

November 2021



Dear Volunteer,

The past year and a half has been nothing like we have ever experienced before, but because of the support and dedication from our volunteers, we have been able to continue providing essential services to clients throughout Waukesha and Milwaukee County. So, thank you for everything you do; without your dedicated service we could not continue serving seniors and adults with disabilities in our community.

## 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.



## Volunteer Needs

**Adjust Water Filter:** A client in Oconomowoc is in need of a volunteer to adjust their reverse osmosis water filter attachment.

**Paint Front Railing:** A client in Waukesha is in need of a volunteer to touch up paint on their front railing.

**Replace Toilet Seat:** A client in Muskego is in need of a volunteer to replace a toilet seat.

**Fix Doorbell:** A client in Waukesha is in need of a volunteer to help fix their doorbell as it is not working.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Shannon at (262) 522-2405 or [Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org](mailto:Shannon.Fogle@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 identify any additional needs our clients may have. 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](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org).

## Fall Yard Clean Up

There are still about 20 clients in the areas of Butler, Dousman, Menomonee Falls, Muskego, Sussex, and Waukesha, who are still looking to be matched with a volunteer to help with their yard work this season. Volunteer to help clients prepare their yards for winter. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, removing lawn furniture, removing window screens, washing windows, etc. Let us know which area you would like to help in and we'll match you with a client in need.

For more information, please contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or [Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@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 (younger children must 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](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org).

## 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](mailto:Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org).

## History Program – Waukesha West High School

- The Intergenerational History Program fosters relationships and communication between high school students and older adults. Students gain a better understanding of our Nation's history by learning from an older generation who have life experiences and wisdom to share. In turn, the senior volunteers gain a better perspective of the lives, attitudes, and intelligence of teenagers. Volunteers are matched with a small group of students (5-6) for each hour they volunteer, leading the students in discussion. Volunteers and students are given an article to read one week before the date of the program each month and some discussion questions that go along with the article.
- The program will run from November through May, meeting once a month for a total of 7 sessions. See attached pdf for more information.

Contact Corinn Marich for more information at (262) 522-2403 or [Corinn.Marich@Eras.org](mailto:Corinn.Marich@Eras.org).

## Readers Café Programs – Waukesha School District

We are currently recruiting volunteers for two different Readers Café programs - one starting in November and one starting after the new year. Please consider signing up to read with students during their lunch and recess time. Volunteers commit to reading with their assigned 1 or 2 students one day a week for the duration of the session. You can sign up for multiple sessions or just one if that works better for you.

- **Banting Elementary School**
  - **Tuesdays, 12:10 – 12:50pm (5<sup>th</sup> grade)**
  - Session 1: November 16<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021
  - Session 2: January 4<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022
  - Session 3: March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 (no café on 3/22)
- **Hawthorne Elementary School**
  - **Tuesdays, 11:45am – 12:25pm (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**
  - Session 1: January 11<sup>th</sup> – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022
  - Session 2: March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 (no café on 3/22)

Contact Corinn Marich for more information at (262) 522-2403 or [Corinn.Marich@Eras.org](mailto:Corinn.Marich@Eras.org).

## New Pen Pal Program

Do you like writing letters and want to volunteer from home? Help an elementary student with their penmanship and build an intergenerational relationship as you exchange correspondence over the school year. At the end of the school year Pen Pals will meet their students at a meet and greet party. Volunteers are needed for a new program starting up at Meadowbrook Elementary School located in Waukesha.

Contact Corinn Marich for more information at (262) 522-2403 or [Corinn.Marich@Eras.org](mailto:Corinn.Marich@Eras.org).



## Eras Senior Network's 2021 Santa 5K Run & Walk



Registration is open for our 13th Annual Santa 5K Run & Walk scheduled for December 5th, 2021.

You can participate in this year's event in-person, in downtown Waukesha **OR** virtually with our Run-Your-Own-Route option. Registration for the in-person or virtual race is \$20 for students (0 to 23) and \$30 for adults now through November 24<sup>th</sup>. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

We are currently seeking volunteers to help day-of with set up, tear down, refreshments, same-day registration, and guides stationed along the route! Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or [Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org) to sign up.

Questions? Contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or [Becca.Snow@Eras.org](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. 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 offices located in the YWCA and St. Alphonsus Parish in Greendale between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. To drop off at the YWCA, please reach out to [Vanessa.Harris@Eras.org](mailto:Vanessa.Harris@Eras.org) to schedule a time. To drop off at St. Alphonsus in Greendale, please reach out to [Vicki.Henning@Eras.org](mailto:Vicki.Henning@Eras.org) to schedule a time. Please note, all guests entering our offices 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

Eras Senior Network  
Attn: Vicki Henning  
5960 W Loomis Road  
Greendale, WI 53129

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our Holiday Giving Program! Please contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or [Becca.Snow@Eras.org](mailto:Becca.Snow@Eras.org) with any questions or click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## 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](#).



### Eras Senior Network

Milwaukee County Main Office: c/o YWCA, 1915 N Doctor MLK Jr Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Waukesha County Main Office: 2607 N Grandview Boulevard, Suite 150, Waukesha, WI 53188

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#### Attachments

[04112021152326 Telephone Reassurance Opportunities \(November 2021\).pdf](#)

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[04112021152336 History Program.pdf](#)

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