

June 2021



Dear Volunteer,

June marks the official start of summer and this year it is filled with a hopefulness that we can soon begin to connect and gather together again. Read below to see how you can continue to be involved in your community. Thank you so much for everything you 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.

Nancy Halaka
 Aneita Taylor-Service
 Shelli Kanter
 Zack Schwarz
 Mercedes Boyce
 Jeffery Jackson
 Rachel Kohli

Michael Armanious
 Maribel Rodriguez
 Tyler Donahue
 Kevin Brown
 Collin Jendrzejek
 Candy Prasnick
 Yolanda Wolfson

Trish Nunez
 Martina Patterson
 Tegan Berg
 Joseph Pipitone
 Gavin DiMaggio
 Quintasia Carr
 Patricia Archibald



Volunteer Driving Ride Types

As Eras starts to accept additional shopping requests from our clients, we wanted to review the five different volunteer driving opportunities that you can sign up for.

- **HC – Healthcare Transportation** (doctor, dentist, medical appointment, etc.)
- **E – Errands** (only in Waukesha County: go to the bank, library, etc.)
- **SW – Shopping With Client** (the client comes to the store with you)
- **SF – Shopping For Client** (you pick up the groceries and bring them to the client)
- **TO – Other Transportation** (Milwaukee County: bank, library, etc.) (Waukesha County: meet with career counselor, etc.)

If you are not currently driving but would like to help out, please reach out to Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Reporting Volunteer Hours on the Portal

A reminder to all volunteer drivers using the online volunteer portal: After you have completed a ride, please only mark the ride as complete if you are also going to enter in the time it took you. If you mark the ride as complete without entering the time, it automatically reports a time of zero hours and you will not get credit for the ride you provided.

Thank You Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers!

Eras Senior Network would like to send a huge thank you to all of our Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers. Your time and effort allows many seniors to remain living independently in their home of choice. Thank you for taking the time to help those in your community.

A special shout out to Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin who helped this season in a big way. Your groups were able to help so many of our clients and we truly appreciate your partnership!

Eras is working on matching summer groups with various outdoor opportunities as there are still several clients looking for outdoor help this season. If you are able to help, please contact Suzy and she can let you know if there are opportunities available in your area either now or potentially later in the month. Contact Suzy at (414) 488-6500 ext. 6504 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.



Volunteer Needs

Install Curtain Rod: A client in Milwaukee (53218) is in need of a volunteer to help install brackets and put up a curtain rod in the bathroom.

Trip to the Dump: A client in Milwaukee (53210) is in need of a volunteer to help haul away a bunch of rubbish (wood from an old fence and an old tv satellite).

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6500 ext. 6504 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.

Lawn Mowing: Clients throughout Milwaukee County are in need of lawn care this summer. Volunteer to be matched with a client and help them mow their lawn throughout the season. This opportunity is flexible around your schedule and dependent on how fast the grass grows! Below is a list of locations that clients are currently in need of help.

- Cudahy (1 client)
- Greendale (1 client)
- Greenfield (1 client)
- Milwaukee (7 clients)
- Oak Creek (1 client)
- South Milwaukee (1 client)

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sophia at (414) 488-6929 or Sophia.Franklin@Eras.org.

Seeking Friendly Phone Call Volunteers

Eras is seeking additional volunteers to place ongoing friendly phone calls to local isolated seniors and adults with disabilities. Volunteers call our clients 2 to 4 times per month and engage in friendly conversation to help ease the feelings of loneliness. After each call, volunteers are asked to fill out a short online survey which helps Eras staff members identify any additional needs our clients may have. This can be a short-term volunteer opportunity during the summer, or you can commit to calling as long as you and the client wish to participate in the program. Most calls are around 20 minutes in length, but call lengths vary based on the preference of the client you're calling.

If you'd like to learn more about how to partake in this easy and rewarding program, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser



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Thursday, September 30, 2021

Live music starting at 5:30 PM | Program 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Our Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser will be virtual again in 2021. We invite you to join us on September 30th for music, a short program, and two entertaining breakout sessions. Funds raised support the programs of Eras Senior Network, serving over 2,600 older adults and adults with disabilities in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Online registration is free and available now! [Click HERE](#)

Seeking Auction Items for Tapestry Fundraiser Event

The Tapestry Event is Eras Senior Network's biggest fundraiser each year. All funds raised at the event go towards supporting our 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.

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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