

April 2015

## Dates To Remember

- Merton Pen Pal Party: 5/7: 11:30—1:30
- Hillcrest Pen Pal Party: 5/14: 12:30—1:30
- Banting Pen Pal Party (LaPrest & Montez classes): 5/21: 10:30—11:30
- Riverside Pen Pal Party: 5/29: 2:15 in the gym
- Waukesha School District Vol. Recognition Event: May 27th 6—8 (Waukesha North)



## Spotlight Special Event

### Tapestry Dinner

May 12, 2015

The Legend at Brandybrook

This annual benefit celebrates the many threads of care, compassion and support that weave together a community tapestry. Our community tapestry cares for those who struggle to maintain independence, and supports programs that connect caring senior volunteers with schools and organizations to aid in their missions. For more information on volunteering at this event or to reserve a seat contact ShellyD@InterfaithWaukesha.org.



Volunteers hand-crafted paper party favors for the Festival of Flowers at Ben Franklin Crafts in Oconomowoc.

## Feature Volunteer

JUDY  
BILSON



*“I like volunteering here because of all the nice people that are so friendly.”*

She goes above and beyond her volunteer expectations, taking on other tasks including putting together mailings, helping set up internal office events, encouraging the staff to stick to our office weight-loss challenge and taking it upon herself to perform the unglamorous task of cleaning out our office refrigerator. Her can-do attitude, commitment and spunky personality makes Judy an incredible member of our team and joy to be around. Good luck at the United Way Volunteer Awards Banquet Judy!

When asked to nominate a volunteer for United Way's 2015 "Volunteer of the Year" award, we immediately thought of Judy Bilson. Judy is an extremely dedicated volunteer receptionist in the Interfaith office - serving an impressive 614 hours in 2014! We are proud to have Judy represent our agency as the first person our clients, volunteers and community members encounter.

## Volunteer Survey Analysis

We conduct surveys throughout the year to ensure that our programs are meeting the needs of our seniors and volunteers, and to verify that our mission is addressing the needs on a community-level. In January of 2015, more than 400 people filled out our surveys and offered their opinions.

### Highlights include:

- 87% (128 of 147) of people receiving services indicated that transportation to healthcare appointments helps them maintain their health.
- 89% (139 of 157) of RSVP Volunteers indicated that their service helps to meet a need in the community.
- 89% (135 of 151) of RSVP Volunteers indicated that they are making a difference in another person's life.

**For more information view our webinar:**

<http://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=d30whr>

# Current Volunteer Opportunities

## Drivers Needed

We have an increase in ride requests and want to serve as many seniors as possible! Can you help?



- Grocery shopping with a senior (can be evenings and weekends)
- Grocery shopping FOR a senior using their grocery list and payment
- Pick up and delivery of food pantry stock boxes (can be to several homes)
- Rides to medical appointments (mostly weekdays)

You don't have to volunteer alone! Grocery shopping is a fun event to do as a family and helps ensure an area senior gets the food they need.

## Remember to Enter Your Hours

Thank you for volunteering! Reporting hours is important not only for the people we serve and the volunteers, but for the numerous grants and agencies that we work with. Please enter your hours online at:

[InterfaithWaukesha.org](http://InterfaithWaukesha.org)

Or email hours to:

[volunteermanager@interfaithwaukesha.org](mailto:volunteermanager@interfaithwaukesha.org)

## Spring Yard Clean Up

The month of May is Spring Yard Clean Up! We are looking for groups of all ages to help get our seniors' yards ready for warmer weather. Could you commit to a single clean up in these areas?

Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, New Berlin, Sussex and Waukesha

## Happenings at Interfaith

- We are working on photo name badges for volunteers. Keep an eye out for emails about how and when you can get your badge!
- Interfaith coordinated a Mayor's Day of Service event on April 7. Mayor Ponto (Brookfield) and Village President Fred Winchowky (Mukwonago) packed and served lunches at senior dining centers. Mayor Reilly (Waukesha) and Alderman Hopkins (New Berlin) helped seniors grocery shop. We are thrilled for such participation during this national service event!

## Volunteer at a Special Event

### Folk Art Fair (at Elementary Schools)

We need volunteers to help present exhibits of hobbies, tools, collectables and toys from the past. Provide your own exhibit or help present one of ours! No prior knowledge is required—we'll show you what to do. Do you have a special talent? Become a Special Performer at the Folk Art Fair!

**May 29th & 2015-2016 School Year**

## The Winners Are...

Congrats to Elizabeth Breen and Tim Sieger, the two winners of our drawing for completing their volunteer survey! They each won a gift card!

To volunteer, please contact [VolunteerManager@InterfaithWaukesha.org](mailto:VolunteerManager@InterfaithWaukesha.org)

## Client Testimonial

"Thank you very much for your assistance in providing a ride for me to pain management. It was very important to me. Both drivers were very polite, kind, and caring. I was truly impressed. Thanks again."

- Kay, 72, Menomonee Falls, *Transportation Client*

