



Christine Peck
Volunteer: Ride Marshal 2013 Closer to Free Ride

Christine Peck's brother Ken Zaldo has been a CTF Ride Marshal since the beginning. Through her brother, Christine got involved with the Ride as a volunteer and after one experience, she was hooked.

In 2012, Christine volunteered on the day of the event and watched the riders leave the Yale Bowl, and she was there to welcome Ken and several others back from the century ride. As she recalls, "The magic of the day was captivating. I was drawn to the emotion that ran through the riders, the volunteers, and the families. That day I began my campaign to join the marshal team for the 2013 team, as I knew I wanted to be a part of something this great."

In 2013, she rode with the marshal team for training rides. During each ride she was humbled and amazed by the group and she tended to stay with those who were new to cycling, had not been on a bike in many years, or were currently battling cancer. "While we rode," Christine says, "the miles slipped away easily as we talked about their own personal goals. They were proving themselves to someone or something, each riding with a very passionate and very personal cause. I was there to give them water and snacks, change flat tires, and most of all, to provide encouragement and moral support."

As a Marshal on the 2013 Ride, Christine remembers being awed by those around her on the road and her memory spurred of those in her life who have been lost to cancer, like her father in law Don, Grandma Stella and Grandpa Ted, Uncle Bob, and dear friend Dominic as well as those currently battling cancer, especially friends Tracy and Maria.

"The CTF ride is an unbelievable experience and I think I have the best view of it," she says. "From where I sit on my bike, I get to watch people ride towards their goals. Whether it is to defeat cancer or complete their first century ride in memory of people they love, it is an honor and a privilege to be able to support them in their goal. This is their ride and I am proud to be a part of it for them."