



County: Offaly

Nominee: Maggie Glennon

Rhode Community Games have the pleasure of nominating Maggie Glennon for the national volunteer award for her outstanding commitment and dedicated service. Maggie started as a volunteer with Rhode Community Games back in 1974 and over the last 42 years has held a number of positions including her current role as treasurer since 2000.

Maggie's role as a very busy mother of five children along with fostering six more children for twenty years giving them a loving, safe and secure environment to grow up in undoubtedly shows Maggie always putting children first been her top priority. As much as Maggie had to do in her home life this never stopped her from giving any spare time freely in helping with Rhode community games.

Maggie would be seen down in the ESB field at Rhode Power Station helping with the training of the children in the lead up to events, always encouraging them. Maggie would always organise the table at the area event taking names and giving out medals. On county final day in the Tullamore Harriers Maggie would always organise the children for the races up and down the hill making sure no child ever missed a race.

Rhode community games have a lovely set of track suits which Maggie continuously looks after both washing and ironing them making sure boys and girls are always looking their best especially on county final day for the parade an event she takes great pride in. Maggie also organises fund raising having faithfully stood outside the local church gates for four decades now on collection day.

Maggie has completed the full cycle from putting and helping her own five kids through Community Games in the 70s (3 with National Medals) to now helping seventeen of her own grandkids today achieve and enjoy the same experience. Indeed two of these grandkids achieved national medals which were very proud days and reward for Maggie. Now 64 years young Maggie has actually given all her adult life to helping children take part in community games.

Our community feel Maggie is very deserving of this volunteer award as Community Games is as the name suggests all about community and without people like Maggie in a community to volunteer and give her time freely, Community Games would not continue to thrive and grow in a village like Rhode.