

May 2022



Dear Volunteer,

May is Older Americans Month! With the help of all our volunteers, Eras has been able to help older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County stay in their homes and age in a way that is comfortable for them. Because of the services our volunteers provide, older adults have the option to continue living independently and contribute to their communities. Thank you for all you do both this month, and throughout the rest of the year.

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.



Thank you for an amazing National Volunteers Week in April!

Eras volunteers are incredible year-round, but this Spring we wanted to help clients share their gratitude as well. Eras' client, Mary, shared her family recipe for Amish Sugar Cookies with volunteers in our community. We hope you were able to enjoy a few cookies from Mary's recipe. Pictured here are the cookies that Eras volunteer, Jay, made with his family. In Jay's words, "They're delicious!" A sincere thank you from the whole Eras community for all that you do to move our mission forward and help older adults remain independent and supported.

- Gabby Huff, Volunteer Director



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.

Make a safe driving plan

- Build time into your trip schedule to stop for food, rest breaks, phone calls, or other business.
- Adjust your seat, mirrors, and climate controls before putting the car in gear.
- Pull over to eat or drink. It only takes a few minutes.

Eras Website Updates

Over the next several weeks Eras will be making some updates to our website www.Eras.org. All the information you are used to having at your fingertips will still be available, but it may look a little different next time you visit us online. Rest assured, we think these changes will make the website easier to use. Please feel free to reach out to us if you need assistance.

Volunteer Needs

Walker Fix: A client in Greenfield needs his walker fixed that had the wheels fall off. Needs some bushings.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah at (414) 488-6931 or Sarah.Kiefer@Eras.org.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Yard Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to clean up the yards of community older adults to get ready for Summer! Volunteer duties include : raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, placing lawn furniture, installing window screens, washing windows, etc. This is a great volunteer opportunity to do as an individual, as a family, with friends, with a work group, or a church group!

We still have over 100 yards to clean and have the greatest need for volunteers to do Spring Yard Clean Up in the following areas:

- The City of Milwaukee
- Sherman Park
- Granville
- West Allis
- West Milwaukee
- Greenfield

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



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 an Eras client with a volunteer to have regular conversations by phone. The Friendly Phone Call program is a longer-term commitment (12+ weeks) and seeks to decrease social isolation and reduce feelings of loneliness in our clients.

How does it work?

- The volunteer will complete an application, be screened, and matched with a client(s).
- The volunteer calls the client to introduce themselves and, along with the client, decides when and how often they should connect (usually between 2-4 times a month, with calls typically lasting 20 minutes or less - but may be longer if time permits).
- After each call, the volunteer lets Eras know whether they were able to connect with the client (through a quick email, phone call, or online survey).
- If a client asks for a ride, assistance, resources, or has questions or concerns, volunteers should refer them to our main line. Eras staff will follow up on any additional needs that the client has.
- Repeat!

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



Volunteers Needed For the Juneteenth Parade

We are looking for volunteers to help out during the Juneteenth parade held in Milwaukee this year. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables, chairs, tents and assist wherever they are needed. There will be a lot of walking and standing involved, so please, only sign up if you are able and have walking shoes.

The parade will be held **Sunday, June 19th, 2022** from 9:00am - 11:00am; **volunteers will need to be present 8:00am - 12:00pm.**



If you are interested in volunteering or more information, please contact Freda at (414) 488-6927 or Freda.Wright@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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