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Volunteer 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012

As a RN, I have had the privilege of volunteering for Closer to Free Ride for the last 4 years. Initially I was a medical volunteer, and then have worked at registration for the last three years. It's an honor to personally thank each rider for their commitment. Closer to Free is important to me both personally and professionally: I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000, and because of the care I received at Yale-New Haven Hospital; I am a 15-year survivor!

When the Closer to Free Ride began, I realized I had an opportunity to team with colleagues for a worthy cause that would bring us all a step closer to a cure for our patients. Like many, I have also lost family and friends, including my father and grandfather, to cancer.

I have worked as a nurse at YNHH since 1982. In my current role as a Nurse Coordinator at Smilow Hematology-Oncology practice, I take care of new patients with blood cancers coming into our practice. I make sure that we receive the appropriate clinical information to expedite diagnosis and treatment, as well as making an initial connection with patients to make certain that all of their questions are answered and that we address any special needs they may have. I'm lucky to work with such a great group of people and I find our patients to be a constant source of inspiration.

Helping participants at the Closer to Free Ride makes me proud as both a cancer survivor and a nurse. Come join me and volunteer on September 10!

