

April 2022



Dear Volunteer,

National Volunteer Week is April 17th to the 23rd! 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 the amazing work that you do for our community. Your dedication to help older adults is truly inspiring.

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

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



Driving Safety Tips Every Responsible Driver Should Know

Thank you to all our Eras Volunteer Drivers for driving safely! Here are some tips from Nationwide that we wanted to share with you.

Defensive Driving: When motorists use accident-preventing techniques with a focus on driving safely. To practice defensive driving, follow these tips:

- Be aware of what other drivers around you are doing and expect the unexpected.
- Assume other motorists will do something crazy, and always be prepared to avoid it.
- Keep a 2-second cushion between you and the car in front of you (4-second cushion if the weather is bad).

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 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org



Celebrate Earth Day by Helping Clean Up the Harambee Neighborhood

Eras is partnering with other local organizations to clean up the Harambee neighborhood on Earth Day Friday, April 22nd.

Volunteers will be assigned a group and given a map, garbage pickers, and garbage bags to help clean up their designated areas. Details are as follows:

- **Volunteer Meeting Location:** Pete's Fruit Market at 2323 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Event date:** Friday, April 22nd, 2022
- **Event time:** 11 am - 3 pm *Volunteers should arrive by 10 am to help set up*
- See attached flyer for more details on how you can help!

Interested in volunteering your time on Earth Day to make our community a little prettier? Contact Freda Wright at (414) 488-6927 or Freda.Wright@Eras.org

Elder Abuse and How to Better Serve Victims of Abuse

The Wisconsin Department of Justice is offering free, one-day in-person trainings for direct service providers, including volunteers, to gain better knowledge on elder abuse and how to better serve victims of abuse. Details are as follows:

- **Event Dates:** April 26th or May 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Event Location:** Wauwatosa Public Library at 7635 W North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI

We encourage those who would find this information useful to attend and bring others who would benefit as well!

For more information and to register for this free event follow this link : <https://wisdoj.eventsair.com/direct-services-elder-abuse-training---wauwatosa>

Tapestry Event 2022

We cordially invite you to attend Eras Senior Network's annual Tapestry Event. This event is our largest fundraiser of the year, raising important funds to support local older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County. Our Tapestry Event is returning to an in-person format this year and will be held at the Sonesta Milwaukee West in Wauwatosa on April 28th, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

What Do Tickets Cover?

Tickets to the Tapestry Event provide each guest with their choice of plated dinner and wine pour. A portion of each ticket supports the programs of Eras Senior Network - with many more donation opportunities available throughout the evening.

In-Person/Online Auction: Can't attend in person? You can still participate in our silent auction using our mobile bidding option!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your tickets today. Tickets may be purchased individually or in tables of eight.

Please direct any questions to Becca Snow, Development Manager, at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.

Volunteers Needed for Tapestry Event

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this year's Tapestry Event. Opportunities include Set Up, Photographer, Silent and Live Auction assistance, and Clean Up. Interested volunteers can [sign up here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.



Tapestry Event & Fundraiser

Join Eras Senior Network for our most significant fundraiser of the year, raising support for older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Thursday, April 28th, 2022

Sonesta Milwaukee West | 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Honoring Two Community Senior Advocates:

Robert Best, 2022 Edmond J. Vaklyes Jr. Memorial Award

Delorse Harrington, 2022 Board of Directors Award

Register online at Eras.org or call (262) 522-2409

Early bird ticket price: \$75 through March 31st. Ticket prices increase to \$100 April 1st.

Seeking Auction Items for Tapestry 2022

We are so excited to host our 2022 Tapestry Event in person this year. With the help of the community, last year's virtual event was a huge success and helped us raise funds to support our programming.

Please help get us closer to our fundraising goal of \$75,000 during the Tapestry Event by donating items for the in-person/online auction. All funds raised at the event support older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

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

- Popular gadgets (Polaroid Camera, Apple Watch, Smart Security Camera)
- Gift certificates/cards for local restaurants, massages, car detailing
- Gift cards for future travel (Airbnb, Southwest Airlines)
- Gifts for kids (puzzles, collectibles, games)
- Workout equipment (dumbbells, yoga mat)
- High-quality handbags
- Experiences (nice restaurants, event tickets, theatre tickets, kid's events)

- Basket of local favorites (cheese, beer, wine, spices)
- Handmade artwork, photography, quilts

Silent Auction or Live Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$500+)

- One-of-a-kind items (autographed sports memorabilia, etc.)
- Patio sets for garden, deck or porch
- Use of cabin or other vacation homes (local or national)
- Vacation experiences in Chicago or Wisconsin Dells
- Tickets or box seats to a sporting event or show (Marquette tickets, Packer tickets)
- Culinary Experience (Chef-made meal for 8, exclusive tour of restaurant with dinner)
- Unique Experience (tour or behind the scene experience, celebrity meet and greet, hunting or fishing with a pro)

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Becca Snow, Development Manager at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.



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!

** If you have questions about submitting hours please [contact us](#).



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Attachments



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