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Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteers,

Do you know someone looking for a meaningful volunteer experience? Send them our way! We have plenty of opportunities to stay involved in the community and give back. Have them contact Anna at 262-522-2402 or email AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Urgent Needs

Pen Pal Program in Menomonee Falls

The Pen Pal Program is a wonderful opportunity to bring generations together through exchanging letters. Senior volunteers and students are able to learn from another generation while helping students practice their reading and writing skills. We need Pen Pal volunteers in Menomonee Falls to correspond with 5th grade students monthly. The program runs November to May. In May, the senior volunteer and the student meet face to face at a Pen Pal party hosted by the school. For more information please call Dawn at (262) 617-8061 or email DawnH@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Receptionists Needed

ERAs is in need of 2 new receptionists- One on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and one on Fridays from 9am-12pm. Congratulations to Rudy (former Tuesday Receptionist) on becoming an AmeriCorps Member for our program and for Marilyn (former Friday Receptionist) on her retirement after 8 years as our receptionist.

Receptionist tasks include answering the phone and transferring calls to appropriate staff, greeting people as they come in, and other office projects like stuffing envelopes and organizing donations.

Eagle Drivers

Do you live in Eagle? We are looking for some drivers to commit to driving two new clients out in the area. Rides would be scheduled through ERAs and arranged a week prior to the event. Help give this couple independence by providing transportation.

Contact Anna for more details on how to fill our urgent needs at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to Froedert, the Medical College of Wisconsin and Mortenson Construction for your continual support! This group took on over 15 yards last year as a company. This year they've committed to even more by increasing the size of their group!



ERAs would also like to thank the Griffith family and the work they put in for one of our clients. They made 4 trips to this client's home to control the weeds surrounding her hidden vegetable garden. They've spent hours weed whacking, pulling tomato cages, and hauling debris from her yard. This client is in her 90's and could no longer care for her yard so Kim's family took on the challenge and succeeded. Thank you for helping this client maintain her independence!

Name Change FAQ

Still have questions about our name change? Watch the video by clicking the link below to hear Heather explain some of the frequently asked questions.

<http://www.eraswaukesha.org/wp-content/uploads/ERAs-FAQ.mp4>

Have you met our new team members?

Rudy joined ERAs in 2014 as a volunteer driver. Since joining he has also gained experience as an ambassador, assessor, office receptionist, and mentored elementary and high school students through our RSVP Program. As of September, Rudy has hung up his RSVP volunteer hat and put on the A as a Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps member. As an AmeriCorps member serving at ERAs, he will help in program coordination and volunteer recruitment focusing his efforts out in the Menomonee Falls School District.



Serving alongside Rudy is Lori Hartig. She has also committed to serving 1700 hours helping ERAs Senior Network recruit new volunteers to expand programming, as well as, coordinating Waukesha Pen Pals and assisting with Readers Café at Banting. She is excited to be here working in the community in which she resides!



Frances Sleger, former Volunteer Coordinator at ERAs, will continue serving her second term of service with us through a different AmeriCorps program: Public Allies. She will be working with research and data to measure the impact of our partnerships and programs, as well as, support various collective impact initiatives. Additionally, she will support our multi-sector projects by creating engagement plans that will promote productive working collaborations.



Have you registered to participate in our Santa Run yet?



Fall Prevention Workshop- FREE!

Community Care's Director of Rehab Services and Physical Therapist, Kelly Schroeder will be leading the workshop. Kelly has been practicing since 2005 and received her Doctorate from Concordia University.

When: Tuesday, October 10th

Time: 10:00am-11:20am

Where: Community Care Adult Day Center- 1801 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186

If you, a loved one, or someone you care for is at risk for falls, this is for you!

RSVP is appreciated (but not required), please call Jamie at 262-953-8590.

Submit Your Hours

Thank you for all you do to help make Waukesha County a stronger community! Please remember to submit your hours each month. Reporting hours is important not only for the clients and the volunteers, but for numerous grants and agencies that we work with.

Submit your hours on our [website](#) OR [email](#) them to us!



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