

## JUNE 2011 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Lillian "Joyce" Rowe has been volunteering with Citrus United Basket (CUB) for at least thirteen years. We know her as Joyce because of her preference to use her middle name. When she was younger her nickname was "Gerry," which stemmed from her maiden name Gerrior.

A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Joyce was born in the family home—a home that was built on stilts over water. She has no problem telling people her age. At 76 years young Joyce is as spunky as most people who are 20 years younger.

When asked the one word that would describe her personality she responds "outrageous." When asked what her favorite restaurant was she quickly responded, "Home. Because I can eat what I want, when I want."

Joyce chose to become involved with CUB after her husband begged her to, "Go find something to do!" She was driving her husband crazy from her own boredom following retirement from 3M, and she has one of those "A-type" personalities that like to be busy.

Joyce managed to find a part-time job in addition to volunteering at two non-profits; one being with CUB. She has since given up her part-time job and volunteering at the other non-profit. CUB is both blessed and grateful that she chose to continue with us as a volunteer. Joyce, who is very much a people-person, said that working alongside other volunteers, and assisting with clients and customers is her favorite thing about volunteering at CUB.

Joyce keeps busy by keeping our work areas clean and hazard free, she places clothing donations in their designated areas throughout the store, and washes donated items that will be sold in the household section. She jokingly likes to claim being a jack-of-all-trades, but master of none.

Those who adore her in the community where she lives, which she refers to it as "the park," call her

**“Ms. Sunshine.” She welcomes all park newcomers and provides them with information on area services. She also checks in and visits with her neighbors when they are ill.**

**CUB Board members, staff and volunteers at Citrus United Basket thank Joyce for all the hours that she has dedicated to CUB. We hope that she will continue to grace us with her presence and passion. Thank you, Joyce!**