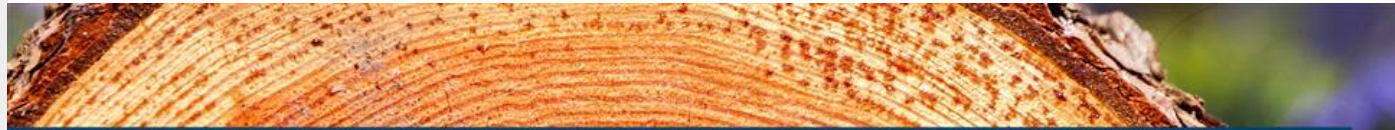


October 2020



Waukesha County Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

Fall is officially here and that means we are starting to gear up for our Fall Yard Clean Up events! Grab a rake and help us prepare clients' yards for the winter.

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.

Catherine Way
Sarah Gerson
Lori Lochen
Emily Hendzel
Marisa Thomas
Pat Norkett
Eva Rusnak
Camilla Namuyomba

Katelyn Jaksha
Seneca Nicklas
Maya Melchert
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Samantha Brown
Eleanor Johnston
Brianna Delgado
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Karina Silva
Jenna Ramthun
Chris Thomas
Susan Schrager
Paul Mrochinski



Volunteer Reminder

As a volunteer, you are serving as the eyes and ears for our clients. If you see any changes or decline in a client's health, please let us know. Eras Staff are here to help and provide resources to our clients. Thank you for everything that you do!

Volunteer Needs

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

Window Caulking and Lightbulb Changes: A client in Menomonee Falls is looking for a volunteer to caulk their windows and help with a few lightbulb changes needed in their new condo.

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.

Mail Sorting and Bill Paying: A client in Sussex is looking for a volunteer to help go through his mail and write out any bills that he can't pay online. (Note: client does have a cat)

Lawn Mowing: We have three clients who are in need of Lawn Mowing for the remainder of the season.

Muskego	does not have a lawn mower
Brookfield	has a lawn mower and would like one more mow before leaves fall
Waukesha	has lawnmower

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

Telephone Reassurance Opportunities

We currently have five Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Telephone Reassurance volunteer. Volunteers are asked to call these clients to increase socialization with the goal to eventually do in-person friendly visits at the client's home. With the current CDC recommendations for social distancing, in-home visits are on pause until recommendations have changed in effort to protect both volunteers and clients.

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.

Fall Yard Clean Up Volunteers Needed

The leaves are falling, and the matches have begun being made for this year's Fall Yard Clean Up program. 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.

Fall Yard Clean Up occurs during the months of October and November (ideally once the leaves have fallen). Let us know what size yard, area, and date you prefer, 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



Santa Run

Get in the holiday spirit! Registration is open for our *Virtual* 5K Santa Run & Walk!

The 2020 Santa Run & Walk benefitting Eras Senior Network will begin on Sunday, December 6th, 2020, and participants have through Sunday, December 13th to complete their 5K.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Registration is \$20 for students and \$25 for adults now through 11:59pm October 31st. Adult prices increase to \$30 on November 1, 2020. Secure your shirt or sweatshirt by registering before 10:00am, November 16th.

What is new this year?

- Access to the virtual event from anywhere through the app, RaceJoy
- Share your photos with us! Sport your favorite holiday costumes while completing your race, snap a picture and tag #erasvirtualsantarun. We will share on our social medias!

Registered participants can choose between an adult-sized or child-sized long-sleeved t-shirt OR an adult-sized crewneck sweatshirt.



2020 winning logo and shirt color

If you have questions, please contact Becca Snow at Becca.Snow@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.



Got drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Drive-Thru Drug Collection
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020
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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Wisconsin Festival of Books

As part of the 2020 Wisconsin Festival of Books, join authors Ellyn Lem, Ph.D. and Ann Basting, Ph.D. as they discuss their books *Gray Matters: Finding Meaning in the Stories of Later Life* and *Creative Care: A Revolutionary Approach to Dementia and Elder Care*. Lisa Baudoin from Books & Company will lead them in conversation on Saturday November 7th at 7pm. See the attached flyer for more information and visit <https://www.booksco.com> to register in advance.

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

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