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Neighbors Giving. Neighbors Caring.

Greetings to you! Late summer at Interfaith Senior Programs brings planning for fall projects, as well as coordinating services every day to help seniors get to healthcare appointments and grocery stores. We have already received 75 requests for fall yard cleanup from seniors. Those projects are perfect for families and youth groups.

Our December Holiday Giving Project planning is underway, and we have packets of holiday cards that need decorating. See below for more information.

Finally, I am sad to report that our Community Outreach Manager Marie Honel has left our agency. Marie has been terrific in recruiting volunteers, helping to reach those in need of help in the community, and supporting our agency in many ways. She will be missed.

In the next weeks we will have a team of volunteers assisting our staff in providing information to you so that we maintain good communication. Please feel free to contact me directly at any time.

Thank you for your partnership!

Kathy Gale, Executive Director
262-522-2400

Fall Yard Clean-Up Projects

"It's a great way to volunteer with my kids."

"Our youth group enjoyed working outside together."

"I don't know how our senior could live alone if volunteers didn't help out"

"My husband has Alzheimer's disease, and I can't rake our entire lawn. Thank you for sending the group of volunteers."

"I live out of state and can't get home to help my parents. Thank you for being there to help them."

A few hours of outdoor volunteering in late October and early November = keeping seniors safe and healthy. Seniors who fall and break bones are more likely to lose their independence.

Volunteer groups providing leaf raking, gutter cleaning, and other outdoor help make a difference.

[Click here for sign-up information](#) about Seasonal Projects. Groups, individuals, families are all needed: [contact Marcia](#) for more information at 262-522-2409.

Christmas begins in summer at Interfaith

Our Holiday Giving Project, often referred to as our Christmas Project, really begins in July each year. Staff is writing grant proposals for gift cards and other self-sufficiency items, and businesses are scheduling their drives to gather gift cards, stamps, and donations. Volunteers are already calling to be on the list to help.

This Project heavily relies on support from congregations. We are ready for your phone calls about ways to provide financial support, gather donated items, color and design special cards (we supply the cards, you supply the creativity). [Barb Butler](#) is your Holiday Elf and has all the information.

Learning About Seniors & Services

Our staff and board are happy to visit your congregation. We have speakers who can teach youth through elder sensitivity trainings, general programs about services to help seniors and adults with disabilities stay independent, and volunteers who can talk about their experiences.

How long has it been since we spoke at your congregation?

[Contact Barb](#) at 262-522-2402 to schedule a program.

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