



Dear ASF Community,

What pulls you out of bed before sunrise on a Saturday in January, makes you drive for hours on the Thruway, and has you spend the day teaching skiing in the cold?

As a four-year volunteer at the Adaptive Sports Foundation, I'm beginning to understand the answer. It's the students. The caregivers. The volunteers. The staff. It's the profound experience of being part of something so much bigger than yourself—something that genuinely gets better every single year.

Volunteering at the ASF has touched my life in ways I never imagined.

Words like courage, strength, community, commitment, and happiness have all taken on new meaning. It's one thing to understand these concepts intellectually. It's entirely different when you feel them.

There's no denying you feel the winter cold as an ASF instructor. But there's so much more. While our green ASF jackets do their best to keep us warm, no parka on earth can stop the electric shivers that run up your back when you see a student beam with pride after their first run down Woolly Bear, hold up a medal at the Hartman Cup, or devour a flame-grilled cheeseburger from the ASF kitchen. Those moments? They're truly beyond words.

The wonder of the ASF doesn't happen by accident. The parents and caregivers of the students are a constant reminder of how true strength and selfless love show up every day. The ASF staff—disciplined, highly trained, and always positive—consistently proves how teamwork and attention to the tiniest details create world-class student experiences every week. And the volunteers, many of whom have been here for decades, are some of the kindest, most talented, most inspiring, and most dedicated people you'll ever meet. It truly is a blessing to be a part of this awesome team.

So, what makes the ASF so special? It's hard to pinpoint exactly. It's that feeling of being part of a committed family relentlessly striving to help one another grow stronger, braver, and more connected. It's about making the lives of others a little warmer and brighter, even when it's cold and dark outside.

Support the 2025 ASF Annual Fund today—you'll be so glad you did!

**Bill Hoffman**  
**ASF Volunteer**