



Gail Hunter
Founder
Goodwill Hunters

After earning a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from the University of Texas, Gail worked with students from many diverse cultures and backgrounds, teaching first through fifth grades in the British Virgin Islands, St. Thomas and Shore Country Day in Beverly, Massachusetts.

In 1987, Gail, her husband and two young children moved to the South Shore. Gail fell in love with early childhood education and became a teacher at Pudding Hill Preschool in Marshfield in 1992. The importance of early education and quality experiences for young children became her passion. In 2016, Gail served as director of Pudding Hill until retiring in 2018. Working with families of young children has been her privilege and joy for over 43 years.

In 2006, Gail's family suffered a terrible blow when their 23 year old daughter died in an automobile accident. Tragically, their 29 year old son died less than 3 years later in a kayaking accident. Gail's family and friends were completely devastated. They knew they wanted to honor their memory and celebrate their lives in the way they lived them -- with joy, drive, compassion and a love of life -- and give back to the community that had given so much to them: a good education, beautiful natural surrounds, loyal friendships and experiences made possible by many youth activity volunteers. In 2009, they formed a nonprofit, Goodwill Hunters, whose mission is to identify the needs of our community, recognize and support South Shore organizations and projects that meet these needs, and seek ways to volunteer and give back. Their signature event is the Duck Derby, which raises funds and provides a family friendly event. Their fundraising events and volunteer activities have enabled them to support the Marshfield Food Pantry, South Shore Women's Resource Center, South Shore Habitat for Humanity, Sowing Seeds, the South River Canoe and Kayak Launch, the Outreach Food Program, the South River Park, Friends of the Marshfield Animal Shelter, Alice's House, the Ventress Children's Library, and Fragile Footprints of Cranberry Hospice.