



Alicia Rodriguez, Jody Brakeley, Paola Meza and Richard Brach lead the ODC team in the 2018 Middlebury Memorial Day Parade

The Open Door Clinic, like many non-profit organizations, can only serve the community because of its amazing volunteers. There are many fulfilling dimensions of volunteering and each person has their own reason to volunteer. "I want health care for all with no barriers and I want to support our migrant workers," wrote one of our volunteers at our appreciation event last May. Others said they like to volunteer with us because:

"[...] of the dedication of the volunteers and friendliness and appreciation of the staff"

"The staff and volunteers make everyone feel part of a family and community"

"It's an opportunity to support people in getting health care and to use my Spanish"

"Everyone is so selfless and the

staff always offers me a ride home"

"I enjoy getting to know the patients, their culture, their problems and their joys"

"I feel great being part of something that helps the community get their needs met"

"The Open Door Clinic is a joyful and welcoming environment to college students"

"No one should have to go without health care and support"

"[It's great] to make connections and to provide comfort and safety"

"It's an absolute joy to be able to volunteer"

The ODC has been serving the community since 1991. Since 2004, when our database was established, the number of ODC volunteers has

increased tenfold: 14 years ago, we had 15 registered volunteers who volunteered 155 hours. In 2017, we had 151 volunteers who dedicated 2,536 hours of medical care, medical interpretation and administrative support.

Since the beginning of 2016, with the establishment of ODC's dental program, dentists have joined physicians, osteopaths, naturopaths, optometrists, nurse practitioners, nurses, physical therapists, pharmacists, chiropractors, dietitians, EMTs, MAs, mental health counselors, interpreters, translators, front desk people, administrative support and board members as ODC volunteers.

Currently, 10 dentists volunteer to see our patients at their practices in Addison and Chittenden Counties. So far this year, 117 individuals have volunteered 2,006 hours to the ODC.

## A Volunteer Love Story

Sunday, May 6, 2018 was a special day for Paola Meza and Richard Brach, two of our volunteers. That day, they ran together in the Middlebury Maple Run for their third consecutive year.

Paola, a Los Angeles native, and Rich, born and raised in Melrose, MA, come from opposite corners of the country, and their paths first crossed in the beautiful mountains of Vermont. The ebb and flow of life provided for their romantic encounter to happen not on campus, but through volunteering at our very own clinic back in 2015! Rich, who graduated from Middlebury College in 2017, was welcoming patients as the front desk person, while Paola, who will graduate in 2019, was facilitating communication between health care providers and patients as a Spanish-English interpreter. That was when they talked for the first time.

Like Paola and Rich, many of our volunteers are Middlebury College students. But we also have local high school students and community members who come once a week, once a month, or once in a while to contribute their skills to make the Open Door Clinic a special place.

“We felt a ton of excitement and pre-race jitters as we warmed up behind the starting line. The best part of the race by far is running past the volunteers handing out water and orange slices every couple miles. Even when we were at our lowest, their energy always put a smile on our tired faces!”, said Paola and Rich of this year’s race, which benefitted the Open Door Clinic and five other local organizations.

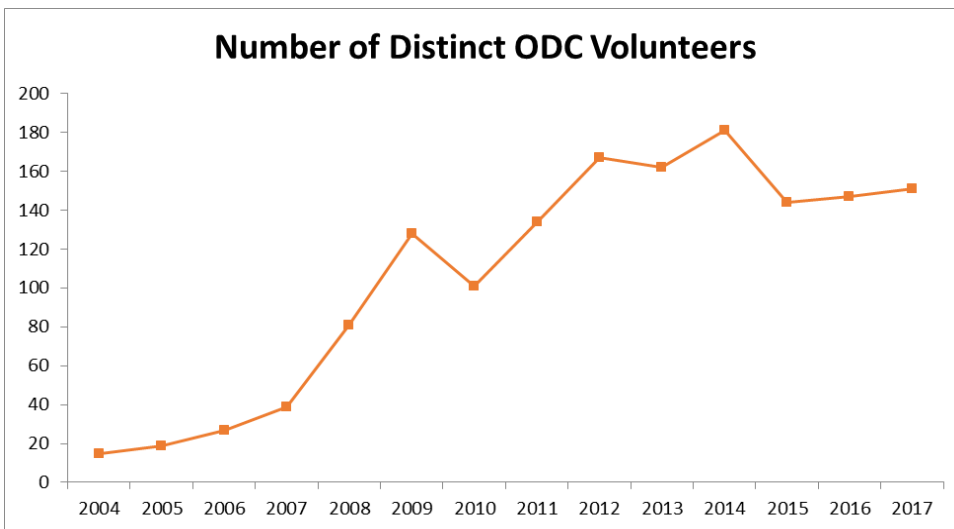
Paola plans to stay involved with the ODC during her senior year. Rich recently moved to Burlington to start medical school at UVM,



Rich and Paola at the Maple Run

and wants to keep involved too.

However life unfolds for Paola and Rich, we are delighted for them and grateful for the many ways they’ve helped us. Who knows what unexpected bonuses one may find when volunteering at the ODC? Have you found one? We’d love to hear your story! Please write us at [odc@opendoormidd.org](mailto:odc@opendoormidd.org).



Year	# Volunteers	# Hours
2004	15	155
2005	19	770
2006	27	890
2007	39	915
2008	81	1829
2009	128	2110
2010	101	1751
2011	134	2142
2012	167	3464
2013	162	3472
2014	181	3638
2015	144	2419
2016	147	2268
2017	151	2536
2018 (as of August 31st)	117	2006

Since 1991, the Open Door Clinic has been very fortunate to count on some stellar volunteers!  
Here are just a few of our more than 136 active volunteers.



**Lewis Holmes**  
Medical Doctor  
Volunteer since 1998



**Cindy Marshall**  
Physical Therapist  
Volunteer since 1997



**Katherine Koehler**  
MUHS  
Office Support  
55 Hours

**Longest Active Volunteers**

**Most Dedicated Students in 2017**



**Scott Smith**  
Medical Doctor  
Volunteer since 1999

**Muriel Lavallee**  
Middlebury College  
EMT  
48 Hours



**Susan Veguez**  
Interpreter and Advocate  
Volunteer with Most "Undocumented Hours"



**Terry Naumann**  
Medical Doctor  
Volunteer Medical Director

**Alan Moore**  
Interpreter  
150 hours



**Always Ready to Help**



**Roberto Veguez**  
Interpreter, Translator,  
Proofreader, Spanish  
Language Evaluator

**Most Hours in 2017**



**Carol Causton**  
RN and Board Member  
125 hours



**Adam Fasoli**  
Doctor of Dental Medicine  
Volunteer Dental Director



**Alice Berninghausen**  
Office Support  
91 hours

## Active Volunteers

Eye Care Associates

Middlebury Eye Associates

Maisie Anrod

Sarah Ashe

Alice Berninghausen

John Berninghausen

Ellen Bernstein

Holly Blair

Sarah Bourne

Claire Bove

Richard Brach

Megan Brakeley

Catherine Bryne

Caroline Cating

Carol Causton

Donna Chicoine

Ronnie Chirnoff

Derek Cimler

Rachel Cohen

Jim Cossaart

Ed Clark

Nathan Cobb

Francine Cohen

David Congalton

Peter Conlon

Mari Cordes

Megan Cronkite

Andrew Daly

Laura Dillon

Barbara Ekedahl

Lou Faivre

Adam Fasoli

Miguel Fernandez

Suzanne Germain

Kelly Gill

Janet Golden

Christopher Grace

Hunter Graham

Jane Halpin

Ali Hamedani

Peter Hare

Anabel Hernandez

Ariana Hernandez

Chelsea Hescocock

Karen Hescocock

Leslie Hills

David Hobbs

Lewis Holmes

Ali Houghton

Gale Hurd

Pat Jackson

Priscilla Jimenez

Hayley Jones

Ann Jones-Weinstock

Amalia Kane

Peggy Keith

Kristi Kilpatrick

Dayle Klitzner

Katherine Koehler

Erik Koskinen

Bill Kunkel

Kim Kurak

Deborah Kutzko

Linn Larson

Patty Lewis

Ellen Long-Middleton

Ainaka Luna

Megan Mahoney

Jeffrey Maneval

Marta Manrique-Gomez

Cindy Marshall

Susannah McCandless

Jim McDaniel

Lucy McKeon

Cindy Messenger

Paola Meza

Jace Molinari

Alan Moore

Mitch Moreau

Ava Murphey

Davida Murray

Peg Myhre

Ann Naumann

Terry Naumann

Fiona Oldham

Cathy Oliver

Jessica Pashko

Liza Pellerin

Audra Pinto

Suzanne Potente

Dorothy Punderson

Margo Reigle

Mary Rizos

Alicia Rodriguez

Laurene Rogers

Bill Roper

Anna Roy

Jim Runcie

Nathan Shepard

Bethany Shorey

Ashley Simons

Simone Skerritt

Molly Smith

Scott Smith

Lori Soule

Sarah Sparks

Dayna Stimson

Susan Stone

Kate Stormfield

Rebecca Strull

Mary Beth Tichacek

Gina Tindall

Sarah Tully

Guadalupe Vega

Roberto Viguez

Susan Viguez

Maria Luisa Verduzco

Hector Vila

Meredith Visco

Jessica Wagener

Kim Walker

Barbara Walter

Wendy White

Kate Williams

Tim Williams

Kathleen Wilson

Matt Wollam-Berens

Cap Woodruff

Rosalie Wright-Lapin

Jordan Young II

Margaret Young

Emely Zeledon

Grace Zimmer

Maja Zimmermann

If you are a current volunteer and don't see your name here, we apologize. Please let us know!



Sue Rice (1934-2018)

By Jody Brakeley

Sue, a long-time resident of Lincoln, lived a life full of adventure and compassion. She started volunteering with the Open Door Clinic in 2009. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, her numerous and varied life experiences equipped her with the skills and drive to advocate for our patients. She fit her volunteer counseling around her work schedule, seeing patients either at our evening clinics, or during the day at our office, if that fit the patient's schedule better. She was passionate about her work, improved her Spanish to better communicate with some of our patients, and helped us write our policies and procedures as we expanded our mental health program.

Sue's enthusiasm and generous spirit were a true inspiration to all of us and we miss her very much.

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