

May 2019



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteer,

April snow showers are paving the way for May flowers! Thank you to all of our Seasonal Yard Clean Up Volunteers for being flexible during another interesting spring. We are still in need of yard clean up volunteers so please check out the Volunteer Needs section to find out how you can help this spring.

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

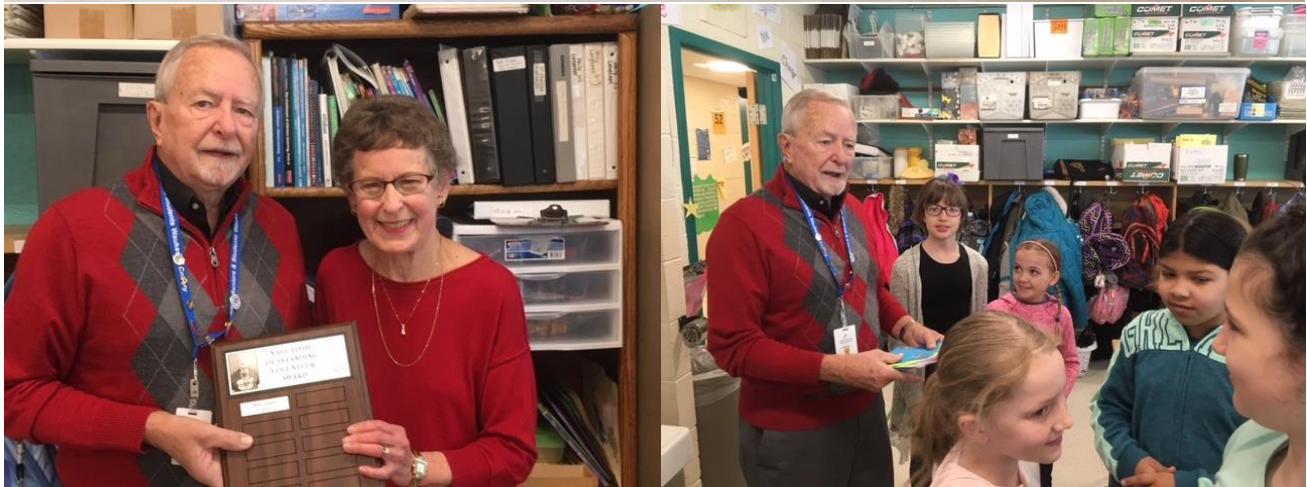
Thank you for giving your time to help support seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County! The impact of your gift will be felt by all that you serve.

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| Kayla Barth | Edward Meyer | Ernesto Dominguez |
| Kristin Belanger | Angeline Thomas | Jennifer Tyskiewicz |
| Lisa Rawski | Wendi Brown | Maggie Doyle |
| Kyle Kirk | Alexandria Pham | Kathy Rigg |
| Kody Nagel | | |



Featured Volunteer Story

Congratulations to Bill Gay, Riverside Elementary School's 2019 recipient of the Nate Timm Outstanding Volunteer Award! This memorial award is given to an RSVP volunteer at Riverside Elementary whose dedication and service have impacted student learning through the fostering of intergenerational relationships with students. Thank you for all you do, Bill!



Volunteer Needs

Spring Yard Clean Up: Gather your friends, family, coworkers, youth group, sports team, or congregation to make a difference in the lives of local seniors and adults with disabilities. Volunteers are needed during the entire month of May to provide outdoor spring cleaning assistance. Tasks include raking, cleaning first floor gutters, washing windows, weeding, clearing flower beds, trimming bushes, and placing lawn furniture in yards. Locations with large needs are Brookfield, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Sussex, and Waukesha. Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org to learn more.

Friendly Visiting Opportunities: We currently have two Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Friendly Visitor. Be a friend to a senior or an adult with a disability who is isolated and looking for someone to talk to. Opportunities are available to visit with clients in their home on an ongoing basis. Please see the attached document to read more about who these clients are and what their interests are. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Judith at (262) 522-2411 or JudithA@eraswaukesha.org.

Window Blind Installation: A client in Brookfield is looking for a volunteer to help install blinds in his home. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Painting Assistance: A client in Brookfield is looking for a volunteer to help touch up paint on her house. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Garage Door Maintenance: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help fix her garage door. She's not sure what's wrong with it, but right now it is not opening. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Volunteers Needed for Eras Tapestry Dinner

A few volunteers are still needed to help out at our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tapestry Dinner, held on Thursday, May 16th. Positions include:

- **Spotter** (3 volunteers needed): This role will be assigned a few tables to monitor during the Call to Care and Last Call Auctions. Our auctioneer will shout out bid numbers and you'll need to record them on your sheet. 6:45 – 9:00pm
- **Runner** (5 volunteers needed): This role will be paired with a Spotter who will hand you a bid log. Your job is to quickly bring this bid log to our data entry team. 6:45 – 9:00pm
- **Silent Auction Assistant:** This role will be positioned by our silent auction tables with an iPad. You will be trained on how our mobile bidding system works. During the event, guests may not have a smart phone to bid on, so they can come to you for help bidding on an item. 4:30 – 7:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org.

Silent and Live Auction Items Wanted

Auction items are needed for Eras Senior Network's Tapestry Dinner held on Thursday, May 16th, 2019. All funds raised at the event support the important programs of Eras Senior Network. Please consider donating!

Silent Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$100 - \$200)

- Basket of local favorites (cheese, beer, wine, spices)
- Popular new gadgets (air fryer, Vitamix, Kitchenaid Mixer, Instapot, Fitbit)
- Gift certificates (restaurant, massage, salon, portrait session)
- Handmade quilts
- Theatre tickets
- Art pieces

Live Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$500+)

- Use of cabin or other vacation home
- Tickets or box seats to a sporting event or show (i.e. 4 Marquette tickets)
- Culinary Experience (Chef-made meal for 8, exclusive tour of restaurant with dinner)
- Unique Experience (Hunting or fishing with a pro, backstage tour, celebrity meet and greet)

Thank you for your consideration! Every donation helps get us closer to our fundraising goal and continues to support our programs. **All items should be submitted by Monday, May 13th.** If you have questions or would like to donate, please contact Becca Wanta at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Wanta@ErasWaukesha.org

New Eras Driving Opportunity

Eras is reaching out to all volunteer drivers about an exciting opportunity to drive our new van. This van is part of the Find A Ride Network Initiative that will begin in Menomonee Falls. Volunteer drivers interested in this opportunity must be willing to commit to a set schedule, days and times yet to be determined. Rides will be provided to Menomonee Falls seniors & adults with disabilities that have healthcare appointments at Froedtert Town Hall Health Center and Community Memorial Hospital. Driver training will be provided. If you or any of your friends might be interested in this exciting new opportunity, please contact Jennifer at (262) 522-2414 or JennS@eraswaukesha.org or Sarah at SarahH@eraswaukesha.org.

Community Needs

Volunteer at Holistic Home and Hospice Care: Volunteers play an integral role in providing the high-quality care that Holistic gives to their clients. There are a wide variety of opportunities to choose from. Volunteers help in almost every aspect of hospice, ranging from direct contact with patients and their families to providing clerical, marketing and communication support for the organization. Volunteers describe their work as gratifying, intellectually stimulating, and emotionally meaningful. Holistic Home and Hospice values their volunteers greatly. For more information, please visit their [website](#). Contact Kate at (414) 231-3130 or kate.cothell@holistichh.com with any questions.

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 don't 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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