



Carolyn Truini  
Volunteer 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014

For the last three years, Carolyn Truini has volunteered as Captain of the Sleeping Giant Rest Stop on the CTF Ride. She loves it so much that she doesn't even mind getting up at 4:30am on a Saturday to be at Sleeping Giant at 5:30am. Then again, she says that Ride Day is everyone at Smilow's favorite day of the year.

For Carolyn, the decision to volunteer was an easy one because Smilow is such a big part of her life. She's worked in Oncology for 20 years: the first 17 as part of the melanoma team and the last three at Smilow in the Department of Operations. "I know how important Smilow is to our families and patients," she says. But Smilow is also so important to her for even more personal reasons: the first year she volunteered on the Ride was only one year from her husband Jack's diagnosis of Stage III prostate cancer. "I will never forget what Smilow staff and doctors were able to do for us and the resources that it takes to do it," she remembers. That's why being a part of the Ride is so important to her.

"The extraordinary feeling that permeates every minute of Ride is like none other," she says. "It is electrifying to be with the patients, family, staff, and physicians riding and volunteering."

Most important to Carolyn is the fact that every dollar raised makes it possible for every patient now and in the future to have the care and superior patient experience that her husband had at Smilow. And thanks to the incredible research and care at Smilow, Jack is able to be by her side at Sleeping Giant year after year. He too has no problem getting up at 4:30am to celebrate another day as a cancer survivor.

