



Denise Iorio
Volunteer 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011

As a survivor and former patient at Smilow Cancer Hospital, Denise Iorio has been a loyal CTF Ride volunteer since the very first Ride. That year, her husband and son rode in her honor and Denise volunteered at a rest stop and cheered her family and all the riders on. She hasn't stopped cheering yet.

In November of 2009, Denise received stem cells from an unrelated donor from Germany for MDS, a blood cancer, at Smilow Cancer Hospital. She credits the excellent care from the Transplant Team, especially Dr. Stuart Seropian, the nurses, staff, and the generosity of her donor for the fact that today she is healthy and cancer free.

Since her transplant she has had the opportunity to meet her donor and his family and now has an extended family from halfway around the world. She's also a part of the Closer to Free Ride extended family through her yearly appearances as a Rest Stop Volunteer. "It is so much fun to spend time with the other volunteers at the station and cheer the riders on who come through for some refreshments and nourishment," she says. "It is also very humbling to see the riders, many who are survivors themselves, riding for their loved ones and friends. I am proud to be able to participate in such a worthy cause and see so many riders riding so that someday many more will be Closer to Free!"

Denise hopes to make her extended families even bigger by meeting you at this year's CTF Ride on September 10.

