

April 2022



Dear Volunteer,

National Volunteer Week is April 17th to the 23rd! 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 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.



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.

Defensive Driving: When motorists use accident-preventing techniques with a focus on driving safely. To practice defensive driving, follow these tips:

- Be aware of what other drivers around you are doing and expect the unexpected.
- Assume other motorists will do something crazy, and always be prepared to avoid it.
- Keep a 2-second cushion between you and the car in front of you (4-second cushion if the weather is bad).

New Direct Phone Line for Waukesha Volunteers

Eras Waukesha County volunteers now have a separate phone line to ensure they continue to receive timely and efficient service. As with our main number, this new line will accommodate calls during regular business hours. Clients should continue using the main phone line.

- **Waukesha County Volunteer Line:** (262) 522-2418
- **Waukesha County Main Line:** (262) 549-3348

Volunteer Needs

Repair or Replace Wooden Board: A client in Brookfield needs a volunteer to repair or replace a 2-foot board near the garage that was damaged during a prior bee removal. The client does not believe there are active bees there now, but the volunteer will need to look to confirm. Any supplies needed to repair or replace the board should be discussed with the client prior to purchasing.

Repair Patio Door Handle and Screen: The same client in Brookfield needs a volunteer to repair a patio door handle and screen. The client thinks the handle may just need to be tightened but is not sure. There is also a small 5-inch tear in the screen that needs to be repaired or replaced. The client would prefer to fix the current screen if possible. Any supplies needed to repair or replace the screen should be discussed with the client prior to purchasing.

Tighten Fence Boards: A client in Menomonee Falls needs a volunteer to help secure some loose boards in her fence.

Painting and Clean Up: A client in Waukesha needs a volunteer to help with a couple different projects. 1) Paint board on the 2nd floor from when gutters were replaced. 2) Clean up foam from animal prevention spray.

Paint Porch Railings: A client in Waukesha needs a volunteer to touch up their front porch rails with paint.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org.

Phone Call & Data Entry Help in Waukesha Office

Eras Faith In Action Waukesha County Staff are looking for office help on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. Volunteers should be able to help at least twice per month for 3-4 hours at a time. Volunteers should also be comfortable independently completing the following tasks.

- Answering incoming calls from clients
- Placing calls to clients
- Looking up clients and ride requests in our database
- Additional calling and clerical projects as assigned

If you are interested in helping, please contact Theresa at (262) 522-2412 or Theresa.Bryar@Eras.org.

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.

We also have several clients throughout the season who request assistance with removing brush and leaves from their property. If this is something you would be able to help with, please let us know and we will add you to our list and contact you when these requests come through.



Friendly Visiting Opportunities

The Friendly Visiting program aims to match volunteers with clients based off client preferences. Clients may request volunteers who are similar in age or have had similar life experiences, and staff work to fill those requests with interested volunteers. In-person Friendly Visiting can be resumed without masking as long as both the client and volunteer are comfortable. Volunteers are asked to call or visit with these clients on a regular basis to increase socialization. Please 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 a Friendly Visitor, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org.

Tapestry Event 2022

We cordially invite you to attend Eras Senior Network's annual Tapestry Event. This event is our largest fundraiser of the year, raising important funds to support local older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County. Our Tapestry Event is returning to an in-person format this year and will be held at the Sonesta Milwaukee West in Wauwatosa on April 28th, 2022, from 5:30 to 9:00pm.

What Do Tickets Cover? Tickets to the Tapestry Event provide each guest with their choice of plated dinner and wine pour. A portion of each ticket supports the programs of Eras Senior Network – with many more donation opportunities available throughout the evening.

In-person/Online Auction: Can't attend in person? You can still participate in our silent auction using our mobile bidding option!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your tickets today. Tickets may be purchased individually or in tables of eight. Please direct any questions to Becca Snow, Development Manager, at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.

Volunteers Needed for Tapestry Event

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this year's Tapestry Event. Opportunities include Set Up, Photographer, Silent and Live Auction assistance, and Clean Up. Interested volunteers can sign up here. If you have any questions, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.



Tapestry Event & Fundraiser

Join Eras Senior Network for our most significant fundraiser of the year, raising support for older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Thursday, April 28th, 2022

Sonesta Milwaukee West | 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Honoring Two Community Senior Advocates:

Robert Best, 2022 Edmond J. Vaklyes Jr. Memorial Award

Delorse Harrington, 2022 Board of Directors Award

Register online at [Eras.org](https://www.eras.org) or call (262) 522-2409

Early bird ticket price: \$75 through March 31st. Ticket prices increase to \$100 April 1st.

Seeking Auction Items for Tapestry 2022

We are so excited to host our 2022 Tapestry Event in person this year. With the help of the community, last year's virtual event was a huge success and helped us raise funds to support our programming.

Please help get us closer to our fundraising goal of \$75,000 during the Tapestry Event by donating items for the in-person/online auction. All funds raised at the event support older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Silent Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$100 - \$200)

- Popular gadgets (Polaroid Camera, Apple Watch, Smart Security Camera)
- Gift certificates/cards for local restaurants, massages, car detailing
- Gift cards for future travel (Airbnb, Southwest Airlines)
- Gifts for kids (puzzles, collectibles, games)
- Workout equipment (dumbbells, yoga mat)
- High-quality handbags
- Experiences (nice restaurants, event tickets, theatre tickets, kid's events)
- Basket of local favorites (cheese, beer, wine, spices)
- Handmade artwork, photography, quilts

Silent Auction or Live Auction Item Ideas (Valued \$500+)

- One-of-a-kind items (autographed sports memorabilia, etc.)
- Patio sets for garden, deck, or porch
- Use of cabin or other vacation homes (local or national)
- Vacation experience in Chicago or Wisconsin Dells
- Tickets or box seats to a sporting event or show (Marquette tickets, Packer tickets)
- Culinary Experience (Chef-made meal for 8, exclusive tour of restaurant with dinner)
- Unique Experience (tour or behind the scenes experience, celebrity meet and greet, hunting or fishing with a pro)

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Becca Snow, Development Manager, at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or (262) 522-2409.



Drug Take Back Event



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Drive-Thru Drug Collection
Saturday, April 30, 2022
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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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



[Friendly Visiting Opportunities \(April 2022\).pdf](#)

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