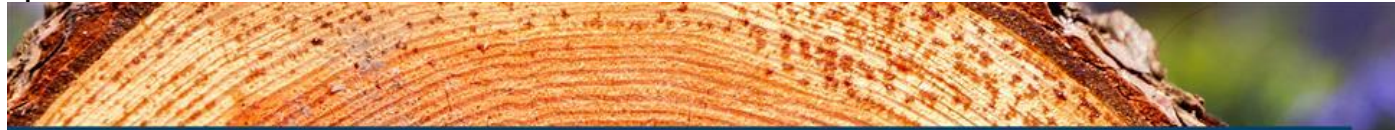


April 2021



Milwaukee County Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

National Volunteer Week is April 18th to 24th! We would like to take this opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference in their communities. Thank you so much for all of the amazing work that you do for our community. Your dedication to help seniors is truly inspiring.

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

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

Amanda Stahmann
Jessica Lockett
Rheanna Butler
Ritchard Dembinsky
Christine Piwoni
Julia Pfankuch
Gelisa Giles
Abby Wannow

Gabe Young
Charlie Hobert
Terrence Maday
Tammy Stauber
Jimmie Owens
Donna Johnson
B Delorse Harrington
Regina Taylor

Heather Ponsford
Delia Nickson
Jarrett Gunn
Colleen Gollither
Nia Taylor
Helen Waliszewski
Yvette Peterson
Tara Geshrick



Face Covering Reminder

Even with the increased distribution of vaccines, Eras Senior Network continues to follow the CDC guidelines and is requiring both clients and volunteers to wear a face covering while providing any services. If you have any questions or are in need of a mask, please let us know.

Volunteer Needs

Card Decorating Volunteer Opportunity

Are you crafty and looking for a creative outlet? Eras Senior Network has birthday cards to be decorated for seniors in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County. Pre-printed cards are available in bundles of 25. For a single person or a family, we suggest starting off with 25-50 cards. For groups, we can give up to 100 cards. Cards are available for pick up at either our Greendale, Milwaukee, or Waukesha offices and include instructions and examples. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Becca Snow at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.



Volunteers Needed for Spring Yard Clean Up

The matching for Spring Yard Clean Up has officially begun! Volunteer to help prepare clients yards for summer. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, placing lawn furniture, installing window screens, washing windows, etc.

If you are interested in helping but haven't registered yet, please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6930 ext. 6504 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.

Auction Items Needed for Tapestry Fundraising Event

The Tapestry Event is Eras Senior Network's biggest fundraiser each year. All funds raised at the event go towards supporting to our important programming. The 2021 event will be held on Thursday, September 30th. Please consider donating items for this event.

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

- Popular gadgets (air fryer, Fitbit, iPad, Dyson)
- Gift certificates/cards (restaurant, massage, car detailing, Door Dash)
- Gift cards for future travel (Airbnb, Southwest Airlines)
- Workout equipment (dumbbells, yoga mat)
- Basket of local favorites (cheese, beer, wine, spices)
- Jewelry
- Handmade quilts and artwork

Live Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$500+)

- Use of cabin or other vacation property
- Patio sets for garden, deck, or porch
- Tickets or box seats to a future sporting event or show
- 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. If you have questions or would like to donate, please contact Development Manager Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or at becca.snow@eras.org.

Community Needs

Volunteer with United Way to help distribute COVID-19 Vaccines

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is seeking volunteers to support the COVID-19 vaccination site located at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee and operated by the Milwaukee Health Department and FEMA. Volunteer opportunities begin April 5 and will run through April 30th.

Core teams of 10-15 volunteers are needed daily from 8am to 6pm to direct community members to the next available staff member who will administer their vaccine, assist community members with mobility challenges in navigating the vaccination site, and guide community members post vaccination to a number of areas, including waiting room to be monitored 15-minutes prior to departure and the exit.

This is a great opportunity for employee teams to volunteer together in groups. Full day shifts available (preferred) as well as five-hour shifts. Teams and groups of volunteers available consistently throughout the month or on a weekly basis will greatly impact the efficiency of the volunteer effort and experience. The majority of volunteer roles will require walking and standing for the entire shift but seated volunteer positions available as well. All volunteers will be asked to certify basic COVID-19 health status questions prior to volunteering. A temperature check is required at the door of the Wisconsin Center for all that enter and masks are required.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to receive vaccinations during their shift as available, free parking, water/soda provided and for full day shift volunteers, lunch is provided. United Way staff will be on-site during all shifts to welcome, orient, assign role, and support.

To register your group for this volunteer experience or to receive more details about the roles, responsibilities, and expectations please reach out to Lori Hayes at 414-837-3639 or LHayes@UnitedWayGMWC.org.

Beware of Scams

Scam artists continue to find new ways to scam people, especially seniors. Recently two scams have become more popular: The Favor Scam and COVID-19 Vaccination Scams.

- **Favor Scam:** During the Favor Scam, you may receive an email from someone you know asking you to do them a favor. When you reply to the email to ask what favor they need help with, they will reply by asking you to purchase gift cards for them or to wire money. To avoid this scam, be sure to check the email address of the sender. While the display name may be that of someone you know, the email is usually not the sender's real email. To see the full email, hover over the name of the sender until the email appears. If the email is not the correct email address, delete the email and do not reply. When in doubt, find another way to contact this person (by phone or text) to see if they truly are in need of help.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Scam:** As COVID-19 vaccine roll-outs continue, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has issued a new warning about vaccine scams. Beware of scams offering early access to COVID-19 vaccines for a fee, scammers trying to sell you a fake version of a vaccine, or phishing emails. Phishing emails or text messages will be sent to you with phony vaccine information and may ask you to share your personal information.
 - **The facts are:**
 - Payment will not gain early access to a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Medicare covers the cost of a COVID-19 vaccine for enrolled and eligible recipients.
 - Never provide personal information to someone emailing or texting you offering you the vaccine for a fee.

Visit the Federal Trade Commission's website to learn more about popular scams.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

Program Opportunities through The Milwaukee County DHHS Division on Aging

- **Savvy Caregivers Workshop:** Our Dementia Care Specialists are excited to provide the online Savvy Caregiver Workshop available to Milwaukee County family caregivers of people with dementia. Savvy Caregiver helps family caregivers acquire and strengthen knowledge, skills, and attitudes to empower them to be more intentional, strategic, and responsive in their care roles. They will gain knowledge to manage daily care, skills to adjust their approaches, and confidence to set and achieve caregiving goals. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **Healthy Living With Diabetes – A Self-Paced Program:** This at-home Program is designed to help Milwaukee County adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn self-management skills and increase their confidence in managing their diabetes. Individuals that participate in the Program learn techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes, learn about appropriate exercise, use of medication, and healthy eating strategies. Toolkits for the Program will be mailed to Participants' homes. The workshop is self-paced from the convenience of home. There will be weekly check-in calls with the workshop leader and other participants. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Contact MCDA at (414) 289-6874 for questions about resources, services, and information for Milwaukee County older adults. You can also visit the MCDA website at <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging> and the MCDA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountyDepartmentonAging>.

No Flu for You

Eras Senior Network would like to thank you for keeping your neighbors and community safe by getting your influenza vaccination this season.

It's never too early to add a reminder in your calendar for next influenza season, as vaccinations begin in September for the 2021-2022 influenza season.

For more please visit [the Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](https://www.cdc.gov/).



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!

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Attachments

 2021 Savvy Caregiver Flyer.pdf	1K
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