

July 2021



Dear Volunteer,

Summer is officially here, and so is the warm weather. We hope you were able to take advantage of the holiday weekend, spend some time outside, and connect with others.

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.

Brian Wittkop
 Megan Dabols
 Bob Ringenoldus
 Breanna Sadowski
 Madison Heck

Rachel O'Malley
 Chris Stamper
 Glenn Gratz
 Joan Strasser
 Carrie Gahan

Jamie Scheid
 Joanne Winchell
 Michael Goeman
 Katie Birdwell



Eras Mask Policy

We know there has been some confusion with the new CDC recommendations, but we wanted to remind you that at this time, Eras Senior Network continues to require masks in our offices and during all volunteer activities.

Update to Calling Clients Before Rides

We are now requesting volunteer drivers to call clients by 12pm the day before an event. If you are unable to call before noon the day before, please call two days in advance. Eras phones are open from 9am-4pm so we are making this change to allow more time to assist with any issues that may come up before the day of the event.

Disabled Parking Permit

If you are signed up as an Eras Volunteer Driver, you have the option to receive a Disabled Parking Permit to assist with the transportation of clients. These permits can be used when clients are in the car with you, and you need closer access to the building doors. If you are interested in receiving one of these to aid in your volunteer service, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Volunteer Needs

Rehang Closet Doors: A client in Brookfield is in need of a volunteer to help place three closet doors back on the track.

Fixing Screen Door: A client in Brookfield is in need of a volunteer to look at a screen door and determine if they can repair it or if a new one is needed. The client would prefer to fix the current screen if possible. If a new one is needed, the volunteer could purchase the screen and get reimbursed by client, or the client could purchase. The client would also need the volunteer to help install it.

Various Tasks: A client in Oconomowoc is in need of a volunteer to help with two different tasks. 1) Help fix a screen door that currently does not stay closed. 2) There are two wire shelves to be hung, one in the garage, and one in the bedroom.

Fix Doorbell: A client in Brookfield is in need of a volunteer to help fix their doorbell.

Railing Staining: A client in Delafield is in need of a volunteer to help sand and stain their outdoor railing. The first floor railing is 10 feet long, and the second floor railing is 20 feet long.

Painting Projects: A few clients are in need of indoor painting projects.

- Muskego - Painting in 2 bedrooms, hallway, and 2 bathrooms
- Oconomowoc - paint small bathroom walls & ceiling
- Waukesha - Painting in the bedroom and potentially some other areas

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

Yard Work and Lawn Mowing

Outdoor Yard Work: Clients throughout Waukesha County are still in need of outdoor yard help this season. Below is a list of various tasks and locations that clients are currently in need of help.

- **Brookfield** (spread mulch - waiting to order until volunteer confirmed)
- **Brookfield** (clean out flower beds, rake leaves, trim bushes- volunteer would need to supply all tools)
- **Elm Grove** (remove a few plants and plant up to 15 in the ground)
- **Hartland** (trim hedges and bushes, pull weeds in garden, pull garlic mustard, spray weeds with homemade solution, clean first floor gutters, trim around Peony bushes, put out yard art, transplant plants)
- **Hartland** (pull weeds, trim bushes, clean first floor gutters)

- **Mukwonago** (clean flower beds, clean first floor gutters)
- **Muskego** (trim shrubs, pull weeds - client can supply rake, pruning shears, broom, and gloves)
- **Nashotah** (wash windows - they swivel with a crank so possibly the inside as well)
- **Oconomowoc** (clean gutters and caulk ends because they leak a little)
- **Waukesha** (pick up sticks in yard and spread mulch - waiting to order until volunteer confirmed)
- **Waukesha** (clean first floor gutters, wash windows, hedge taller bushes, remove taller plants - volunteer would need to bring weed whacker as client does not have one)
- **Waukesha** (whack weeds and prune bushes - client has hedge clippers but does not have a weedwhacker)
- **Waukesha** (pull weeds in flower bed, take 8-10 ft tree branches to dump or cut into smaller pieces)

Lawn Mowing: Clients throughout Waukesha County are in need of lawn care this summer. Volunteer to be matched with a client and help them mow their lawn throughout the season. This opportunity is flexible around your schedule and dependent on how fast the grass grows! Below is a list of locations that clients are currently in need of help.

- **Brookfield** (1 client - does not have a lawn mower)
- **Muskego** (3 clients - one does not have a lawn mower, one can supply a push mower, one is unknown)
- **Waukesha** (3 clients - one does not have a lawn mower, one can supply a push mower, one is unknown)

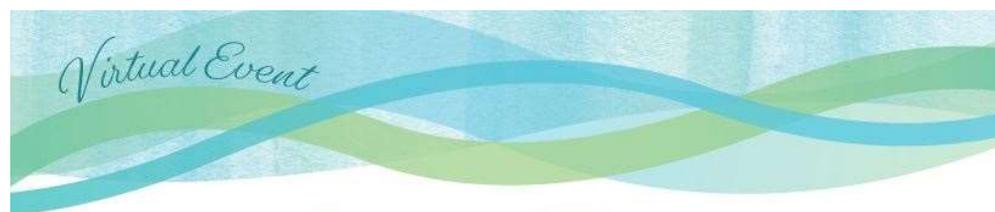
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Telephone Reassurance Opportunities

We currently have one Eras Senior Network client 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.

Free Registration Now Available for Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser



Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Live music starting at 5:30 PM | Program 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Our Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser will be virtual again in 2021. We invite you to join us on September 30th for music, a short program, and two entertaining breakout sessions. Funds raised support the programs of Eras Senior Network, serving over 2,600 older adults and adults with disabilities in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Online registration is free and available now! [Click HERE](#)

Seeking Auction Items for Tapestry Fundraiser Event

The Tapestry Event is Eras Senior Network's biggest fundraiser each year. All funds raised at the event go towards supporting our programming. The 2021 event will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Please consider donating items for this event.

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

- Popular gadgets (air fryer, KitchenAid Mixer, Apple Watch, Dyson Vacuum)
- Gift certificates/cards for local restaurants, massages, car detailing, Door Dash)
- Gift cards for future travel (Airbnb, Southwest Airlines)
- Gifts for kids (puzzles, collectables, games)
- Workout equipment (dumbbells, yoga mat)
- High quality jewelry and handbags
- Experiences (nice restaurants, event tickets, theatre tickets, kids events)
- Basket of local favorites (cheese, beer, wine, spices)
- Handmade artwork, photography, quilts

Silent 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 home (local or national)
- Vacation experience in Chicago or Wisconsin Dells
- Tickets or box seats to a sporting event or show (i.e. 4 Marquette tickets)
- 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.

Holiday Giving Program 2021

Even amid a pandemic, last year's Holiday Giving Program was a huge success! With so many generous donations from partners throughout Milwaukee County and Waukesha County, we were able to provide 890 low-income seniors with self-sufficiency care packages valued at \$60 each. These packages included gift cards to local grocery stores and pharmacies, a book of stamps, and a hand-decorated holiday card.

We hope to continue bringing a bit of holiday cheer to clients in need this year with the help of the community and our local partners. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, we will be mailing our gifts again this year and focusing on the most basic needs. Below is our wish list:

- Books of Forever Stamps
- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards



Unwrapped items and money collected to purchase gifts are due by December 13th, 2021.

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 Boulevard 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: Donations may be dropped off at our Milwaukee County office located in the YWCA between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Please reach out to Vanessa.Harris@Eras.org to schedule a time for your drop off. Please note, all guests entering the YWCA are asked to wear a mask at this time. We are happy to accommodate a curbside pick-up if you would prefer to stay in your vehicle.

Eras Senior Network c/o YWCA
Attn: Vanessa Harris
1915 N Doctor MLK Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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 or click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Community Needs

Exploring Caregiver and Patient Support During the Inpatient Discharge Process

Eras Senior Network is partnering with Froedtert Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), and the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County on a research study to better understand the current inpatient discharge process and experience for patients, families, and providers. A clear understanding of the discharge process is critical to ensuring that the transition from hospital to home or other care setting is safe and accurate.

To learn more, see PDF attached to this email.

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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