need to use on a daily basis to help us raise money to find a cure! Kelby is available to speak with you about how to set-up your social media sites to support your fundraising efforts, or anything related to the Walk to Cure Arthritis. Contact Kelby at [kelbypeachey@gmail.com](mailto:kelbypeachey@gmail.com)