

May 2020



Dear Volunteer,

While National Volunteer Week was a couple weeks ago, we still would like to send a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. During this time we have been able to rely on you to provide the necessary services to our clients, continue connecting with students, and help us find new ways to connect with members of our community. Thank you for all that you do! Eras Senior Network would not be able to accomplish all that we do, without the support from our dedicated volunteers.

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.

Sue Gross
 Peter Bosch
 Pam Brees
 Kristin Schmit
 Abigail Fickel
 Davis Caron-Vera
 Kim Iplikci
 Margaret Velcheck
 Mary McNulty
 Sarah Hasse
 Kevin Wojtak
 Mary Moyer
 Christine Rademacher
 Amanda Schindler
 Genna Locke
 Kathleen Novack
 Sami Ahmed
 Rick Kobriger
 Debra Schneider
 Laura Stark
 Steve Dombrock
 Ken Carden

Kierstin Jagodinski
 Carmen Martens
 Ann Moore
 Tony Serksnys
 Adriana Zokan
 Dillon Steiner
 Laura Parra
 Marilyn Pritchard
 Melanie Sikma
 Stephanie Neuenfeldt
 Missy Kueht-Becker
 Terri Wantz
 Kathe Lerario
 Ashley Billo
 Gwenn Zajac
 Mathilde Racette
 Sarika Walia
 Cindy Korman
 Jeff Romuald
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 Cheryl Stenstrup
 Hannah Ulatowski
 Leslie Putz
 Mary Brill
 Michael McNulty
 Theresa Urbanek
 Jessica Kolstad
 Ann Strakulski
 Lynn Cruz
 Cathy Wickler
 Julia Gajewski
 Ricky Calvano
 Faith VanderHorst
 Claudia Felske
 Julie Plantz
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 Christopher Kurtz
 Jean Eske

Julie Heyrman
Wendy Norem
Sean McGibany
Ann Brogan
Zachary Leverenz
Nate Baer
Lisa VanLanduyt
Amy Ochowicz
Ashley Winans
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Sue Collins
Caitlin Vicini
Jim Grothey
Sheila Carignan
Mel Langlais
Mary Holtz
Carol Melody
Rebecca McGinley

Sandra Chronis
Karthik Palaniappan
Angela Ferrell
Sophie Drescher
Margaret Moynihan
Linda Kautz
Kathy Bruning
Josh Desorcy
Heather Lechner



Volunteer Needs

Porch Light Replacement: A client in Brookfield is looking for a volunteer to help change their outside porch light.

House Trim Painting: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help paint the trim on their house.

Kitchen Light Replacement: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to replace the light bulbs in her kitchen ceiling fans. The client has a ladder and replacement bulbs.

Window Caulking and Lightbulb Changes: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to caulk their windows and help with a few lightbulb changes needed in their new condo.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@ErasWaukesha.org.

Spring Yard Clean Up

Every year Eras Senior Network provides outdoor chore services to help prepare our clients yards for the coming season. There are currently 68 clients in Waukesha County who are still in need of Spring Yard Clean Up (specific locations listed below). Services include: raking winter debris, cleaning first floor gutters, washing windows, weeding, installing screens on windows, trimming bushes, and placing lawn furniture in yards. While the Safer at Home Order is still in effect, services coordinated by Eras Senior Network have been deemed an essential business organization. Volunteers are able to start completing the work at their assigned yards whenever it makes sense for you.

In order to protect our clients and volunteers, we have made some adjustments to the size of volunteer groups this year. Please read the following document which details our updated information on how the program will be running this year: [Spring Yard Clean Up - Questions & Answers](#)

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

Northwest	Northeast	Eastern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oconomowoc (5) • Hartland (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menomonee Falls (3) • Sussex (6) • Lannon (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookfield (8) • Elm Grove (1)
Central	Southeast	Southwest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waukesha (21) • Pewaukee (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Berlin (4) • Muskego (7) • Big Bend (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mukwonago (5) • Eagle (1)



Card Decorating Volunteer Opportunity

Eras Senior Network is working on printing a selection of birthday and holiday cards that will be mailed out to clients throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to take cards home, decorate them, and return them to Eras. We are still working on the specifics of the program, but if you are interested in helping, please reach out to Becca at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@ErasWaukesha.org. We will start by getting a list of interested volunteers together, and reach out to you soon with steps on how to pick up the cards.

RSVP Programs during COVID-19

The RSVP staff at Eras Senior Network is doing everything we can to make sure our volunteers continue to be engaged in the community. Although our face-to-face volunteer opportunities are on hold, including the Intergenerational Heritage Fair, we are finding new ways to connect our volunteers and students virtually.

The Literacy Café program at North Middle School is continuing virtually and some of our volunteers participated in a virtual Family and Community Literacy event through Horning Middle School. We are also pleased to report that our Pen Pal program is continuing at select Waukesha schools as well as at Riverside School in Menomonee Falls.

Although school staff has a lot on their hands, we continue to brainstorm ways to connect students and our RSVP volunteers; including exploring the opportunity to have volunteers read to students through video. We know that our students and volunteers need these intergenerational connections more than ever.

We are also hosting Virtual Volunteer Chats, using Zoom technology. These chats are a fun and easy way for you to connect with other volunteers, and us, to discuss a variety of topics. Our next meeting will be this Friday (May 8th), [click here](#) to learn more about our topic for this week and to sign up to participate. Don't worry if you aren't tech savvy, we will help you through it!

We appreciate everything you have done and continue to do as an Eras volunteer. We miss seeing all of you and look forward to the time when we can resume our normal activities. Until then, stay healthy and positive. We need you!

Cloth Face Coverings: how to make, donate, and obtain one

The CDC recommends wearing a fabric face covering while in public spaces, and some stores and medical centers are now requiring guests to wear one ([see details on CDC guidelines here](#)). We have received questions from volunteers and clients about how to make, donate, or obtain a mask.

Making a Mask: We invite you to watch our [short video tutorial](#) on how to make a simple face covering using items from your home.

Donating a Mask: If you are already making masks and looking for places to donate, we would be happy to help distribute those to our clients and volunteers.

Obtaining a Mask: If you are in need of a face covering, we have a limited supply of bandanas, a selection of disposable face masks, and have ordered a number of reusable cloth masks. If you are in need of a mask, we'll be happy to provide you with one while supplies last.

Please reach out to us by calling (262) 549-3348 or email us at Info@ErasWaukesha.org.

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