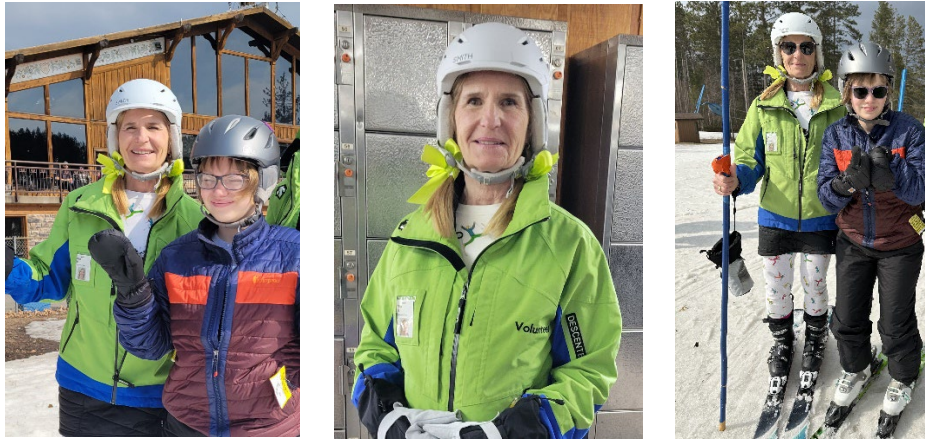


**2024 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence
Rita Dauka, Alpine Ski and Snowboard**



Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute is honored to announce Rita Dauka as the recipient of the 2024 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence Award. Rita has been a dedicated volunteer with Courage Kenny's Adaptive Ski & Snowboard program for nearly 19 years contributing 2,848 hours. Rita is an accomplished skier who shares her passion for the slopes with everyone any time she is able.

She is a Lead Adaptive Ski Instructor and also a Lead Trainer, dedicating a lot of time learning adaptive techniques, and in turn teaching other volunteers how to provide safe and effective lessons. She is flexible in her volunteer role, acting as coach on the hill and even filling in happily as registration volunteer, pit crew or ski buddy when needed. Rita shows compassion to each and every student by giving her best, learning more about their unique preferences and treating everyone with the utmost respect and kindness.

Rita has made an impact on hundreds of individuals over the years and is a true champion of making lives work.

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.