

September 2020



# Waukesha County Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

September usually means the start of a new school year and an exciting new season for our volunteers. This year looks quite different than what we are used to, but we are still working hard to create meaningful opportunities for both our volunteers and students. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who work to engage students in and out of the classroom. You contribute so much to this community and we are grateful for all the work that you do.

## Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

Thank you for giving your time to help support seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County! The impact of your gift will be felt by all that you serve.

Joe Kozenski  
 Judy Buchanan  
 Alexander Zhu  
 Cindy Fryda  
 Nina Knisbeck

Shannon Fox  
 Robin Schreck  
 Sabrina Huang  
 Eileen Schalk  
 Annette Hay

Renee Bartelak  
 Rachel Killion  
 Suzanne Benevenga  
 Marlene Phelps  
 Patrick Toth



## Volunteer Driver Reminder to Call Clients

If you have signed up to take a client somewhere, please remember to call clients the day before their requested ride to confirm the details of the trip. Plan to call clients during our normal business hours (9am-4pm) so we can help with any potential issues that may come up. If you are unable to call during business hours the day before, please plan on calling 2 days before the scheduled ride.

## Volunteer Needs

**Window Caulking and Lightbulb Changes:** A client in Menomonee Falls is looking for a volunteer to caulk their windows and help with a few lightbulb changes needed in their new condo.

**Railing Painting:** A client in Delafield is looking for a volunteer to help sand and stain their two outdoor railings (first story is 10 feet long, second story is 20 feet long).

**Soffit Painting:** A client in Muskego is looking for a volunteer to help paint the soffits on the outside of his house. He has the materials needed for the job.

**Lawn Mowing:** We have two clients in Muskego who are still in need of Lawn Mowing for the remainder of the season. One client has a lawn mower for a volunteer to use and the other client does not, so you would need to provide your own.

**Yard Work Requests:** Several clients are in need of some additional yard work help. Below are the client locations and requests.

Eagle	Weeding and trimming around 10 trees that lawnmower cannot cut
Mukwonago	Weeding and trimming bushes
Muskego	Trimming hedges, weeding, transplant a small area of Hosta plants and fill empty space with soil
Muskego	Trimming shrubs, hauling brush and leaves away
New Berlin	Trimming bushes
New Berlin	Weeding, trimming bushes
New Berlin	Cleaning flower beds, gutters, weeding, trimming bushes
Oconomowoc	Gutters, putting up a box of flooring she can't lift in garage

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or [Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org).

## Telephone Reassurance Opportunities

We currently have four Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Telephone Reassurance volunteer. Volunteers are asked to call these clients to increase socialization with the goal to eventually do in-person friendly visits at the client's home. With the current CDC recommendations for social distancing, in-home visits are on pause until recommendations have changed in effort to protect both volunteers and clients.

**See the attached document to read more about the clients and their interests.**

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or [Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org](mailto:Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org).

## Volunteers Needed for Fall Yard Clean Up

It's hard to believe we are already talking about Fall Yard Clean Up but volunteer matching for this event will begin later this month. If you have never shown an interest in this program before and are able to help this season, please reach out and let us know. We will add you to the list of interested volunteers and reach out with more information when it is time to start matching.

Volunteers will 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.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or [Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org).

## Virtual Tapestry Event Registration Now Open!

[Free registration is now open](#) for our Virtual Tapestry Event on Thursday, September 24th!

The Virtual Tapestry Event, presented by ProHealth Care, will feature program stories, honor Community Volunteer Pat Knuth with the Edmond J. Vaklyes Jr. Memorial Award, include and conclude with entertaining breakout sessions with options for the whole family.

The event also includes an online auction starting at noon on Monday, September 21st and closing at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more, please visit our [website](#). We hope you join us on September 24<sup>th</sup>!



### *Entertaining Breakout Sessions*



MARTY'S LIVE  
"PRUNED" FLORAL  
DEMONSTRATION



MILWAUKEE'S FINEST  
JAZZ MUSIC BY THE  
TERRY SMIRL TRIO



LEARN TO CARTOON  
WITH LAWRENCE  
(MURF) MURPHY



CHILDREN'S  
STORY WITH RSVP  
VOLUNTEER



TIMESLIPS: CREATIVE  
ENGAGEMENT THROUGH  
BEAUTIFUL QUESTIONS

## 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](mailto:Becca.Snow@Eras.org).

## Medicare 101

Join us for a virtual webinar on the basics of Medicare on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:00 PM. The session will include an objective overview of the options and benefits offered through Medicare.

- Understand the A, B, C, and D of Medicare
- How to enroll & free enrollment assistance
- No Sales
- No Insurance

For complete details view the attached document and visit: [county.milwaukee.gov/aging/Medicare101](http://county.milwaukee.gov/aging/Medicare101)

## 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!

\*\*Pen Pals and School Tutors do not need to submit hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets. If you have questions about submitting hours please [contact us](#).





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### Attachments

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 <a href="#">03092020101659_Friendly Visiting Opportunities (September 2020).pdf</a>	1K
 <a href="#">03092020101705_Medicare Virtual Series Flyer 2020.pdf</a>	1K

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