

Volunteer of the Week- Rick

Rick has been a volunteer with Central Iowa Shelter & Services for 2 years and 3 months. "Ever since I sold my business, I've been volunteering here and across the community. I want to help mankind and give back," Rick said when asked why he donates his time to us. "I started here and loved it. I loved getting to interact with people, to help them person to person."

Rick specializes in helping clients shop in the Clothing Closet. For him, the real joy of helping others comes in the small things we can do for one another. "Just today, I got to help a guy tie a tie for a job interview he had coming up. The other week, a guy couldn't get his shoes off or on, so I helped him with that. These little things that I can do for others is where the joy shines through." Along with working in the Clothing Closet, Rick helps serve lunch to our residents every now and then. He thoroughly enjoys getting to help people face to face.

Rick goes above and beyond just being a volunteer: he's a truly friendly face for our clients and anyone else who walks through our doors. "I met a man one day in the Clothing Closet who said he liked my ISU shirt. He showed me his ISU shirt and he made the comment that he needed an ISU hat. So I got him an ISU hat from Kohls and when he came back next week I gave it to him and he was insanely thrilled," Rick said.

When he's not volunteering here or at other charities throughout the Des Moines area, he takes any chance he can get to travel. He also enjoys snow skiing, reading, biking, golfing, playing tennis, and spending time with his wife.