

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

by Caryn Partch & Kirsten Sedlick

Saturday afternoons would not be complete without the smiling face of Debbie MacCarter. Her warm and inviting demeanor was welcomed in December of 1998. Since joining our team, Debbie has played an integral role within this organization. Time after time, she has demonstrated her level of commitment to the Center and her devotion to the cause. Debbie's love for all marine mammals makes her invaluable to the patients at FSLMMC and a role model for the newer volunteers.

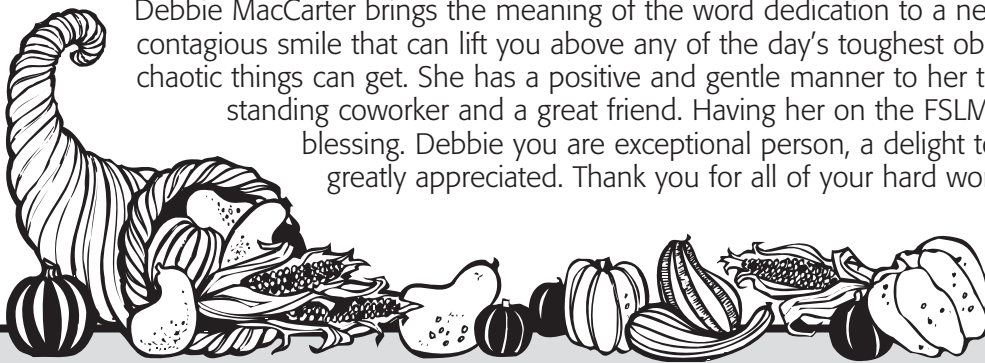
In her professional life, Debbie is a paralegal at a law firm in Orange County. She brings her knowledge of the law in-house to review legal documents. In addition to her animal care commitments, Debbie has joined the Fundraising Committee. We are certain she will be an effective addition to the committee.

During the spring of 2002 and again in 2003, a large number of sea lions suffering from domoic acid poisoning were admitted to FSLMMC. During both seasons, Debbie came in as often as necessary, including her days off and after work, to help care for the high influx of patients. She recognized the great need for volunteers on Monday afternoons and rearranged her work schedule so that she could help out every other Monday.



Debbie MacCarter

Debbie MacCarter brings the meaning of the word dedication to a new level. Debbie has a contagious smile that can lift you above any of the day's toughest obstacles no matter how chaotic things can get. She has a positive and gentle manner to her that makes her an outstanding coworker and a great friend. Having her on the FSLMMC team has truly been a blessing. Debbie you are exceptional person, a delight to be around and you are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.



As a non-profit organization with a very small staff, our volunteers are the backbone of our operation. Each year, our Animal Care and Education volunteers commit over 25,000 hours to the care of our patients, the education of our community, and the maintenance of our facilities. We are extremely grateful to all of our volunteers for their dedication and their time, and it is with pride and thanks that we honor a special group that have committed five or more years of service to our organization and our patients.

14 YEARS

Animal Care:
Michele Hunter,
Director of Operations/Animal Care

10 YEARS

Animal Care:
Julie Tanaka

8 YEARS

Animal Care:
Kim Zagres,
Animal Care Supervisor

Dana Friedman
Lynn Friedman
Caryn Partch

7 YEARS

Animal Care:
Kirsten Sedlick,
Animal Care Supervisor

Lyssa Holmes
Ann Kusaka
Wendy Leeds

Education:
Beate Litz,
Director of Education

Helen Krugman
Kathy Teulie

6 YEARS

Animal Care:
Gio Chiarella
Julie Petty

5 YEARS

Animal Care:
Dean Gomersall,
Animal Care Supervisor

Debbie MacCarter

Education:
Louise Anderson
Stephanie Looper

