August 2019

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteer,

It's unbelievable to think that August is already here. Many programs are beginning their busy season with fall yard cleanup gearing up, school programs starting again, and the Find a Ride Network program preparing for their first ride. There is so much to do and so much to get involved with. See more details below on all of these opportunities.

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

Thank you for giving your time to help support seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County! The impact of your gift will be felt by all that you serve.

Pat Rothe
Mary Juckem
Allie Banda
Eras Senior Network Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Open House Events and to the Waukesha County Business Alliance for hosting our ribbon cutting ceremony. We are so excited to officially be in our new space and continue expanding our programming. If you haven’t checked out our new office yet, stop on by for a tour!

Volunteer Needs

One-time Lawn Mowing help in Brookfield: A client in Brookfield is looking for help with her yard. She has been matched with a lawn mowing volunteer but there are a few areas where the grass has grown too high and a push mower can’t handle it. While the areas aren’t huge, the grass is extremely high and would need to be cut with a riding lawn mower. Once these areas are maintained, her volunteer should be able to keep up with it. If anyone is able to help with this one-time project, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.

Fall Yard Clean Up: Help someone prepare for the changing seasons as a Fall Yard Clean Up volunteer. This opportunity is perfect for individuals and groups. Clients need help with weeding, raking leaves, washing windows, cleaning first floor gutters, and/or putting away lawn furniture. Dates and time are flexible around your availability. Contact Marisa for more details at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.

Friendly Visiting Opportunities: We currently have two Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Friendly Visitor. Be a friend to a senior or an adult with a disability who is isolated and looking for someone to talk to. Opportunities are available to visit with clients on an ongoing basis. Please see the attached document to read more about the clients and their interests. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Judith at (262) 522-2411 or JudithA@ErasWaukesha.org.
**Kitchen and Bedroom Painting:** A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help finish removing wallpaper in her kitchen and bedroom. She is also looking for those walls to be primed and painted. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

**Ceiling Painting:** A client in Muskego is looking for a volunteer to help paint their living room ceiling. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

**Ceiling Vents Cleaned:** A client in Pewaukee is looking for assistance cleaning the vents in her ceiling. She has a ladder that the volunteer can use. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

**Dryer Vent Cleaned:** A client in Waukesha is looking for help cleaning out her dryer vent. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

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**Clients Still in Need of Yard Clean Up Help**

We have about 10 clients in the Brookfield, Butler, and Waukesha area that are looking for assistance with some minor outside jobs. The main projects are cleaning gutters and washing outside windows (all on the first floor). Other projects include pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and moving mulch.

These clients had been matched with a group to help with their yard, but unfortunately the group canceled last minute. We are hoping that by reaching out to you, we can help accomplish some of the top priorities in their yards.

If you can donate just a few hours of your time to help with these projects, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.

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**New Driving Opportunity**

Eras is reaching out to all volunteer drivers about an exciting opportunity to drive our new van. This van is part of the Find-A-Ride Network Initiative that will begin in Menomonee Falls. Volunteer drivers interested in this opportunity must be willing to commit to weekly morning or afternoon shifts. At this time, open shifts available are Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. Rides will be provided to seniors & adults with disabilities that have healthcare appointments at Froedtert Town Hall Health Center and Community Memorial Hospital. Driver orientation will be provided. If you or any of your friends might be interested in this exciting new opportunity, please contact Jennifer at (262) 522-2414 or JennS@eraswaukesha.org or Sarah at (262) 522-2408 or SarahH@eraswaukesha.org.
S.T.O.P. Senior Frauds & Scams

Please RSVP to Becca Wanta at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Wanta@ErasWaukesha.org

S.T.O.P. SENIOR FRAUDS & SCAMS

Eras Senior Network is proud to offer educational programming for seniors on frauds and scams. By attending this presentation, you'll learn to identify and protect yourself against the following scams:

- Grandparent
- Medical
- Charity
- Telemarketing
- Online/Email

DATE: Tuesday, August 13th 2019
TIME: 11:00am
LOCATION: Eras Senior Network Community Room
2607 N Grandview Blvd Suite 150
Waukesha, WI 53188

Educational take home materials will be provided.

S.T.O.P.
Educating seniors on how to recognize and S.T.O.P. frauds and scams.

S - Sounds too good to be true? - It probably is.
O - Organize your thoughts and trust your gut - Is this a fraud or scam?
T - Time pressure - No one should force you to make snap decisions.
P - Don't be Polite - It's okay to hang up the phone, shut down the computer, or close the door.

RSVP TO: BECCA WANTA
(262) 522-2409 OR BECCA.WANTA@ERASWAUKESHA.ORG

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Volunteer Entertainment for Waukesha 5k Santa Run & Walk

Do you have a connection to a marching band, dance team, cheerleading team, or folks who like to sing? We’d like their help at our 11th annual Waukesha 5k Santa Run & Walk on Sunday, December 1st, 2019! We are looking for groups of carolers, dancers, marching bands, and other musicians to be volunteer entertainment along the run/walk route. Those interested in getting involved can contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marisa Strothenke at MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org or (262) 522-2402.

Early Bird registration for the Santa Run is now available! Click here to register. To learn more about the Waukesha 5k Santa Run & Walk, please contact Becca Wanta, Development Coordinator, at Becca.Wanta@ErasWaukesha.org or (262) 522-2409.

Eras Holiday Giving Program

We are beginning to plan for our 2019 Holiday Giving Program! Since 2004, Eras Senior Network has provided self-sufficiency care packages to isolated and low-income Waukesha County seniors and adults with disabilities. We aim to distribute care packages to 350 community members this year and need your help! You can help by hosting a collection drive for items to fill the packages, creating handmade crafts, or volunteering to sort, pack, or hand-deliver the gifts on Saturday, December 21st.

More information about the Holiday Giving Program including a flyer to print and hang can be found HERE.

Items in need are:

- $10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- $10 Pick ‘n Save Gift Cards
- $10 Walmart Gift Cards
- $5 McDonald’s Gift Cards
- Books of Forever Stamps
- Handmade flat ornaments, bookmarks, and door hangers
- Puzzle books (crossword, word search, Sudoku)

Please drop off donations to Eras Senior Network located at 2607 N. Grandview Blvd Suite 150, Waukesha, WI 53188 by Monday, December 16th. Door C is closest to our suite. If you would rather take an elevator to our suite, please use Door A. Suite 150 is on the second level.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Heather at Heather@ErasWaukesha.org or Becca at Becca.Wanta@ErasWaukesha.org to learn more.

Thank you for your consideration!
Give the Gift of Time – Become a Hospice Volunteer

St. Croix Hospice delivers the highest quality care treating patients and their families with dignity, compassion, and respect. We are looking for hospice volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents to provide emotional and practical support for our patients and their families. We offer our patients Companion/Vigil, Veteran to Veteran, and Pet Therapy Volunteers. St. Croix Hospice volunteers are provided training, support, and flexible scheduling. For more info please contact us at (855) 278-2764 or volunteer@stcroixhospice.com.

Have you submitted your hours?

Help us each month by reporting your hours. It’s one of the ways we stay funded! Submit your hours on our website OR email them to us!

**Pen Pals and School Tutors don’t need to submit hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets. If you have questions about submitting hours please contact us.

Attachments

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