Community magazines present a unique opportunity for the represented to be introduced to amazing individuals who live and directly influence within their community. This is an important topic on one of your neighbor’s mind. Wayzata Life would like to introduce you to Sue Gregor. This vivacious local mother is a community activist and community volunteer for the great community of Wayzata.

"I cannot tell you how dedicated she is to helping people and making this world a better place. I think she gets some of this from her wonderful father who was the longtime superintendent of Wayzata schools and helped build into what the Wayzata district is today." - Ilja Gregor, husband

Sue has volunteered for most of her life, beginning with becoming an avid volunteer for the Wayzata School District of which her own children attended. Whatever the school needed as far as resources or supervision for events, Sue was happy to step up and help. According to her “I had a sense to give back. I wanted to help the schools. I was really involved. That’s what really took our life in an interesting turn as well.” Through many budget cuts one year that the Wayzata schools were dealing with, Sue went to the director at the time to ask to start a “booster club” to raise money for programs. And through a series of meetings, Wayzata Athletic Boosters was created. This direct action lead to the creation of a group that hosts fundraising events to provide funds for programs in need and other resources to ensure a competitive and competent Athletic Department for Wayzata schools.

Her compassion for the under privileged and those with special needs is evident as well with her determination to spend her time and resources going beyond normal measures to make a difference helping them feel loved and most importantly, normal. Sue Gregor is an Art Teacher and an amazing true Artist who now volunteers her time with a wonderful non-profit local to Wayzata, Hammer.

Her work currently with Hammer is helping to create art and a space that is special and is making a positive influence in the community. She talks about how dear this work is to her, “I have been so privileged to be a part of Hammer. Together what everyone has done for people here, is so much. It forever humbles me. At any time I could have a traumatic brain injury and need their services. Any of us could potentially need a place like this where we are loved. This place helps me give that love and support knowing that someday I may need the same thing. We too often take things for granted and being a part of this reminds me to be grateful for everything. We take our less than perfect lives for granted.”

According to her husband, who has seen special bonds she has created with her students throughout her years of teaching commented, “She has had a major influence on the lives of many of her students both in Richfield and Wayzata where she taught for several years. “Ronnie” a black student who had come from a broken home went on to earn a Master’s degree and is now a practicing minister. He still keeps in touch with her and considers her his mentor. She took him under her wing when she taught him.”

Sue’s life has forever been blessed by the people she has met through volunteering her time. Because of her commitment and dedication to community, many people here in Wayzata are feeling connected to something special and more importantly to a person they really believe loves them.