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DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS CONSISTENT SERVICE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, ST. JOHNS COUNTY



Janine Bogardus always has a smile and almost always has the answers because she volunteers as our bookkeeper two days a week.

After retiring from Teamsters Union Local 650 in Waterloo, Iowa, Janine and her husband, Larry, moved to Flagler County—and were

greeted by the wild fires of 1998. She volunteered as a caseworker with the fire coalition, coordinating resources from various agencies to assist people in their recovery. She then joined the Flagler Habitat as a volunteer and later became a V.I.S.T.A. serving as Coordinator of Church Development. In 2002, she came to Habitat St. Augustine/St. Johns County as bookkeeper and serves on the Family Selection Committee.

Janine and Larry have five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild living throughout the country. "Volunteering for habitat gives me the flexibility to travel and spend time with the children," Janine said, "and it is a pleasure to work with so many wonderful, caring people devoting their time to help those in need."

John McVicar has worked with Habitat for about 12 years, starting soon after he retired. His first Habitat experience began with the Richmond, VA, Metropolitan affiliate as part of the Weekday Crew, a group of 15-20 retirees working on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



During their Florida vacations, John and his wife Kate began staying longer and longer near St. Augustine. Habisaint was just getting started and John volunteered. For the next several years he worked in Richmond during the summer and St. Augustine during the winter. After a few years, John and Kate bought a house in Coquina Crossing, sold their Virginia home, and are now full timers.

John graduated from Cornell with a degree in Veterinary Medicine and after a few years in private veterinary practice, he joined the Department of Agriculture as a researcher specializing in Biosafety. He retired as Director of the Office of Health and Safety at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

He confesses that he was never able to get the hang of golf and is proud to say that working for Habitat has become a great substitute.