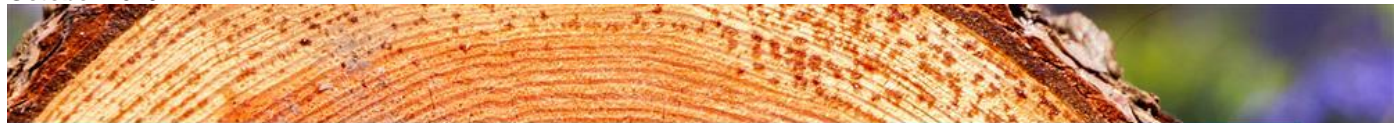


October 2020



Milwaukee County Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

Fall is officially here and that means we are starting to gear up for our Fall Yard Clean Up events! Grab a rake and help us prepare clients' yards for the winter.

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.

Joe Laprad
 Kennedy Latham
 Kayla Kruczek
 Nickolas Ross
 Fayth Cook
 Margaret Parker
 Stephanie Zindl
 Stephanie Erickson
 Liz Veu
 Savannah Nelson
 Franchesca Santiago
 Kymarie Kuster
 Nathan Digmann

Raechal Murray
 Lizabeth Raffel
 Morgan Greiber
 Camryn Ryan
 Julia Teumer
 Mitchell Brown
 Jozee Schoenoff
 Pauline Grant
 Dianne Bridges
 Ali Nawaz
 Jennifer Anderson
 Marie Cima
 Iniah Boles

Adyson Leonard
 Morgan Jackson
 Cal Owens
 Mackenzie Corbett
 Nicole Wellenstein
 Matthew Young
 Rachel Davis
 Kelly Saunders
 Emma Grogan
 Corina Drzewiecki
 Rasha Moore
 Olga Patryarcha



Volunteer Reminder

As a volunteer, you are serving as the eyes and ears for our clients. If you see any changes or decline in a client's health, please let us know. Eras Staff are here to help and provide resources to our clients. Thank you for everything that you do!

Volunteer Drivers - Confirmation and Thank You Emails

If you are a volunteer driver you may have noticed some new emails being sent to you. If you sign up for a ride on the portal, you will receive a Confirmation email after signing up, as well as a Thank You email after the date of a scheduled ride has past. We are working towards everyone receiving these emails, regardless of how you sign up. This is an automated email that will list the clients name, the date of the ride, and the location you took them. You are welcome to respond directly to this email to report your hours for that ride, or you are welcome to continue reporting hours however you have in the past (email, phone call, [online form](#)).

Volunteer Needs

Yard Work Requests: A client in Milwaukee (53225) is looking for a volunteer to help with a couple different outdoor projects. These do not need to be completed by the same volunteer, at the same time. Projects are listed below.

- Put screw in downspout
- Remove branches from garage roof
- Remove bird house from the top of a door

If you are able to help, please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6930 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.

Fall Yard Clean Up Volunteers Needed

The leaves are falling, and the matches have begun being made for this year's Fall Yard Clean Up program. Volunteer to help clients prepare their yards for winter. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, removing lawn furniture, removing window screens, washing windows, etc.

Fall Yard Clean Up occurs during the months of October and November (ideally once the leaves have fallen). Let us know what size yard, area, and date you prefer, and we'll match you with a client in need.

For more information, please contact Suzy at (414) 488-6930 or Suzanne.Endres@Eras.org.



Santa Run

Get in the holiday spirit! Registration is open for our *Virtual* 5K Santa Run & Walk!

The 2020 Santa Run & Walk benefitting Eras Senior Network will begin on Sunday, December 6th, 2020, and participants have through Sunday, December 13th to complete their 5K.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Registration is \$20 for students and \$25 for adults now through 11:59pm October 31st. Adult prices increase to \$30 on November 1, 2020. Secure your shirt or sweatshirt by registering before 10:00am, November 16th.

What is new this year?

- Access to the virtual event from anywhere through the app, RaceJoy
- Share your photos with us! Sport your favorite holiday costumes while completing your race, snap a picture and tag #erasvirtualsantarun. We will share on our social medias!

Registered participants can choose between an adult-sized or child-sized long-sleeved t-shirt OR an adult-sized crewneck sweatshirt.



2020 winning logo and shirt color

If you have questions, please contact Becca Snow at Becca.Snow@Eras.org.

Support the Holiday Giving Program

Since 2004, Eras Senior Network has provided self-sufficiency care packages to isolated and low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. This year, Eras is excited to work with the community to provide gifts to up to 1,100 older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County. This is our highest number of recipients ever! Due to COVID-19, we are mailing all of our gifts in a holiday card and focusing on the most basic needs. While our wish list has fewer items, we aim to serve more than double the number of clients we served in 2019. Please help us give \$50 in gift cards and postage stamps to each of our recipients.

We encourage you to help collect donations to make this year's Holiday Giving packages meaningful for our community's seniors.

Holiday Giving Wish List:

- \$10 Walgreens gift cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save gift cards
- \$10 Walmart gift cards
- Books of Forever Stamps

Donation Drop Off: To include your contribution in this year's packages, please donate your unwrapped gifts by Monday, December 14th, 2020. Please also include receipts or value with each gift card.

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 8:30am and 4:30pm. 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:** We are happy to organize a drop off at one of our Milwaukee County offices, or a pick-up of donations in Milwaukee County. Please contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@Eras.org to schedule.

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.

Community Needs



**Keep more
of your
Medicare
money
each month!**



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Department on Aging

For more information and
to see if you are eligible
call **(414) 289-6874** or visit
[county.milwaukee.gov/aging](https://www.milwaukee.gov/aging)

Wisconsin Festival of Books

As part of the 2020 Wisconsin Festival of Books, join authors Ellyn Lem, Ph.D. and Ann Basting, Ph.D. as they discuss their books *Gray Matters: Finding Meaning in the Stories of Later Life* and *Creative Care: A Revolutionary Approach to Dementia and Elder Care*. Lisa Baudoin from Books & Company will lead them in conversation on Saturday November 7th at 7pm. See the attached flyer for more information and visit <https://www.booksco.com> to register in advance.

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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