

December 2017



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteers,

Do you shop for Christmas presents on Amazon? Use smile.amazon.com and select ERAs Senior Network as your charity to help support our programming. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Urgent Needs

Snow Angels: Did you know that volunteers cannot deliver a hot meal on an unshoveled driveway? Seniors will try to shovel their own driveway if they do not have help, putting themselves at risk of falling. Each year, we are unable to find a snow removal volunteer for over half of the seniors who need our help. Help us keep the seniors in Waukesha County safer this winter by signing up as a snow removal volunteer today! Help is needed from the first snow fall until April. You will be matched with an ongoing person and will be expected to shovel every snowfall. We are looking for over 25 snow angel volunteers to ensure our client's driveways and sidewalks are cleared after each snowfall. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been shoveling for the same client year after year so they can stay in their home safely.

Do you have room in your car for one more?: Ride requests for transportation throughout Waukesha County are increasing. In 2015, ERAs' weekly average number of requests for transportation was around 65. We are currently receiving over 100 requests each week. We are facing a shortage on drivers and an abundance of ride requests. Volunteers use their own car, can be reimbursed for mileage, are covered under supplemental liability insurance through ERAs and choose their own schedule. Volunteers interested in driving clients to appointments at regional medical centers in Milwaukee and Waukesha are particularly in need. Be the person that provides a ride that keeps a senior or adult with disability living independently. If you have a couple hours to spare during the week, consider driving for ERAs.

Hawthorne Readers Café: Do you want to help 3rd graders improve their reading? We are looking for 1-2 more volunteers to join a Readers Café. The Café runs from January 30th to March 13th. It will be held every Tuesday from 11:35 am-12:25 pm.

Contact Anna for more details on how to fill our urgent needs at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

The weather looks good! Come join us at the Santa 5K Run & Walk!



Wear your favorite Santa, Reindeer, Elf, Grinch or Snowman suit, the crazier the merrier! This charity 5K supports the important and vital programs offered by ERAs all over Waukesha County. Same Day Registration starts at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 3rd at Bernie's Tap Room- 351 W Main St, Waukesha, WI 53186.



Day of Registration- Sunday, December 3rd 9:00am - 10:00am

\$40.00 - Adult

\$30.00- Team Entry of 5 or more

\$30.00- Student

PACKET DETAILS

Packet pick-up available on Friday, December 1st from 8:00am - 5:00pm at ERAs Senior Network Office- 210 NW Barstow St Suite 101 Waukesha, 53188

Packet pick-up also available day of race from 9am - 10:15am

For questions or concerns, contact Margaret at (262) 522-2409 or MargaretD@ERAsWaukesha.org.



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Holiday Giving 2017

It's not too late to donate to our Holiday Giving Program! It is our 14th year providing self-sufficiency care packages to up to 500 seniors and adults with disabilities living on a fixed income.

To qualify for this gift, our recipients are referred from agencies that can attest not only to their need for the gift but their lack of family support. This means that this package is likely the *only* gift our recipients will be receiving this holiday season – making it so incredibly important and special.

All items are due to ERAs Senior Network by Monday, December 11th, 2017. Items we need the most:

- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$5 McDonald's Gift Cards
- Books of Forever Postage stamps
- Thin Puzzle Books

A complete wish list can be found on **Page 4** of our Holiday Giving Tool Kit found [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view our Holiday Giving webpage.



Please contact Heather at HeatherS@ERAsWaukesha.org or (262) 522-2404 with any questions. Thank you very much for participating in this fantastic program!

Seeking Local Fundraising Opportunities

Do you know of a local restaurant or business that supports nonprofits? We are looking for opportunities to increase community awareness while raising funds for our agency. Taco Johns and Culvers have give-back opportunities that we are pursuing! Every little bit helps, so if you know of a company or restaurant that has local fundraising opportunities, please let us know.

Contact Heather Stoskopf at (262) 522-2404 or HeatherS@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Have you submitted your hours for the year?

We need your help! Please report your volunteer hours upon completion of your service back to us! Hours reported by you helps us show our agency's impact to funders. This is one way we receive money.

- Mail your hours into our office- 210 NW Barstow, Suite 101, Waukesha, WI 53188
- Call them in (262) 549-3348
- Fax them to (262) 549-0436
- Email them to VolunteerManager@ERAsWaukesha.org
- Submit them online <https://eraswaukesha.org/volunteer/report-my-hours/>

If you submit mileage for reimbursement through ERAs, please note all signed reimbursement forms for 2017 volunteer service must be submitted by January 15, 2018. Any mileage submitted after January 15 will not be reimbursed.

Thank you for your continued support!



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