

“Swimming, Swimming...in the Swimming Pool”

At the urging of his niece, Gerry Hunter first walked through the doors of KidsAbility’s Waterloo site not long after he retired. As a therapist with the organization, she knew that volunteers were needed to help out in the pool with the junior kindergarten kids who were attending KidsAbility School. Gerry already had experience as a swimming volunteer in the community assisting children with special needs, so he was very comfortable in the water. That first encounter was over 10 years ago and Gerry still makes it a priority in his life to give back, enjoying every moment in the pool with the children.

Each year, Gerry gets to meet a new student that he has the opportunity to swim with. “I love seeing them react to the pool. Some of the kids are afraid of the water at the beginning of the year, and watching them progress is pretty neat,” Gerry says.

Gerry firmly believes that: “You can’t just take, you have to give.” Being retired has given him the opportunity to volunteer more often using his time to “do something to help.”

As a proud volunteer, Gerry has brought his grandchildren to KidsAbility so that they can see what he does and how easy it can be to make a difference. “I hope that more people would consider the volunteer opportunities at a busy and happy place like KidsAbility because it is so rewarding. It is full of caring people.”

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