

June 2021



Dear Volunteer,

June marks the official start of summer and this year it is filled with a hopefulness that we can soon begin to connect and gather together again. Read below to see how you can continue to be involved in your community. Thank you so much for everything 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.

Kirby Paradies
 Krista Roob
 Andrew Casey
 Robyn Dick
 Tim Marcou
 Brett Huggins

Angela Prochazka
 Janel Husslein
 Carole Waskow
 Justin Konkol
 Sue Tomcek
 Mara Amrhein
 Kayla Daum

Karen Dibble
 John Watermolen
 Jennifer Farrell
 Janelle Lisko
 Pete Anathan
 Briant Redmond



Volunteer Driving Ride Types

As Eras starts to accept additional shopping requests from our clients, we wanted to review the five different volunteer driving opportunities that you can sign up for.

- **HC – Healthcare Transportation** (doctor, dentist, medical appointment, etc.)
- **E – Errands** (only in Waukesha County: go to the bank, library, etc.)
- **SW – Shopping With Client** (the client comes to the store with you)
- **SF – Shopping For Client** (you pick up the groceries and bring them to the client)
- **TO – Other Transportation** (Milwaukee County: bank, library, etc.) (Waukesha County: meet with career counselor, etc.)

If you are not currently driving but would like to help out, please reach out to Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Reporting Volunteer Hours on the Portal

A reminder to all volunteer drivers using the online volunteer portal: After you have completed a ride, please only mark the ride as complete if you are also going to enter in the time it took you. If you mark the ride as complete without entering the time, it automatically reports a time of zero hours and you will not get credit for the ride you provided.

Thank You Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers!

Eras Senior Network would like to send a huge thank you to all of our Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers. Your time and effort allows many seniors and adults with disabilities to remain living independently in their home of choice. Thank you for taking the time to help those in your community.

A special shout out to Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin who helped this season in a big way. Your groups were able to help so many of our clients and we truly appreciate your partnership!

Eras is working on matching summer groups with various outdoor opportunities as there are still several clients looking for outdoor help this season. If you are able to help, please contact Marisa and she can let you know if there are opportunities available in your area either now or potentially later in the month. Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.



Volunteer Needs

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.

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

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)
- Muskego (1 client)
- Waukesha (3 clients)

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

Seeking Friendly Phone Call Volunteers

Eras is seeking additional volunteers to place ongoing friendly phone calls to local isolated seniors and adults with disabilities. Volunteers call our clients 2 to 4 times per month and engage in friendly conversation to help ease the feelings of loneliness. After each call, volunteers are asked to fill out a short online survey which helps Eras staff members identify any additional needs our clients may have. This can be a short-term volunteer opportunity during the summer, or you can commit to calling as long as you and the client wish to participate in the program. Most calls are around 20 minutes in length, but call lengths vary based on the preference of the client you're calling.

If you'd like to learn more about how to partake in this easy and rewarding program, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org.

Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser



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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 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

StrongBodies: Be Strong Stay Strong

StrongBodies is a strength training program for anyone desiring to slow down the bone and muscle loss process. StrongBodies is offered to various age groups and genders including seniors and women.

If you are health-minded, active, and looking to volunteer, StrongBodies is actively recruiting for volunteer leaders so they can expand the program to more locations throughout the county when they are able to return to in-person classes.

Attached is a flyer from their most recent session with some more details about the classes. Their next session will also be virtual and starting towards the beginning of July.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Jen Whitty at (262) 548-7789 or jennifer.whitty@wisc.edu

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



[StrongBodies Virtual Flyer Spring 2021.pdf](#)

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