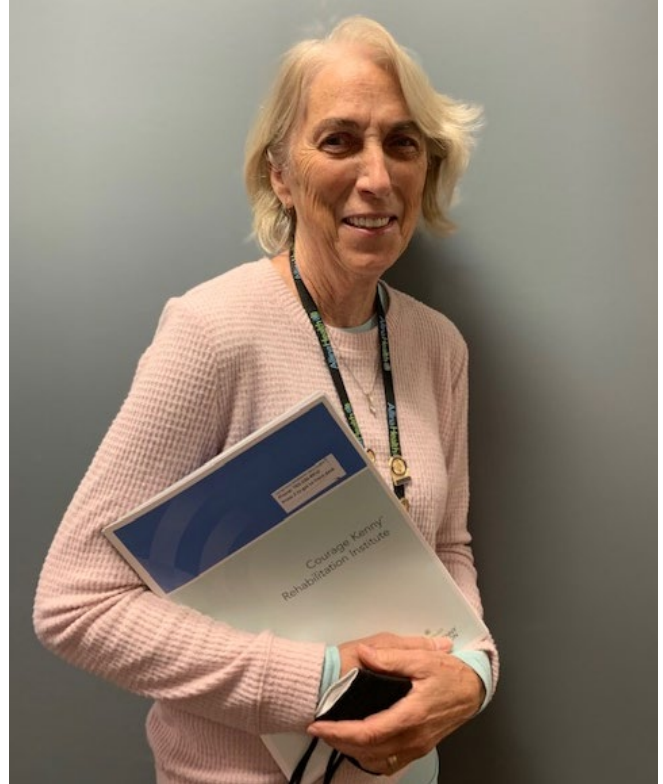


**2022 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence
Donna Brandell, Mercy Hospital CKRI Therapy**

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute is honored to announce Donna Brandell as the recipient of the 2022 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence Award.

Donna has logged more than 20,500 volunteer hours as a CKRI therapy office volunteer and Mercy hospital volunteer since 2010.

Donna graduated from CKRI outpatient rehab and decided that the best way to continue her progress would be to stay busy and help out. Donna uses her skills and creativity as a former teacher to help in a variety of ways from creating inspiring bulletin boards to assisting with guest services. She is a voice of encouragement and motivation for patients and their families.



“Many patients are nervous to speak to people they are not familiar with, and Donna is the first “safe” person they practice communication with as part of their speech therapy. Donna's compassion and patience shine through when she is interacting with them, making them feel more confident and comfortable.”

Donna she isn't just a volunteer. She's a central member of the team who is loved by the staff and a treasured friend to many.

This legacy award was created in honor of Susan Hodder, a long-time volunteer who demonstrated exceptional service, compassion, teamwork, and leadership during her time with Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute.