



### **Camp Sunshine Volunteer Ruth Shadbolt wins 6 Who Care Volunteer Award!**

The award is a celebration of outstanding volunteers in Maine, and is presented annually by WCSH6 News, in partnership with the United Way of Greater Portland and TD Bank.

Ruth is extremely well known by our bereaved families for her dedicated leadership and compassionate commitment to the “memorial quilts” program. During Bereavement Sessions, families can find Ruth bustling about the numerous workstations among the wide array of fabric, cutting tools, and sewing machines. Leading dozens of volunteers, she is always hard at work helping families make their quilts.

While not on campus, Ruth spends numerous hours hand-painting wooden ornaments (which she donates) and our trademark “Sunny Pins”, which are sold in the Camp store. These two items generate hundreds of dollars annually.

Additionally, the exquisite machine-stitched quilt that she donates yearly to our auction also raises hundreds of dollars. In her “free time,” while not volunteering at Camp, Ruth is active with Project Linus and the Cobblestone Quilters. Both organizations provide blankets and quilts to children in need. Besides fashioning quilts for fundraisers to Camp Sunshine, Ruth’s quilts have also benefited the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, and various other organizations. According to Becki Jaques, longtime Camp Sunshine volunteer and former local Project Linus

Coordinator, *“Ruth always has one of her masterpieces in the works for a charitable organization, a child in need or a special person to be recognized.”*

Ruth is truly a giver. Ruth has always been proud of her community, evidenced by her marching in costume in her hometown of Westbrook’s Together Days Parade. When she lived in Raymond, Ruth coordinated the clowns—Ruth Shadbolt’s Clowns—for the Raymond Founder’s Day Parade. She gathered and/or made numerous clown costumes, assuring that everyone who aspired to be a clown had a costume.

Succinctly stated, Ruth has a genuine passion and concern for others - from sick children and grieving families to those who aspire to be clowns for a day!