



*Debbie & Don Stambaugh with Anne M.*

## **Volunteer Spotlight: Debbie & Don**

Debbie and Don met through a church singles group and married in 2007. They have two sons, one daughter-in-law, and a 6-year-old grandson. They are members in the CMA - Christian Motorcyclist Association, an evangelistic organization, and serve on the Altar Ministry and as greeters and ushers at Southpoint Community Church. That's where they heard about Hart Felt last Fall. They had been praying for a ministry they could share, and they both felt this was the answer for which they had waited. Don's Mom and Debbie's Dad both live in other parts of Florida and are blessed to be in their 80's, still healthy and independent.

Hart Felt's mission touched their hearts. However, due to an assortment of delays, it took several months to match them with their client. "We began to have second thoughts if Hart Felt might not be right for us after all," Debbie says. Then came the call to meet Anne M., and it truly seemed like a match made in Heaven as they learned of special connections that only God would have known. The relationship bloomed. "Our relationship with Anne is so rewarding," Don says. "She has inspired us. It's a way to give and receive God's love." They feel Anne has become another member of their family. The Stambaughs now serve as liaison for Hart Felt with Southpoint and both agree, "We're glad we stayed!"

## **Client Spotlight: Anne M.**

When Anne was first introduced to Debbie and Don Stambaugh, she thought they must be visiting one of her neighbors who was grieving a loved one, because Debbie was holding a bouquet – then she learned that the roses were for her! An 88 year old widow, she says she was "a very lonesome and depressed person. I felt abandoned, and I didn't know how to come out of it." A social worker referred her to Hart Felt, which matched her with the Stambaughs, and "I fell in love with them right away", she says. Anne grew up in a family of 12 in the coal mining region of Shenandoah, PA, where she remembers regularly walking the 3 to 4 miles to the mine with her brother to take lunch to her parents working there. Those are good memories.

Anne moved to Florida when she married Johnny M., a Jacksonville native. She and Johnny had two children, and her son still helps her as much as he can. She worked for many years in the old Ivy's Department Store selling shoes. "We had chairs, so people would stop to chat. And frequently, they walked away with a new pair of shoes!" Anne recently wrote Debbie and Don a deeply moving letter expressing what this relationship means to her. And the feeling is mutual.

## **Happy 5 Year Anniversary to the following volunteers:**

Brad Baker ♥ Michael Fuste ♥ Bill Frazer  
Babs Haselden ♥ Phyllis Luther  
Eileen Mackey ♥ Phil Martin ♥ Andy Owens  
Jim Perkins ♥ Pat Sarver ♥ Joan Weikert  
Charlie Wilson ♥ Jan Wilson

## Welcome New Volunteers!

Diane Wright  
I. Jayne Doherty  
Brian White  
Tess Mork  
Kari Bracy  
Damara Merten  
Ed Clements  
Ellie Golden  
Lucinda Bennett  
Denise Puie  
Julia White  
Angela Gainous  
Julia Few  
Marsha Cail  
Amanda Bates

## Statistics for the Last 12 Months:

Volunteers: 191  
Clients: 392  
Donated Hours: 10,528  
Individual Acts of Love: 6,228  
Cost Savings to Community: \$225,000  
(per Independent Sector estimate for 2010)



**Hart Felt's first FRIENDraising** event on October 15th exceeded all expectations, and we thank God for His guidance, protection, and provision. God knew 2011 would be a particularly challenging year for Hart Felt. Even though we have not yet reached our budget, we thank Him. Our budget was set through prayer, and we trust Him to provide all that we need. He knows we have 400 people on our waiting list, so we continue to step forward to serve with faith in Him and praise Him for every gift He may stir your heart to send.



Committee co-chairs:  
Bette McEvoy, Terry Pack & Ann Cook



Incoming Board Chairman Cecil White, Jr., Jane Hart  
& Dr. Paul Larson, Retiring Board Chairman

## Volunteer Q&A

We've been asked, "May I take my children or husband with me to visit my client?" *It sounds like such a natural thing to do. Unfortunately, the answer is "NO", unless we first have the client give written permission for them to accompany you. And if your children are minors, we will need a signed guardian consent from you. We promise our clients that no one except screened, trained Hart Felt volunteers will visit their homes and that their identity and location will be held in confidence. That is why written permission must be obtained from the client. Also, the relationship you develop with your client will be one where you accept them unconditionally. Bringing family members with you might inadvertently cause your client embarrassment or discomfort. Please contact Jane Hart before taking any person to your client's home who is not already a screened, trained Hart Felt volunteer.*

## Description of a Hart Felt Volunteer:

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on Earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.  
Written by Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

 **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** 

Our mission is to provide, at no charge, through a network of community volunteers, non-medical support services and companionship to the frail elderly who require assistance in living independently.

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