



Beth Runk, Hometown Hero



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Meet your neighbor, Beth Runk. In 1971, Beth Runk was a stay-at-home mom.

Then she glimpsed a newspaper photo of the Warwick Ambulance Association’s new female volunteer, the second woman ever to have joined up.

That’s all it took to set this Hometown Hero off on a 40-year journey of comforting patients, saving lives and inspiring other women volunteers that continues to this day.

Over her 40 years of service, Beth often juggled raising a family with her ambulance duties, handling calls while her daughter was in school. Today, not much has changed.

She remains a vital part of the Warwick Ambulance by continuing on ambulance runs, helping with scheduling, and encouraging others to join in.

“There’s nothing better than when a patient, amidst their pain or injury, smiles and thanks you for helping them,” Beth insists, “Sometimes you’re even thanked years later. It is a very gratifying feeling knowing that you have really made a difference.”

Perhaps, like Beth, you’d like to “make a difference.” Find your passion and volunteer in some way today. Your hometown fire and ambulance companies need you. And the need is now.

Learn more. There’s no obligation.

Everyone needs more heroes these days. You could be one. Call 626-8900 or visit www.warwicktownship.org.