



River Valley, Illinois

Lori Weedon

2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Honoree

Although Lori has a touch of arthritis in her knee, she has not been formally diagnosed with the disease. This has not stopped her from giving her all for those who do suffer from arthritis.

Lori has been involved with the Jingle Bell Run/Walk (JBR) since 2005. She has taught physical education and health classes for the past 25 years at Manteno CUSD #5; and it was one of her students that convinced her to get involved when they asked if they could form a team for JBR. After their inaugural year, and through 2013, Manteno High School (MHS) students have placed either first or second in the high school's competition for bringing the most participants and race volunteers! Their generosity doesn't stop there. They selflessly donate all the winnings to another charity within MHS called, Caring for Kids at Christmas. This organization collects funds and purchases gifts for the children of Manteno.

In her spare time Lori enjoys running, and working out at her local YMCA. She has always been connected with sports from her days in high school to her current profession as a physical education teacher. She loves doing anything outdoors; especially watching her daughter play softball.

When asked what she likes best about the JBR Lori replied, "The Jingle Bell Run is a great race, and it's always fun to see everyone come together for such a great cause." We are very appreciative of everything Lori and her students have done to support the mission of the Arthritis Foundation through the Jingle Bell Run/Walk. We are proud to recognize Lori Weedon as the 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Honoree.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services