



Gerry Champion
Volunteer 2015 and 2014

Gerry Champion first got involved with Closer To Free when he saw the iconic flash mob commercial during the Super Bowl a few years ago. The commercial was even more inspiring because Gerry had been recently diagnosed with recurrent breast cancer and his wife was two years out of her bout with breast cancer.

When Gerry turned 62 he played 62 holes of golf to raise funds to help continue the incredible research being done at Yale New-Haven Hospital to fight and hopefully cure cancer. As he's not a cyclist, he also became a volunteer at the CTF Ride's Westbrook Rest Stop. "I am the crazy guy that welcomes them into the rest stop," he says.

"It's such a great experience -- supporting all the riders who are riding to help families, friends and support cancer research is INSPIRATIONAL." Gerry spends his day cheering in Riders, hugging them and thanking them for helping bring both him and the world closer to free. Because he knows that he and his family have been lucky. Gerry's entire family recently celebrated his wife's 5th year cancer free and he says he's never felt better physically and mentally than he does right now. Be sure to give Gerry a hug when you get to the Westbrook Rest Stop!

