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The Interfaith Connection Fall, 2012



Neighbors Giving. Neighbors Caring.

Greetings to you!

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As our agency moves into the fall season, we are encouraging families and individuals to plan time to volunteer. Through Interfaith, we have opportunities for tutoring in schools (elementary, middle, and high school levels), pen pals for elementary age students, and a variety of projects in nonprofits throughout the county. Details and other opportunities can be [found on the website](#).

Quick Links

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We are busy making plans for the 22nd Annual Fabulous Fish Fry. Did you know that more than 800 pounds of fish are prepared by the Country Springs for this event each year? [Tickets can be purchased for the November 16 event on our website](#). Remember - once the hunters return you'll only be eating venison, so get the fish while you can!

Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Do you know a senior or an adult with a disability who is struggling to remain safe in their home? Word of mouth is the most common way that clients hear of our Faith in Action services. A specially trained volunteer visits each new client in their home to help them better understand the services of Interfaith, volunteer opportunities, and leaves behind information about other Waukesha County organizations that help seniors. [Marcia](#), our Faith in Action Program Manager, works directly with new clients, and can be reached at 262-549-3348.

Peace,

[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.

A Story of Helping Hands

One of our staff reported this story about a senior volunteer helping in an elementary school:

I have a Senior Volunteer, Madeline, who stopped in my office the other day to chat with me about her day at school. Madeline loves to come in and help for hours in the Art Room for classes. She knows all of the children by name and she has been praised by the teacher for asking the questions that get the kids' creativity sparked. She wanted to talk to me that day about how much she loves coming to school (despite the colds she thinks she gets from the kids!) and how she sees the impact she makes on those that need the help the most.

She said she can pick them out, the ones who need a little extra encouragement, a little extra attention, a little extra love...and she says she sees the difference that moment or two makes in that child's day. I think Madeline is making a difference in lives, not just days. And, she is so very proud of her contribution to the school. The pride is well deserved!

[School volunteers](#) are being recruited for Hamilton, Menomonee Falls, and Waukesha districts. [Contact Sue](#) for more information at 262-522-2403.

Learning About Seniors & Services

Our staff and board are happy to visit your congregation or community group. 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.

[Contact Our Office Staff](#) at 262-522-2400 to schedule a program.

Planning for a Crisis

Interfaith is a partner in O.A.S.I.S. (Older Adult and Senior Information Series). This team of service providers is presenting information to help older adults and adult children of aging parents to help them better manage issues and concerns that can arise through the natural aging process.

Upcoming Program

Things You Need to Know to Avoid a "Senior" Crisis

Tips from attorney Jane L. Walker on how to avoid probate and guardianship courts, avoid family feuds, and preserve Medicaid (T-19) Benefits.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

11 a.m. - Noon

Waukesha Public Library Community Room

Free to seniors and adult children

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