

2024 Glide First Citizen

Mary Brown

Mary is a long-time volunteer, beginning in 1993, at Glide Elementary School. Her help has been most important with classroom projects such as sharing student inspired artwork, developing the student garden at the building, and fund-raising with the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. She has been an integral part of the fund-raising to send eight Glide students to Peru.

Mary was an active volunteer for the Grateful Bread mission from 2012 until 2019. During the past nine years, she has also donated time and experience to provide an added layer of safety, mentoring, and coaching for Glide athletics, especially cross country.

When ODOT's Adopt-A-Highway program came to highway 138 in 2018, Mary joined the local volunteers to share the satisfying feeling to get every last bit of trash off the roads. Mary participates in several trail clean-up days with the Umpqua National Forest volunteers. These volunteers perform general trail maintenance by removing brush and downed trees.

From the time it was only an idea for a garden patch behind the Glide Elem. School until today, Mary has worked to develop a productive, learning environment for Glide students. This includes grant writing to support continued growth of the Paw Patch. These grants have provided fences, benches, planter boxes, a watering system, tools, and a tool shed. The newsletter provides garden information and participation opportunities for families.

