

December 2021



Dear Volunteer,

Every year, on December 5th we celebrate International Volunteer Day. This day is an opportunity to promote volunteerism and recognize all the work that volunteers do. Over the past two years, Eras Senior Network has relied on our volunteers more than ever to step up and help support our clients and community. Thank you for everything that you do and continue to do.

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.



Volunteer Reminders

Eras Mask Policy: Eras Senior Network continues to require masks in our offices and during all volunteer activities. Both clients and volunteers should be wearing a mask during all service activities.

Driving Policy Reminder: A reminder to all volunteer drivers that all rides (medical, grocery, or other) need to be organized through Eras. For volunteers to be covered under our agency insurance, Eras staff needs documentation of your rides. We know many of you have developed a relationship with clients and they might call you directly to schedule rides. If you plan a ride on your own, we need either you or the client to call Eras and let a staff member know when and where that ride will be occurring.

Volunteer Needs

Internet Help: A client in Franklin needs a volunteer to help connect a modem and router for an internet connection. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vicki at (414) 488-6500 ext. 6502 or Vicki.Henning@Eras.org.

Fix Garbage Disposal: A client in Milwaukee (53218) needs a volunteer to help fix their garbage disposal. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6500 ext. 6504 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.

Fall Yard Clean Up

There are 3 clients who are still looking to be matched with a volunteer to help with their yard work this season. The current needs are listed below, if you are able to help any of these clients before the snow falls, please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6500 ext. 6504 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.

Glendale	raking leaves (round two)
Milwaukee (53206)	raking leaves (round two)
Milwaukee (53222)	raking leaves, trimming bushes



Snow Removal

There are over 20 clients in need of snow removal help this winter. Volunteers will be matched with a senior in their community to remove snow from their driveway and sidewalk. Volunteers can help individually, with their family, or with a group of friends (rotating throughout the season). The current needs are listed below, if you are able to help any of these clients, please contact Gabby at (414) 488-6781 or Gabby.Huff@Eras.org.

Milwaukee (53206)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53212)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53215)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53216)	(4) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53218)	(1) has shovel and snowblower (3) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53219)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53222)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53224)	(2) unsure if they have equipment
Milwaukee (53225)	(1) unsure if they have equipment
Oak Creek	(2) unsure if they have equipment
Saint Francis	(1) unsure if they have equipment
West Allis	(3) unsure if they have equipment



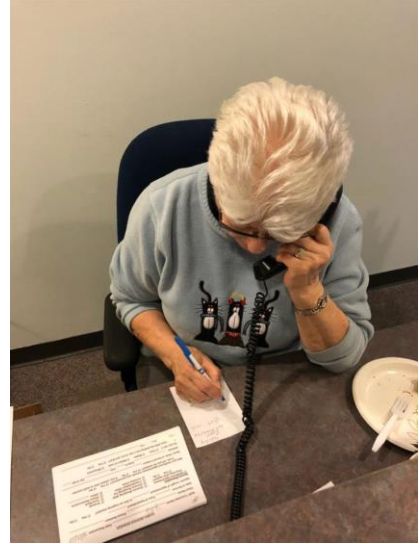
Volunteers Needed for Friendly Phone Call Program

We are putting out a call for volunteers to join the Friendly Phone Call program! This program pairs a client and a volunteer up to have regular conversations by phone. This program seeks to decrease social isolation and reduce the feelings of loneliness in our senior clients.

How does it work?

- The volunteer will complete an application then be screened and matched with a senior client.
- The volunteer calls the client to introduce themselves and, along with the client, decides how often they should connect and when.
- After each call, the volunteer lets Eras know whether they were able to connect with the client (by a quick email, phone call, or online survey).
- Repeat!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, or you have questions about the program, please contact Gabby at (414) 488-6931 or Gabby.Huff@Eras.org.



An Update on Eras Senior Network's 2021 Santa 5K Run & Walk

Out of respect to everyone effected by the tragic events during the Waukesha Parade, **this year's event will now be a virtual only event, and we will no longer need volunteers to help.** By changing to a virtual event, we will not require the Waukesha police department personnel to devote resources to our run, at a time when they are needed for investigations and dealing with their own trauma from the events of November 21.

All registrants will be converted to a virtual registration and able to complete their run or walk between December 5, 2021 – December 13, 2021. Information on how to download the RaceJoy app and participate in the virtual race will be sent in the days prior to December 5th.

T-shirt pickup will still be on Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th.

- Friday, December 3rd, 2021, 3pm to 6pm within Eras Senior Network's Community Room: Eras Senior Network located at 2607 N Grandview Blvd, Suite 150, Waukesha WI 53188. Please come to Door A on the south side of the office building, take the elevator to Floor 1, turn left off the elevator and follow the signs to Eras Senior Network Community Room.
- Saturday December 4th, 2021, 10am to 1pm Drive Up T-shirt Pickup outside Eras Senior Network: Packet Pickup outside Eras Senior Network located at 2607 N Grandview Blvd, Suite 150, Waukesha WI 53188. Please come to Door A on the south side of the building and follow the signs.

If you have any questions, please email Becca Snow at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409. Thank you for your support of our mission and your flexibility with this year's event.

Holiday Giving Donations

We are less than one week away from our Holiday Giving Program donation due date.

We are providing 881 older adults with a self-sufficiency holiday gift this year. Each gift will be mailed in a hand-decorated holiday card and will include stamps and gift cards to purchase groceries and medication. Our goal is to provide each recipient with \$60 in gift cards – but we'll need more donations to reach that goal.

We ask you to please consider making a donation to support the Holiday Giving Program.

To support the program, you can either:

- Make a financial donation online
- Mail in or drop off a donation of gift cards and stamps

Wish List

- Books of Forever Stamps
- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards

Unwrapped Items and funds collected to purchase gifts are due by December 13th, 2021.

Mailing Your Donation: If you are able to mail your donation to us, please do so to help with social distancing. Donations of items or funds to purchase items can be mailed to:

Eras Senior Network (Attn: Becca Snow)
2607 N Grandview Blvd Suite 150
Waukesha, WI 53188

Dropping Off Your Donation or Scheduling a Pick-Up:

Waukesha County: Donations may be dropped off at our Waukesha office (same address as above) Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Please note, during this time, all visitors entering the office building and Eras suite are required to wear a face covering. We are happy to coordinate a curbside pick-up if you would prefer to remain in your vehicle.

Milwaukee County: Donations may be dropped off at our Milwaukee County offices located in the YWCA and St. Alphonsus Parish in Greendale between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. To drop off at the YWCA, please reach out to Vanessa.Harris@Eras.org to schedule a time. To drop off at St. Alphonsus in Greendale, please reach out to Vicki.Henning@Eras.org to schedule a time. Please note, all guests entering our offices are asked to wear a mask at this time. We are happy to accommodate a curbside pick-up if you would prefer to stay in your vehicle.

Eras Senior Network c/o YWCA
Attn: Vanessa Harris
1915 N Doctor MLK Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Eras Senior Network
Attn: Vicki Henning
5960 W Loomis Road
Greendale, WI 53129

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our Holiday Giving Program! Please contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@Eras.org 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!

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



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