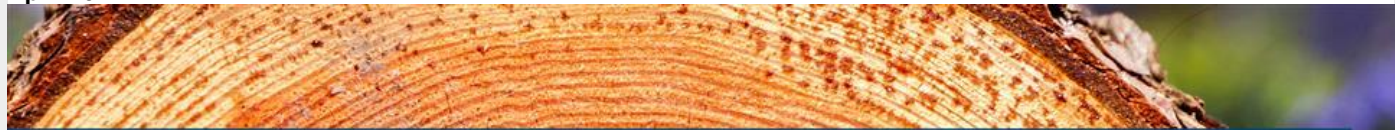


April 2021



Waukesha County Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

National Volunteer Week is April 18th to 24th! We would like to take this opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference in their communities. Thank you so much for all of the amazing work that you do for our community. Your dedication to help seniors and adults with disabilities is truly inspiring.

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.

Allan Bulgrin
Joel Vana
Nancy Siemering
Nancy Arena
Jamie Fraundorf
Robert Groninger

Joan Brandstaetter
Diane Kescenovitz
Anisia Matejic
Tanya Matejic
Mary Heinen
Stephanie Roark

Kelsey Bachman
Leann Duff
Diane Christopherson
Anne Moore
Veronica Wykpisz



Face Covering Reminder

Even with the increased distribution of vaccines, Eras Senior Network continues to follow the CDC guidelines and is requiring both clients and volunteers to wear a face covering while providing any services. If you have any questions or are in need of a mask, please let us know.

Volunteer Needs

Telephone Reassurance Opportunities

We currently have three Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Telephone Reassurance volunteer. Volunteers are asked to call these clients on a regular basis to increase socialization. See the attached document to read more about the clients and their interests.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like to learn more about any of the clients seeking Telephone Reassurance, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org.

Card Decorating Volunteer Opportunity

Are you crafty and looking for a creative outlet? Eras Senior Network has birthday cards to be decorated for seniors in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County. Pre-printed cards are available in bundles of 25. For a single person or a family, we suggest starting off with 25-50 cards. For groups, we can give up to 100 cards. Cards are available for pick up at either our Greendale, Milwaukee, or Waukesha offices and include instructions and examples. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Becca Snow at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.



Volunteers Needed for Spring Yard Clean Up

The matching for Spring Yard Clean Up has officially begun! Volunteer to help prepare clients yards for summer. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, placing lawn furniture, installing window screens, washing windows, etc.

If you are interested in helping but haven't registered yet, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Auction Items Needed for Tapestry Fundraising Event

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

Community Needs

Volunteer with United Way to help distribute COVID-19 Vaccines

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is seeking volunteers to support the COVID-19 vaccination site located at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee and operated by the Milwaukee Health Department and FEMA. Volunteer opportunities begin April 5 and will run through April 30th.

Core teams of 10-15 volunteers are needed daily from 8am to 6pm to direct community members to the next available staff member who will administer their vaccine, assist community members with mobility challenges in navigating the vaccination site, and guide community members post vaccination to a number of areas, including waiting room to be monitored 15-minutes prior to departure and the exit.

This is a great opportunity for employee teams to volunteer together in groups. Full day shifts available (preferred) as well as five-hour shifts. Teams and groups of volunteers available consistently throughout the month or on a weekly basis will greatly impact the efficiency of the volunteer effort and experience. The majority of volunteer roles will require walking and standing for the entire shift but seated volunteer positions available as well. All volunteers will be asked to certify basic COVID-19 health status questions prior to volunteering. A temperature check is required at the door of the Wisconsin Center for all that enter and masks are required.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to receive vaccinations during their shift as available, free parking, water/soda provided and for full day shift volunteers, lunch is provided. United Way staff will be on-site during all shifts to welcome, orient, assign role, and support.

To register your group for this volunteer experience or to receive more details about the roles, responsibilities, and expectations please reach out to Lori Hayes at 414-837-3639 or LHayes@UnitedWayGMWC.org.

ADRC Looking for an Office Assistant

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County is looking for someone who would like to volunteer as an office assistant. Volunteer duties would include administrative tasks such as data entry, filing, and assistance with office mailings. They are looking for a volunteer who can commit to helping once a week for about 2-3 hours, in a long-term position. The volunteer would be able to set their own schedule.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact Karen Straw at kstraw@waukeshacounty.gov or (262) 548-7829.

Beware of Scams

Scam artists continue to find new ways to scam people, especially seniors. Recently two scams have become more popular: The Favor Scam and COVID-19 Vaccination Scams.

- **Favor Scam:** During the Favor Scam, you may receive an email from someone you know asking you to do them a favor. When you reply to the email to ask what favor they need help with, they will reply by asking you to purchase gift cards for them or to wire money. To avoid this scam, be sure to check the email address of the sender. While the display name may be that of someone you know, the email is usually not the sender's real email. To see the full email, hover over the name of the sender until the email appears. If the email is not the correct email address, delete the email and do not reply. When in doubt, find another way to contact this person (by phone or text) to see if they truly are in need of help.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Scam:** As COVID-19 vaccine roll-outs continue, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has issued a new warning about vaccine scams. Beware of scams offering early access to COVID-19 vaccines for a fee, scammers trying to sell you a fake version of a vaccine, or phishing emails. Phishing emails or text messages will be sent to you with phony vaccine information and may ask you to share your personal information.
 - **The facts are:**
 - Payment will not gain early access to a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Medicare covers the cost of a COVID-19 vaccine for enrolled and eligible recipients.
 - Never provide personal information to someone emailing or texting you offering you the vaccine for a fee.

Visit the Federal Trade Commission's website to learn more about popular scams.
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

Drive-Thru Drug Collection



Got drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Drive-Thru Drug Collection
Saturday, April 24, 2021
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

You CAN bring: Prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, herbals and pet medications

**Unused, unopened and non-expired medications may be collected with participant consent to be given to individuals with cancer or chronic disease who do not have insurance or are underinsured.*

DO NOT BRING: Biohazardous materials, mercury, household hazardous waste and personal hygiene products

Locations

Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital
W180 N8085 Town Hall Rd.,
Menomonee Falls (*enter driveway B*)

Moorland Reserve Health Center
4805 S. Moorland Rd., New Berlin

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No Flu for You

Eras Senior Network would like to thank you for keeping your neighbors and community safe by getting your influenza vaccination this season.

It's never too early to add a reminder in your calendar for next influenza season, as vaccinations begin in September for the 2021-2022 influenza season.

For more please visit [the Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](#).



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



[Telephone Reassurance Opportunities \(April 2021\).pdf](#)

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