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William Staples has been a member of the Indiana Chapter Board of Directors for three years. During that time he has also served on both the Jingle Bell Run and Finance Committees. He says that the Jingle Bell Run is his favorite Arthritis Foundation event – “It’s a little different, because of the costumes, and I like to hear all the bells.”

Staples is an Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy and has been practicing in the field for 29 years. He will complete his PhD in physical therapy in 2009. Many of his patients live with arthritis. In 2006, Staples was awarded the Educator of the Year award by the Geriatric section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Staples also has a form of arthritis called cervical stenosis, which he says is “too minor” to describe in comparison to what he sees others deal with on a daily basis. In addition, his father has had both hips replaced and his mother has had both knees replaced due to arthritis. Staples believes research for arthritis is important because “it is vital that we find better medicines and treatments, and perhaps even a cure.”

He and his wife, Linda, live in Carmel, and have two grown daughters – one teaching elementary school and the other finishing her education at Indiana University to become a clinical psychologist.