

August 2022



It's the height of the summer and it sure is hot out there! We hope you get out and enjoy the beautiful weather, but don't forget to hydrate, take breaks from the sun, and check on your friends and family in this heat.

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.



Fall Yard Cleanup is Coming! - Volunteers Needed

It's hard to believe that it's already time to think about fall, but our staff is already preparing for this season's Yard Cleanup program. Volunteers are needed to help clients prepare their yards for winter. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, removing lawn furniture, removing window screens, washing windows, etc.

Fall Yard Clean Up occurs during the months of October and November (ideally once the leaves have fallen). Let us know what size yard and which community you prefer, and we'll

match you with a client in need.

For more information, please contact us at (414) 488-6931 or ErasVolunteer@Eras.org.



Volunteer With Students in Waukesha & Menomonee Falls School Districts!

Readers Cafe Program: Come and share your love of reading with elementary school students over their lunch hour. This program will be held one day a week in seven week increments throughout the school year - sign up for whichever seven week session works in your schedule. There will be an orientation and district-wide training to help prepare volunteers to assist students.

Pen Pal Program: This program is a wonderful opportunity to bring generations together through exchanging letters. Letters are exchanged once a month throughout the school year, starting in the fall. At the end of the school year pen pals will meet their students face-to-face at the meet and greet party.

Interested in Participating?

School District of Waukesha: Corinn Marich at (262) 522-2403 or Corinn.Marich@Eras.org.

School District of Menomonee Falls: Dawn Hinton at (262) 617-8061 or Dawn.Hinton@Eras.org.



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 seniors with self-sufficiency care packages valued at \$55 each. These packages included gift cards to local grocery stores and pharmacies, a book of forever 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.

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 to schedule a time.

Friendly Visiting Clients

Have you ever thought of participating in our Friendly Visiting program? Read about a few of our clients who are looking for a volunteer visitor below! If you are interested in visiting one of these older adults, please reach out to Shannon at 262-522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@Eras.Org.

Our 81-year-old Oconomowoc client is seeking a female volunteer of any age for weekly visits or as volunteer schedule allows. She would enjoy afternoon visits (not on Wed. or Sun.), or some mornings would be fine. Schedule will need to be coordinated with daughter as she helps oversee coordination for appointments. Client describes herself as someone who smiles a lot, loves people, is friendly, and is a Christian. Client has a little forgetfulness and remains independently living with support from family. Her current interests are spending time outdoors, watching the birds, playing piano, listening to church music, and attending church/bible study. She would enjoy a volunteer that she can talk and visit with. She loves to

have discussions about her family, grandchildren, and reminiscing about missionary work where she spent 10 years with her family in S. Korea. She also has slides/slide viewer of her time in S. Korea that she enjoys looking at. Client may enjoy playing dominos or Yahtzee with volunteer.

Our client is a 97-year-old Waukesha client. She is seeking a female volunteer of any age to visit during the week twice a month with preferred time being the morning. She describes herself as sometimes quiet and enjoys being with family. 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, travelling, and dancing. In the past, she worked as a nurse in a hospital and assisted in the family bakery business.

Our 85-year-old client lives in Oconomowoc. She would enjoy a female volunteer of any age, that could visit twice a month in the afternoons. If volunteer is available for visits on weekends, she would enjoy that, but weekday visits would be fine also. If there was a volunteer that would be able to bring their dog with them during visits, she would really like that as she misses not having a dog. She describes herself as an active person. Present interests include spending time outdoors, reading (historical novels, classics, Harry Potter, mysteries, humor), crafting homemade birthday cards, T.V. programs (science fiction, comedies, Blue Bloods, and the Great British Baking Show). She likes to cook/bake and has an interest in food crafting. She enjoys cards/games (Bridge, King's Corners, Banana Gram, and Scrabble). Her past interests included travelling up to cottage up north, hunting, fishing, time with her horses, and picking berries in summer months.

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's-70's, but would be accepting of other ages. Ideal volunteer could provide weekly late morning visits, but open to schedule based on volunteer availability. She recently moved to the area and is no longer driving. She is feeling isolated as she is challenged with a visual deficit which further impacts ability to go out and it is harder for her to go out in the Winter. Her spouse passed away within the past few years. She is alert and oriented and describes herself as a friendly person. She enjoys playing any games or cards. She likes scrabble and playing 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 do 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/Friday afternoon/evening visits preferred or weekend in the afternoon would also be fine for visits. Client lives with her daughter and has a cat. She is pleasant and enjoys being with people. She is affected by frontal lobe dementia and has no memory loss or behaviors. She at times has difficulty with communication, may mix up response of yes or no, but will correct herself if given the time. Client enjoys being around family, going up North with her daughter, and fishing. Interests include games (Yahtzee, Uno), having her fingernails painted, sitting outdoors or wheelchair tour around the river (uses wheelchair rather than walker for longer distances), craft projects (they have craft kits), and brain function books. She can walk shorter household distances with a walker. Visits would be coordinated with daughter. Daughter works from home so she is available if needed or to address questions while volunteer is visiting. Daughter can transfer client into a wheelchair if volunteer would like take her outdoors.

Our Client is 60 year old female and lives in an independent apartment in Mukwonago. Client has supportive services throughout the week in place as she lives alone. Family is

attentive and involved. She would enjoy a male or female volunteer between the ages 55-70 to visit weekly either weekdays or weekends, pending availability of volunteer. She is seeking friendly visits to increase socialization. Client has forgetfulness and difficulty with word finding. She describes herself as friendly and active. Client used to be a mental health counselor and loves having conversations, although finding the right words are hard for her at times. She enjoys the outdoors, walking outdoors, and spending time with family/grandchildren. Client has a small dog named Simba that is mild mannered. Client enjoys watching the show Law and Order and movies with Johnny Depp. Past activities/interests are more challenging at this time due to memory impairment. Past interests were baking (if volunteer did this would need to check with daughter on supplies needed or bring supplies), current events, and reading the newspaper (short information may be good to share, but long stores could be hard for her to follow). She enjoys all music genres especially the oldies. Client moved to the area from Oshkosh earlier this year to be closer to daughter. She is very sad about her circumstances and is seeking a visitor to increase socialization. Volunteer should have an understanding of working with someone with impaired short-term memory. Volunteer will need patience and not have high expectations of client. Volunteer would coordinate visits with daughter as daughter coordinates and oversees schedule and provides additional support/assistance to her

Volunteer Needs

Assist with mail/bills

New Berlin client that is affected by visual impairment is in need of volunteer assist a few times a month to go through mail, assist with bills that he cannot do online. Occasional online assistance needed. Client has a cat.

Yard work-Seeking volunteer help with 22 yards in Waukesha County (Hartland, Lannon, Oconomowoc, Menomonee Falls, Brookfield, Muskego, and Waukesha): Requests vary and include items such as trimming hedges/bushes, cleaning 1st floor gutters, cleaning 1st floor outdoor windows, or pulling weeds.

Friendly Phone Calls-There are currently 52 clients requesting friendly phone calls.

Minor Home Repairs-Delafield client- Sanding and staining 2 Adirondack chairs, 2 outdoor railings (1st floor 10 ft railing and 2nd floor 20 ft. railing) in need of sanding and staining.

Waukesha client-Finish painting front railing. An **Oconomowoc** client request for staining wheelchair ramp.

If you are able to help, please contact Shannon Fogle at 262-522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@eras.org.

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](#).



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