

2017 Volunteer of the Year

Debbie Garison, a mentor to the same student for over ten years, is the 2017 CISNT Volunteer of the Year! Debbie met her mentee Rubi, now a senior at Lewisville High School, over a decade ago through a partnership with CISNT and North Point Christian Church, where she both attends and works. At the time Rubi was just 7 years old and a second grade student at Central Elementary. When the CISNT team gathered to award Debbie we included Rubi in the recognition. Though she is self-professed to be very shy, she did say over and over to Debbie, “thank you.”

Debbie has followed Rubi from 2nd grade at Central Elementary, to Delay Middle School, to Lewisville High School – Killough (9th and 10th grade campus), to Lewisville High School – Main (11th and 12th grade campus). Debbie has been a constant, positive figure in Rubi's life, walking alongside her for almost her entire academic career. Rubi describes Debbie as a “very kindhearted person who cares for me.” Rubi also speaks fondly of Debbie's help through problems both in her personal life and academically and describes conversations with Debbie as a stress relief.

In addition to her time spent mentoring Rubi, Debbie helps organize her church to serve CISNT students at Delay Middle School by providing small meal assistance to the school's student athletes who are unable to afford the required meal plan for participation. She also helps organize drives for holiday assistance and helped organize her church youth group to build a wheelchair ramp at the home of an LISD student.

Debbie is truly the epitome of a person with a “heart of service!” Her consistency and dedication to Rubi is inspiring and we are beyond grateful for her service and excited for her to receive this incredibly well-deserved award!

“Mrs. Debbie created a path to success for me. She helps me feel less stressed when dealing with personal and academic problems. Thank you for being in my life, Ms. Debbie!” – Rubi, Debbie's mentee

“Debbie has been a great example of a model mentor over the last 10 years by showing such commitment to Rubi and by helping her grow into the amazing young woman she is. I am also extremely grateful for the dedication she and her church family have to DeLay Middle School through the many programs that they support.” – Jennifer Hughes, CISNT Site Coordinator Delay Middle School

“Debbie is the mentor that I am always looking for to serve our students. As the primary recruiter of mentors for CISNT, I always hope that the people I am bringing into our students' lives are able to be there for them for the long haul. Debbie's commitment and dedication to Rubi is a true inspiration and I'm so happy to have her be a part of the CISNT team.” – Amber Shattuck, CISNT Director of Volunteers



Debbie and her mentee, CISNT student Rubi



**Communities In Schools of North Texas
End of Year Banquet – *Celebrating Successes*
Friday, April 28, 2017, 11:30 AM – 1:00PM
#AllInForKids**

We hope that you will join us on April 28th at Circle R Ranch in Flower Mound for the 2nd annual CISNT End of Year Banquet – *Celebrating Successes*, as we formally honor Debbie Garison as our 2017 CISNT Volunteer of the Year! We will also award our 2017 Student of the Year and 2017 Educator of the Year, as well as take the opportunity to show all our wonderful volunteer, donors, partners, and advocates how appreciated they are! Details and RSVP information can be found on our website at <http://cisnt.org/events/event/cisntbanquet> or you can request more info by email at banquet@cisnt.org

This award is still awaiting sponsorship (details below), so email us at banquet@cisnt.org if your business or organization would like to help us award this amazing volunteer who has dedicated over 10 years to her student!

2017 Volunteer of the Year Sponsor

This exclusive sponsorship will provide premier guest status at the CISNT End of Year banquet—*Celebrating Success*, where over 300 CISNT volunteers, partners, donors, and advocates from across Denton and Wise Counties will gather to celebrate the end of another great school year, as well as officially honor our 2017 Educator of the Year, Student of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. Sponsor today and show your colleagues and community that you are #AllInForKids!

- One premier reserved table of 8 with company logo prominently displayed. (*Note: Tickets to this event are free of charge to all CISNT volunteers, donors, advocates, and partners. Your premier table reservation will ensure a reserved space at the front of the venue, as well as an opportunity to advertise and be recognized with your company logo printed on the table. You may choose to fill all 8 seats but are not required to.*)
- Recognition as Volunteer of the Year Sponsor with company logo on social media and on CISNT website.
- Publicity shot with CISNT staff at location of sponsor's choice. (May choose a CISNT school campus, if desired.)
- Half page advertisement inside program with company logo, to be approved by sponsor. (Must commit by April 14th.)
- Recognition as Volunteer of the Year Sponsor from podium at time of award presentation.
- Recognition in multimedia presentation during event.
- Company logo in CISNT e-newsletter with distribution to 6,000+ people.

Volunteer of the Year Sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation to Communities In Schools of North Texas (CISNT) in the amount of \$3,000 and includes all of the above. All donations from sponsorships will go to CISNT programs, serving over 4,000 students in need across Lewisville, Lake Dallas, Denton, Little Elm, Northwest, and Bridgeport Independent School Districts.