

April 2018



Volunteer Newsletter

Connie,

National Volunteer week is April 15th to 21st! This is a time where we are reminded of all the amazing work you do in the community and for our agency. During this week we would like to celebrate the impact all of you have in Waukesha County. In 2017, you served 1,045 clients, provided over 5,000 rides to doctors appointments, got over 2,000 people in need groceries, and served countless students in four school districts through 439 RSVP volunteers. Thank you for your dedication to our mission!

We would like to invite you to come say hi to the staff during the week of April 16th to the 21st between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Help us put a face to a name and come say hi!

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.

Ed Flynn
Kari Lato
Kim Westerman

Margaret Lachowin
Terry Snyder
Tim Seeger
Tom Bibo



Urgent Needs

Spring Book Fair- Lowell Elementary (Waukesha): Lowell Elementary is seeking volunteers to help out at their Spring Book Fair taking place on April 30th-May 4th. Volunteers will be needed to assist students in purchasing books during the fair (2 volunteers needed for each timeslot).

- Wednesday, May 2nd 10:30am-1:15pm
- Thursday, May 3rd 10:30am-1:15pm
- Friday, May 4th 7:45am-8:30am
- Friday, May 4th 10:30am-1:15pm

Microsoft Help: A new client in Menomonee Falls is looking for help formatting in Microsoft Word. She is losing her eyesight and is in the middle of writing six books. She is having difficulty navigating the toolbar in Word as her sight diminishes. This is a flexible assignment. The volunteer can coordinate with the client when to come over and help.

Minor Home Repair: A woman in Oconomowoc is looking for a volunteer to change her furnace filter and 5 purifying filters she has outside. This woman has severe allergies and clean filters are vital to her health. Volunteers can coordinate with the client to find the best time.

Drivers Needed: We receive on average 100 requests for transportation every week. With a rotating pool of only 75 active drivers, about 10% of the requests we receive go unfilled. If you, or someone you know, would like to be of service in your community please consider becoming a volunteer driver. Help someone get to the doctor or grocery store today!

Receptionist: Like talking on the phone? We need you! This is your chance to contribute to the daily synchronized chaos that keeps our office running like clockwork. We're looking for 2 volunteers to commit to one 3 hour shift every week.

- Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Tapestry Volunteers Needed: ERAs is looking for volunteers to help at our annual Tapestry Dinner on *Thursday, May 3rd* to support the vital services and programs of ERAs Senior Network. Join the ERAs team and over 200 community guests at the Marriott Milwaukee West (in Waukesha). We are looking for volunteers to do a variety of different tasks throughout the night like registering guests at check in, partnering with staff to sell raffle tickets, monitoring the silent auction area, being a spotter during the live auction, and helping close out the night with silent auction pickup and cleanup. Volunteers are needed between 4:30pm and 9:30pm.

Contact Anna for more details on how to fill our urgent needs at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers Needed

You, your family, congregation, youth group, community group, or business are needed for outdoor yard clean up this Spring for seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Waukesha County. Duties include: raking winter debris, cleaning first floor gutters, washing windows, weeding, installing screens on windows, trimming bushes, and placing lawn furniture in yards. Volunteers can arrange a time and date to do the work directly with the client. Work should be completed in late April and May.

Spring into Service

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VOLUNTEER

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**THIS YEAR'S THEME:
TIME IS MONEY**

APRIL 25, 2018 • 5:30 PM

ST. WILLIAM PARISH

440 N Moreland Blvd

Waukesha, WI 53188

We invite you and a guest to attend our annual volunteer celebration dinner on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018. Please RSVP by April 18th, 2018 to Anna at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations Pat Knuth on receiving the Governor's Service Recognition Award!

We are excited and proud to announce that Pat Knuth, a longtime volunteer, has been awarded the Governor's Service Recognition Award as a Senior Corps Participant! This award goes to a Senior Corps volunteer who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts using their invaluable skills and experience. Since her start in 2001 as a volunteer with ERAs, Pat has been involved in many aspects of service to help Waukesha County seniors and adults with disabilities lead meaningful lives. Her volunteer duties at ERAs have included data entry, special events support, serving as a Pen Pal with local students, as an Agency Ambassador, and a member of the Finance Committee.

Pat has stepped up to fill the need in the community through presentations of ERAs STOP Senior Frauds and Scams program. As an agency, we have given 43 Frauds and Scams presentations – with Pat presenting an astounding 19 of them! That's almost half of all STOP presentations given! Pat is extremely dedicated to spreading awareness and has taken on the majority of the workload to ensure seniors and their caregivers are better equipped to reduce their likelihood of becoming victims of fraud or scams. All of us at ERAs are extremely grateful for the tremendous support Pat provides our organization, mission, and community. Way to go Pat!



Please Join Us



Weaving together threads of support by engaging generations and supporting seniors.

Tapestry Dinner

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Marriott Milwaukee West | 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) to get register for the event.

Help us spread the word- We need more Drivers!

ERAs has seen an increasing need for more drivers in the last few months as unable to match ride requests grows to over 10%. We would like to enlist the help of our current volunteers to help us recruit more volunteers to fill the need. If you are near our office (210 NW Barstow, Suite 101, Waukesha) stop in and pick up Drive. Give. Serve. posters to put up at local grocery stores, banks, libraries, or anywhere you think people will see them. The ideal volunteer for this role has their own car, time during the day, and a clean driving record.



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Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you may be eligible to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to a cause of your choice and we would love for you to consider directing your Choice Dollars to ERAs! Below are instructions from Thrivent on how to direct your Choice Dollars.



HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Online

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, click **"Get started now."**
3. Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)
4. Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.
5. Locate the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - Click **"Direct Now"** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **"View activity history"** link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **"Search."**
6. Choose **"Direct All"** or **enter a specific number** and click **"Direct Now."** Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

By phone

1. Call **800-847-4836** and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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Submit Your Hours

Submit your hours on our [website](#) OR [email](#) them to us!

Please remember to submit your hours each month. Reporting hours is important not only for the clients and the volunteers, but for numerous grants and agencies that we work with.

**Pen Pals and School Tutors don't need to submit their hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets.



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