

## CARE CENTER

### Saturday Team **SPOTLIGHT:** Carol Durrant



**Tell us a little bit about your family.**

I have 2 great kids. Michael will finish his doctorate in Physical Therapy next year, and Lisa will get her degree in nursing at the same time. They will both be off the payroll a year from now! I lost my husband Steve to cancer 2 years ago. I also have a rescue dog named Charlie who is a total goofball.

**What is your day job? What do you most enjoy/find rewarding about it?**

I have worked for Northrop Grumman for almost my entire career, something like 32 years. My title is Manager of Operations, and that means that my days are never predictable, and very busy.

**If you attend Willow, how long have you been coming here and what's one of your favorite things**

**about the church?**

My husband and I started visiting Willow when we were dating over 30 years ago because my sister Jeanne was a very active member. I tell the story that when my son was born 25 years ago we had him baptized, and when my daughter was born 21 years ago we had her dedicated. Somewhere in there we made the complete transition from the Catholic Church to Willow. I love that Willow makes me think and grow and challenges me to become more Christ-like.

**How long have you been volunteering at the Care Center & what's your primary role?**

**What do you enjoy most about serving? Feel free to share a story of a particularly memorable experience or guest...** I started at the Care Center when it moved to Willow's campus. I am on the Intake team and I love to practice my Spanish and listen to people's stories. It makes me feel good that I have something tangible to provide to my guests.

**What are some hobbies or past-times that you enjoy?** Right now I am training for a 300-mile bike ride in mid-June, so that has been quite consuming. I am a big reader, and I am just starting to do some traveling. Last year I spent 10 days in India, and then another 10 days in Spain. They were both great, but I could definitely relate to Bill's illness this past weekend...

**What is an accomplishment you're proud of? Or a struggle that you've grown from?**

My kids are my greatest accomplishment, and they are turning into amazing young adults. The loss of my husband was and still is awful, but I learned that Willow is a small church within a large church. My kids and I are so blessed to have a wonderful family and friends who have surrounded us, and the conviction that my husband is with the Lord definitely sustains me.

**What are a few of your favorites...(food, color, song/musician, sports team, vacation spot, book, TV show, etc)** I am a huge Cubs and Bears fan, and I also enjoy watching HGTV although I'm not a great decorator. I am not good at planning trips, but I love to travel. I am also not a good cook, but I love to eat. I'm sensing a theme here...