

January 2018



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We're excited to bring new and exciting programs to you this year and to continue the important work happening in the community. Stay tuned for more information.

Urgent Needs

Expert Listener: Do you like to read? Help instill that same passion in elementary students! The Pewaukee School District is looking for volunteers to read with students for about 15 minutes per student on Wednesdays, from 9:00am to 10:00am. Volunteers will assist students with vocabulary and celebrate their progress as they learn fluency and comprehension.

Readers Café: Volunteers are needed to read to and with 5th grade students over their lunch hour. Students really love this program and are eager to participate at Banting Elementary! If you would enjoy volunteering with a student for an hour a week please contact Lori at (262) 522-2416 or LoriH@ERAsWaukesha.org. The 2nd session begins January 9th and goes through February 27th (excluding January 23) from 12:10 pm to 12:50 pm.

Snow Angel: According to Reuters Health, older adults are 20% more likely to fall after a freezing rain. Seniors will try to shovel their own driveway if they do not have help, putting them at a higher risk of falling. This year we

have 15 snow shoveling volunteers matched with 25 seniors in need but, we've got 40 more still looking for assistance. Can you help us make a difference to someone in need? You will be matched with a senior or adult with disability for the winter season and will be expected to shovel every snowfall. Give the gift of safety to someone else this year, sign up today!

Specific Waukesha Needs:

- A gentleman living near the library in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to drive him to Walmart on West Avenue once a week.
- A brother who is caregiving for his sister with cerebral palsy would like a volunteer to sit with his sister once per week for 1-3 hours. Volunteer would need to be comfortable interacting with his sister who is non-verbal. The need is on the weekend or in the evening.

Contact Anna for more details on how to fill our urgent needs at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

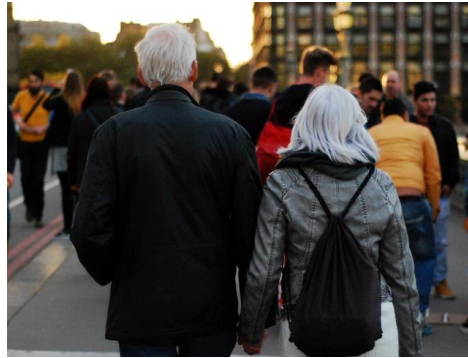
Thank you for supporting the Holiday Giving Program!

This year we gave out over 400 Holiday Giving Packages to local seniors and adults with disabilities living on a fixed income! Thank you everyone who helped to brighten others' lives. Check out this year's Holiday Giving Video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7H6k_EqIE&feature=youtu.be



What game are you watching that you'd rather be playing?

Check out Executive Director Kathy Gale's article about staying active in retirement on United Way's Speak United Blog: <https://www.unitedwaygmwc.org/Speak-United-Blog/What-game-are-you-watching-that-you-d-rather-be-playing>



Save the Date! Festival of Flowers

Benefitting



engaging generations. supporting seniors.



Location

319 S Prairie Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

Time

11am & 1pm luncheon

5:30pm wine & cheese

March 14, 2018

for more information contact:

MargaretD@ERAsWaukesha.org or (262) 522-2409

Now is your ERA to serve your community!

Are you looking for a unique and rewarding service opportunity? Join ERAs Senior Network's AmeriCorps Encore Program. AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages thousands of Americans in a dedicated term of service. ERAs is seeking individuals age 55 and older to serve in our AmeriCorps Encore Program. Service entails utilizing the skills you have acquired throughout your life experience to make an impact in the lives of others.



Please Join Us at Either of Our Informational Sessions

Menomonee Falls

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church-W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Waukesha

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Citizens Bank, Waukesha Office-2109 Corporate Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189

Please RSVP to Anna at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org. Walk-ins are welcome!

Have you submitted your hours for the year?

We need your help! Please report your volunteer hours upon completion of your service back to us! Hours reported by you helps us show how our agency is impacting the community and is one way we receive funding to continue serving Waukesha County.

- Mail your hours into our office- 210 NW Barstow, Suite 101, Waukesha, WI 53188
- Call your hours in (262) 549-3348
- Fax your hours to (262) 549-0436
- Email your hours to VolunteerManager@ERAsWaukesha.org
- Submit your hours online <https://eraswaukesha.org/volunteer/report-my-hours/>

If you submit mileage for reimbursement through ERAs, please note all signed reimbursement forms for 2017 volunteer service must be submitted by January 15, 2018. Any mileage submitted after January 15 will not be reimbursed.



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