



# Beth Runk, Hometown Hero



**“There’s nothing better... than when a patient thanks you.”**

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](http://www.warwicktownship.org).**