

October 2016: Diana Tonnessen

Diana Tonnessen has infused her creative talents with her desire to help people. Tonnessen has logged over 100 volunteer hours at ACORN by developing artistic pieces that truly speaks to the mission of ACORN.

For this reason, we are happy to announce that Tonnessen is ACORN's Volunteer of the Month for October.

During her volunteer stint at ACORN, Tonnessen has been involved with numerous projects, including the creation of the annual newsletter, and the development of wood block print images that depict four different oak tree species for the 2016 Capital Campaign.

“This project, designed especially for the ACORN Clinic, took on a life of its own when I discovered that Florida is home to an astounding 25 species of oaks,” Tonnessen said. “Many of the blocks were carved using leaf rubbings I had made from real oaks.”

Tonnessen is employed as a technical writer at the UF College of Medicine, and she was previously a health writer at the Gainesville Sun. Tonnessen also said that she volunteers at her church, United Church of Gainesville with various tasks that relate to causes of social justice.

“Unfortunately, one of the greatest needs in North Central Florida is a lack of affordable medical and dental services for roughly one in four of the people who live here,” Tonnessen said.

“ACORN has been working hard to fill this need since its inception.”

