



Michael O'Connor
Research Participant

“A good volunteer is like a four-leaf clover – hard to find and lucky to have!” Michael O'Connor was inspired to become a Research Ambassador Volunteer five years ago, after hearing Dr. Reisa Sperling speak about the need for research participants.

Michael says, “My wife’s mother died from Alzheimer’s disease and after hearing Dr. Sperling’s talk, I thought that if I did not become a volunteer, then who would?”

Michael initially volunteered to be screened for the A-4 study but was not eligible so he then joined the Learned Study at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Armada Study at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Michael says it is rewarding to feel like he might be helping to find a cure for the next generation. “You get more out of volunteering than you give. The staff is great, you feel like part of a family and your involvement could actually result in a cure. What better reasons for volunteering?”

In addition to participating in studies, Michael also supports the cause by sharing his story at educational events and staffing informational tables for Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (MADRC). MADRC is lucky to have you Michael!