

December 2018



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteer,

Happy Holidays to all of our wonderful volunteers! Eras Senior Network wishes you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for everything you do.

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.

Connie Schroeder
Peggy Kostelnik
Barbara Barras
Elaine Key
Polly Sayers
Dick Leenhouts
Judy Preboske
John Thomas

Karen Hughes
Sylvia Reed
Betty Stuetgen
Emily Welch
Shirley Timm
Mary Winter
Marion Gaeth
Rosemarie Matheus

Lindsay Priebe
Audrey Ruff
Carla Wawak
Phyllis Wegman
Verna Jordan
Alex Olp
Rose Claire Schwartz
Donna Gagne



Volunteer Needs

Snow Removal: Volunteer to shovel snow for a senior or an adult with disabilities this winter. Meals on Wheels can not deliver meals if the recipient's walkway is not shoveled. Become a snow angel today! Volunteers are needed in Waukesha, Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, and Pewaukee. If you are interested in helping, contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.

Kitchen Faucet and Washer/Dryer Installation: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help with 2 minor home repair projects. He is looking for someone to hook up a new kitchen faucet he recently purchased and someone to install his new washer/dryer. If you are interested in either or both of these projects, contact Hannah at (252) 522-2405 or HannahL@ErasWaukesha.org.

Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation and Sink Drain: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help with 2 minor home repair projects. She is looking for someone to hang/ install a carbon monoxide detector and someone to help fix her slow draining bathroom sink. If you are interested in either or both of these projects, contact Judith at (262) 522-2411 or JudithA@ErasWaukesha.org.

Café Curtain Installation: A client in Menomonee Falls is looking for a volunteer to help install a café curtain. She has the brackets and screws, but the volunteer will need to bring additional tools. If you are interested in this project, contact Judith at (262) 522-2411 or JudithA@ErasWaukesha.org.

Holiday Giving Donations Needed!



Support the Holiday Giving Program by providing meaningful donations we can include in self-sufficiency care packages to over 400 low-income and isolated seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County. We have secured some bulk donations of gripper socks, calendars, and oral hygiene products already, so we are focusing on collecting primarily gift cards and stamps. The recipients of these gifts tell us year after year how much they appreciate the gift cards and stamps. Gifts cards are used to purchase prescriptions, groceries, and other basic needs items. Stamps are used to ensure they can send in utility bills or correspond with a pen pal.

Wish List

- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards
- \$5 McDonald's Gift Cards
- Books of Forever Stamps

Please include the receipt with each gift card so the recipient knows the value.

Donations are due to the Eras office which is still located at 210 NW Barstow St. Suite 101, Waukesha, WI 53188 by Monday, December 10th, 2018.

Questions? Contact Heather at (262) 522-2404 or Heather@ErasWaukesha.org.

Community Opportunities

ProHealth Care Community Education Classes: Each month ProHealth Care offers a wide variety of Community Education classes and events. Classes help you make informed health care decisions and develop healthy habits. All classes and events are free unless otherwise indicated. Registration is required for all events. For a complete list of classes, click [here](#).

Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteers Needed in Waukesha County

Medicare loses billions of dollars each year due to fraud, errors, and abuse. In 2014 testimony before the Senate Special Committee on Aging, the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association placed these losses at approximately \$60 billion annually, though the exact figure is impossible to measure. The most commonly cited range for all health care fraud estimates is 3 to 10 percent of annual health care expenditures. 2012 Medicare expenditures were nearly \$600 billion and are expected to rise as the baby boomer population ages. ([cited here](#))

Eras is partnering with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) to identify individuals who can become Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteers and help seniors in our community to avoid being victimized. Informational sessions for interested prospective volunteers will be offered in January and February, with individuals from GWAAR on hand to explain how the program helps to prevent, detect, and report health care frauds, errors, and abuse related to Medicare.

More information about the Senior Medicare Patrol can be found [here](#).

Interested in being on the list to learn about the information sessions? Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.



We need your 2018 Volunteer 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](#).



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