



**DECEMBER 2022**

It's officially the holiday season, and with so much going on, make sure to take time for yourself to reflect on the year that has passed and plan your next year.

## **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.



## **Welcome to New Department Member, Spring!**

Spring has been on staff with Eras for 10yrs. She has had a role with Faith in Action as a Program Coordinator.

She worked with Mobility Management as a Mobility Specialist driving clients in the Eras Van. She is now coming to join us in Volunteer Management as our Administrative Assistant. One of Spring's favorite ways to spend her off time is with her 12 nieces & nephews. Their ages range from 1-20 so there is a lot of variety in their activities. Spring is an animal lover, she is currently in the service of two cats, Sir Eddie Cream-Soda & Rock.

Welcome Spring, we are happy to have you!



# Volunteer Needs

## **Receptionist:**

Faith In Action Waukesha is looking for assistance with answering the phones and calling out to clients in the mornings and afternoons, Monday through Friday. We are looking for people who can help at least twice per month. We are looking for volunteers who are comfortable answering the phones, calling clients and looking up clients and ride requests in our data base. We may at times have other projects in addition to this. If interested, or you would like more information, please reach out to Theresa. [Theresa.Bryar@eras.org](mailto:Theresa.Bryar@eras.org) or (262) 522-2418

## **Data Entry:**

Faith In Action Waukesha is looking for assistance with keeping our information up-to-date. We are looking for people who can help at least once per month. We are looking for volunteers who are comfortable learning to navigate our data base and input information in addition to occasional calls to other volunteers and clients. If interested, or you would like more information, please reach out to Theresa. [Theresa.Bryar@eras.org](mailto:Theresa.Bryar@eras.org) or (262) 522-2418

## **Friendly Phone Callers:**

We are looking for Friendly Phone Callers over the holiday season. This is a season for connecting with people around you. Become a FPC volunteer and connect with an older adult this season.

## **Become a Snow Buddy:**

There are 13 pending clients (Sussex, Menomonee Falls, Brookfield, Oconomowoc, Waukesha, Brookfield, New Berlin) requesting snow removal services. Become a snow buddy and help today!

## **Forms, Letters, and Bills:**

A Waukesha client needs assistance twice a month with organizing mail/bills

## **Minor Home Repairs:**

A Waukesha client is requesting painting 1-2 bedrooms in their home.

## **Friendly Visiting:**

**Our client is a 97 year old** - Waukesha woman. She is seeking a female volunteer of any age to visit during the week twice a month in the mornings. She loves reading happy stories and spending time outdoors watching the birds. Her current interests are following current events/news, older movies, listening to Ballroom and Christian music, and playing Rummikub/Kienasta. Past interests included crocheting, traveling, and dancing.

**Our client is a 74 year old woman that lives in Sussex** - She is interested in receiving friendly visits from a female volunteer between the ages of 50 and 70, but would be interested in getting to know someone of another age as well. The ideal volunteer could provide weekly late morning visits, but she is open to a schedule based on the volunteer's availability. She enjoys playing any games or cards such as Scrabble and Sheepshead. She enjoys TV and doing crossword puzzles. She came from a large family and enjoys talking about family. In the past, she liked to read, crochet, and doing oil painting. She is a smoker.

**Our client is a 76 year old Waukesha client** - A female volunteer age 30 or older is preferred. Thursday or Friday afternoon/evening visits are preferred, or a weekend in the afternoon. Client enjoys being around family, going up North with her daughter, and fishing. Interests include games (Yahtzee, Uno), having her fingernails painted, craft projects, and brain function books.

**Our client is 60 year old woman and lives in Mukwonago** - She would enjoy a volunteer between the ages 55 and 70 to visit weekly either weekdays or weekends. This client has a small dog named Simba that is mild mannered. She enjoys watching the show *Law and Order* and movies with Johnny Depp. She enjoys current events and all music genres especially the oldies.

**Our client is a 90 year old woman and lives in Waukesha** - She would enjoy a volunteer that is age 50 or older. She would prefer a female volunteer that can provide twice a month visits in the afternoon. She likes solitaire, nature, crafts, puzzles, and listening to music (Gospel, 70's, 80's, Country Western, and Lawrence Welk). Her favorite television programs are *Chicago Fire*, *Law and Order*, and all Hallmark movies. She stays up to date with current events and loves to socialize.

If you are interested in volunteering with any of the service opportunities above, please reach out to Shannon Fogle at [Shannon.Fogle@Eras.Org](mailto:Shannon.Fogle@Eras.Org) or (262) 522-2405.

## Holiday Giving Program 2022

Thank you very much to all who volunteered for and donated to our Holiday Giving Program in 2021. With so many generous donations from partners throughout Milwaukee County and Waukesha County, we provided 880 low-income older adults with self-sufficiency care packages valued at \$55 each. These packages included gift cards to local grocery stores and pharmacies, a book of stamps, and a hand-decorated holiday card.

We hope to continue bringing a bit of holiday cheer to clients in need this December with the help of the community and our local partners. Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, we will be mailing our gifts again this year and focusing on the most basic needs. Below is our wish list:

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

Unwrapped items and funds collected to purchase gifts are due by December 12th, 2022. Checks can be made to Eras Senior Network – please include “Holiday Giving” in the memo line.

**Mailing Your Donation:** Donations of items or funds to purchase items can be mailed to:  
Eras Senior Network (Attn: Heather Uzowulu)  
2607 N Grandview Blvd Suite 150  
Waukesha, WI 53188

### Dropping Off Your Donation or Scheduling a Pick-Up:

**Waukesha County:** Donations may be dropped off at our Waukesha office (same address as above) Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. To schedule a drop-off at the Waukesha office, please reach out to Heather Uzowulu at [Heather.Uzowulu@Eras.Org](mailto:Heather.Uzowulu@Eras.Org).

**Milwaukee County:** Donations may be dropped off at our Milwaukee County office located at St. Alphonsus Parish in Greendale (5960 W Loomis Road, Greendale, WI 53129) between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. To schedule a drop-off at St. Alphonsus in Greendale, please reach out to Vicki Henning at [Vicki.Henning@Eras.org](mailto:Vicki.Henning@Eras.org) to schedule a time.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our Holiday Giving Program! Please contact Heather Uzowulu at [Heather.Uzowulu@Eras.Org](mailto:Heather.Uzowulu@Eras.Org) or (262) 522-2404 with any questions or click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## 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 do not need to submit hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets. If you have questions about submitting hours please [contact us](#).



## Eras Senior Network

Milwaukee County Main Office: c/o YWCA, 1915 N Doctor MLK Jr Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212

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