

**QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF EAST MEMPHIS 2008  
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

***Nancy Blankenship***

Quota International of East Memphis is proud to present our Volunteer of the Year, Mrs. Nancy Blankenship. This 10 year Quota Board of Directors member defines volunteerism as she is exemplary in giving freely of her time and services to enhance the lives of others.

The magnet that drew Nancy to Quota was service to the hard of hearing and deaf community. (Nancy has a grandson who is deaf). As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, she coordinates the grocery store gift cards project which has garnered over \$9,330 for service projects. On the Committee for Community/ Disadvantaged Women/Children she considers it a "privilege" to collect and deliver toys/games to children awaiting surgery at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Nancy enthusiastically served as the "Communication Cop" when we presented "It's A Deaf World" at the Children's Museum.

Nancy's church, Mullins United Methodist, provides the retired third grade teacher the opportunity to participate in the Adopt-A-School program by tutoring second/third graders, and distributing school supplies and new books. She is an Outreach Committee representative to the Metropolitan Interfaith Association and coordinates preparation and distribution of gift bags through Meals on Wheels.

Nancy trained with the Community Emergency Response Team to respond during disastrous situations. A certified Master Gardener, she helps with the Botanic Gardens' Spring Sale; garden maintenance at the Memphis Zoo; and answers gardening questions on the Agricenter Call Line.

***Nancy truly is the Volunteer of the Year!***