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Client Thanks

"I would like to tell you, it's a good feeling that I can turn to you when I don't have a ride for an appointment. It's a really good thing."

– Grace, 85

"My volunteers were fantastic! They worked like little beavers. Even a paid service wouldn't have done as good a job as they did. I can't tell you how wonderful they were."

–Janet, 97 (Yard Cleanup)

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MEET ONE OF OUR CLIENTS



Wondering why you should volunteer?
Let's see what Robert has to say.

Robert spent 31 years of his life working for a company that disposed of hazardous waste. Though he recognizes this job as his most favorite, Robert now battles an infection in his foot, the result of working in close contact with radiation for three decades.

Rather than dwell on his misfortune, Robert focuses on the positive. "I have an excellent care team. My nurse is a God-send, and the

volunteers at Interfaith – well, without them, I honestly wouldn't be here."

Robert says he looks forward to his time with Interfaith volunteers because they have great conversation and are so friendly. "Some of the volunteers have told me to request them specifically when I need a ride—that's how much fun we have together!"

Interfaith volunteers help Robert on a weekly basis by driving him to and from medical appointments, helping him move from place to place within the hospital, and serving as a friend at times when one is needed the most. Without the volunteers at Interfaith Senior Programs, Robert admits that his life would not be the same.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE LIKE ROBERT?

Interfaith Senior Programs offers several ways to get involved:

- Visit our Volunteer Portal for the most current volunteer opportunities: cm2interfaith.neworg.com.
- Call Interfaith to speak with someone about volunteer opportunities: (262) 522-2415.

GET INVOLVED WITH FUNDRAISING

Your contributions will allow us to continue helping seniors like Robert.

HAVE A CHURCH FUNDRAISER!

It could be as easy as holding a loose coin drive during one of your worship services.

Lent is a time to give up something as a sort of “fast” in order to get closer to God and prepare for the celebration of Easter. You can encourage members of your congregation to “give up” their loose change for Interfaith instead of that tempting candy bar or can of soda they might have usually put their money toward.

The services Interfaith offers are free, and will continue to remain that way. Much of the financial support we have received in the past has come from congregations, and 2015 is no different. This year we have set a goal of \$30,000 in donations from congregations. While mapping out your budget, consider making a pledge to Interfaith this year. We believe we can make our goal!



Hold a loose coin drive during a worship service

Remember seniors in need this Lent! Encourage people to give up something little so that seniors can hold on to something bigger—their independence.



Make a pledge to show your commitment to our mission

GET INVOLVED WITH VOLUNTEERING

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator:

262-522-2404 | HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org

SPRING YARD CLEANUP

You, your family, congregation, community group, or business can *Spring Into Action* by joining Interfaith Senior Programs for our annual Spring Yard Cleanup. It's a day of outdoor clean-up for seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Waukesha County with various projects including:

- Raking winter debris
- Weeding
- Cleaning gutters
- Installing screens
- Washing windows
- Trimming bushes

Sign up to volunteer early!



**SPRING YARD CLEANUP
TAKES PLACE THE ENTIRE
MONTH OF MAY.**

GROCERY SHOPPING

We've been having a tough time getting all of our grocery shopping requests matched. Volunteers can either shop with the client by helping them read labels and reach for higher items, shop for the client (and do their own shopping in the meantime!), or make a trip to the food pantry with or for the client. We're looking for ongoing shoppers to help clients who need someone to take them every week or so.

The areas we need help with are Waukesha, Brookfield, Pewaukee, and Sussex.

GET INVOLVED WITH THESE EVENTS

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

for Interfaith Senior Programs

Bring your family, youth group or just a friend and create a crafty project to support Interfaith Senior Programs. There is no fee for the event – just bring your creative side!

Projects include:

- Making giveaway items for the Festival of Flowers
- Decorating envelopes for Holiday Giving
- Making birthday cards for seniors connected to Interfaith

Ben Franklin CRAFTS
Where creativity comes to life

Event Details

The event will take place
Saturday, February 7th
From 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**At Ben Franklin Crafts
in Oconomowoc**

Contact

For more information, contact
Kris Lombardi at 262-522-2402
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Festival of Flowers

Wednesday, March 18, 2015



You're invited to celebrate spring at our annual Festival of Flowers. You can choose the Luncheon option, catered by Rochester Deli, or the Afternoon Tea option, with a variety of teas and scones from The Steaming Cup.

The entertainment of the afternoon will be a beautiful floral demonstration. Waukesha Floral & Greenhouse generously provides the beautiful location and donates 10% of the day's sales to Interfaith.

A special thank you to our presenting sponsor, Attorney Joanne Leifheit.

Luncheon
11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Afternoon Tea
3:00 pm



Tickets are \$30. Space is limited to 100 tickets per seating! To purchase, call 262-522-2409, visit InterfaithWaukesha.org, or click the button below.

[→ Buy Tickets Now](#)

MORE INTERFAITH EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Don't miss a thing! Mark your calendar for these upcoming Interfaith events:

TAPESTRY DINNER

May 12th

FABULOUS FISH FRY

October 30th

SANTA RUN

December 16th

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR STORY

Our staff would love to come to your church to share the Interfaith story. We can give a presentation for any kind of church group on different services and volunteer opportunities Interfaith provides in Waukesha County. To schedule a visit, please contact Kris Lombardi.