



Profile in Compassion #18 Super-Volunteer Betsy Sugarman – Helping Kids for a Quarter Century



On most Tuesday mornings you'll find volunteer Betsy Sugarman at the Children's Place Residential Center, smiling and rocking a baby or playing with a toddler. It has been that way for almost 25 years.

"It's the highlight of my week," Betsy says. "I love it!"

When Betsy began volunteering in 1992 – just a year after Children's Place Association opened our doors – most of the children were HIV-positive and often extremely ill. The Center was one of the nation's first residential programs offering around-the-clock nursing care for children with HIV/AIDS.

While the kids served today have different health challenges, Betsy finds the work just as rewarding. "It's so heartwarming to see a really sick child come in and watch how their health can improve with proper attention and medical care," she says.

Herself a mother of two girls and now a grandmother, Betsy speaks fondly of kids served at Children's Place – many now in their 20's – as if they were her own children. And in some ways they are.

Thank you, Betsy, for the loving care you've given to hundreds of sick and neglected children.