Dear Volunteer,

Every year on December 5th we celebrate International Volunteer Day. This day is an opportunity to promote volunteerism and recognize all of the work that volunteers do. Over the last number of months, Eras Senior Network has relied on our volunteers more than ever to step up and help support our clients and community. Thank you for everything that you do and continue to 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.

Agnes Stanczyk
Berni Spiegelberg
Libby Gnatzig
Richard Hoener
John Briody
Paula Schulthess
Barbara Meredith
Jane Kohl
Susa Siy
Kallie Hytry
Barbara Hodges
Amy Pfister
Linda Scheuerell

Audrey Rufi
Carol Ayer
Lorraine Fugil
Shirley Timm
Kelsey Brauer
Todd Colt
Anne Konop
John Kossoiris
Thomas Carini
Mary Genske
Darren Blair
Ben Sherwood
Mandy Jezewski
Trent Paeske

Barb Lindwall
Emily Welch
Phyllis Wegman
Verna Jordan
Pamela Koch
Brian Wallace
Hannah Ryou
Julie Fischer Barker
Susan Kroener
Angela Campos
John Welsh
Catherine Schaefer
Tasia Hoskin
COVID-19 Reminder

Please contact us if you have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms, or have been advised to isolate due to possible exposure. We will notify any clients that you may have interacted with and will arrange for another volunteer to help any clients you are scheduled to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Volunteer Driving Reminder

Just a reminder to all of our volunteer drivers, if you are scheduled for a ride during a time that our offices will be closed, please call the client to confirm the details before the holiday. We want to make sure that we can help you clear up any issues that may arise.

Upcoming Dates that our offices will be closed:

- Thursday, December 24th
- Friday, December 25th
- Thursday, December 31st
- Friday, January 1st

Thank You Fall Yard Clean Up Volunteers

Eras Senior Network wanted to send a great big thank you to all of the volunteers who were able to help with our Fall Yard Clean Up program. Below are some pictures from some of our volunteers from Dematic who partnered with us for the first time this season. Thank you so much for all of your help!
Volunteer Needs

**Clean Dryer Duct**: A client in Oconomowoc is looking for a volunteer to clean the dryer duct on the outside of their house (ladder needed to complete the work).

**Unbox and Assemble Rowing Machine**: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to remove a rowing machine (exercise equipment) from the box and assemble it (machine weighs approximately 200 pounds).

**Leaking Faucet**: A client in Brookfield is looking for a volunteer to help fix their leaking shower/bath tub faucet.

**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.

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

Yard Work Opportunities: A couple clients throughout Waukesha County are still in need of yard clean up services.

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

Telephone Reassurance Opportunities

We currently have two 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, please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org.
Snow Removal Volunteers Needed

It's time to start planning for the snow! Volunteers will be matched with a senior or adult with a disability in their community to remove snow from their driveway and sidewalk. Details can be coordinated directly with the person you serve. Enjoy the crisp winter weather as you provide this needed service to an individual that is no longer able to shovel snow due to age or physical condition. Qualifications: dependable, responsible, and a positive attitude. Must be 15 years or older (children younger may be accompanied by an adult). Also consider teaming up with a few people for this project and alternate throughout the season.

For more information, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Friendly Phone Call Program

We are continuing to recruit volunteers to help with our Friendly Phone Calls program. We are looking for individuals interested in placing calls to a current client of Eras to ensure they have what they need at home like food, medication, and other essentials. Not only does this call help someone meet their basic needs, but it is a way to help reduce loneliness for those who are isolated. For more information about this program please read the following instruction sheet. If there are not any openings at the time when you apply, you will be placed on a waitlist and matched when a client becomes available.

If you are interested in making calls, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Senior Stockbox Delivery in Milwaukee County

Eras Senior Network will be partnering with Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA) and Hunger Task Force to help deliver a monthly Stockbox to seniors in Milwaukee County during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. A Stockbox is a box of healthy foods that Hunger Task Force delivers to low-income seniors free of charge. Each box contains 16 nutritious items including rice, cereal, juice, beef stew, pasta, and vegetables. Each month, nearly 9,000 boxes are delivered to seniors in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Assist on an ongoing basis through the pandemic or one month at a time. Volunteers can choose how many seniors they would like to deliver for and from what locations. Pick up the Stockbox from one of the following Milwaukee County Senior Centers and deliver it to your assigned senior.

- **Wilson Park**, 2601 W Howard Avenue, Milwaukee. Third Tuesday of each month from 11:00am - 12:30pm
- **McGovern Park**, 4500 W Custer Avenue, Milwaukee. Fourth Monday of each month from 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- **Clinton Rose**, 3045 N Dr. MLK Drive, Milwaukee. First Thursday of each month from 10:00am – 11:00am

If you are interested in helping with this opportunity, please contact Melva at (414) 488-6931 or Melva.Darrough@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.

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.**

Attachments

- Friendly Visiting Opportunities (December 2020).pdf

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