

# PDX Volunteers Span 2 Generations, 25 Years

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Over the span of two generations, father and daughter Paul and Linda Stark have dedicated their time to Portland International Airport passengers.

The two exemplify the nearly 150 who serve in the airport's volunteer information program, currently celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The volunteers assist passengers by providing directions through the airport, answering questions of all kinds, and making sure trips go smoothly.

Paul volunteered for many years in baggage claim and the north information booth after retiring from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a meteorologist. At the time, Linda worked as a Delta Air Lines flight attendant at PDX. She could see how deeply he enjoyed spending his days volunteering and helping others.

“What a delight it was to be met by my dad after a long trip,” Linda said. Her sense of awe for her father and volunteerism grew and she aspired to do the same someday. That day came about five years ago when Paul retired as a volunteer. Linda, now retired from Delta, rightfully took his place as a volunteer.

“Many times, traveling can be a stressful experience, and I enjoy being a helpful, friendly face to those who need assistance,” Linda said. “Plus, I just enjoy being at the airport.”