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Hello Friends,

We have settled in to our new digs on Wisconsin Street. The Housing Authority has given us a great home. We are fortunate to have the support of our Volunteers, United Way of Walworth County and A Time Is Now to Help. With everyone working together, we are making a difference!

At The Lake a Geneva Lakes Area Magazine published their Autumn edition with an article on Volunteer Connection starting on page 118. Author Amanda N. Wegner did research regarding Volunteer Connection and created a very supportive article. You can find a copy atthelakemagazine.com page 118.

September 14 was an exciting Day of Action with the Elkhorn Area High School. Over 100 students, along with their coaches worked on projects for Elkhorn area nonprofits.

Not all sites report hours to us. If you don't know if your hours are being reported, please give us a call and we can let you know if we are receiving them. We appreciate all you do and we always appreciate having your hours reported.

Please give us a call if you are interested in volunteering. There are a lot of opportunities available. Many of them are listed in in this newsletter or on our web page. If there is something you don't see but would be interested in, let me know and maybe we can arrange that.

Thank you all for all you do! It is because of YOU that we exist to help others in Walworth County.



Patti O'Brien, director

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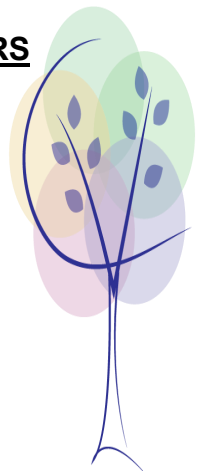
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The mission of Volunteer Connection is to enrich lives by actively participating in the community through volunteer service.

Your involvement is important to us. Call Volunteer Connection with ideas, issues, or concerns. We are here to serve you.

Office Hours
7 am to 3 pm

People are always good company when they are doing what they really enjoy. —Samuel Butler

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MEDICARE OPTIONS CLASS

Are you as confused about Medicare options and supplements as I am? I have worked with a local advisor who has graciously agreed to host two educational classes this fall focused on Medicare options. Jim Pfeil will explain Medicare Supplement plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Part D prescription drug plans. Medicare's Annual Election Period runs from October 15 to December 7. This is the time to review your options.

These classes are educational only. No sales will take place and no specific plan information will be discussed.

We invite you, the wonderful volunteers of Walworth County, to attend and have your questions answered. You are welcome invite any person you feel would benefit from these classes. These classes are not for the general public, just for Volunteer Connection volunteers, your friends, neighbors, and the people you have helped.

Friday, October 4th, 9:00am—10:00am

Thursday, October 10th, 4:00pm—5:00pm

Please contact me either by phone at 262-472-9632 or by e-mail at volunteerwalworth@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Please RSVP two days in advance of either class..

I am pleased to be able to offer these classes to you. No cost, no commitment. Plus, refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you at these classes.

Thank you for your service to Walworth County! Take care.

Patti O'Brien, director of Volunteer Connection

Volunteer With AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

With the help of people like you, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax-filing help to those who need it most. They're looking for compassionate and friendly individuals to join their team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. You'll receive training and continued support in a welcoming environment. You will learn new skills and get a great feeling from helping someone else.



Special attention is given to older, low-income taxpayers. We understand that many individuals may miss out on credits and deductions they've earned because they can't afford to pay for professional tax preparation.

- You can work with taxpayers directly; filling out tax returns and helping them seek a refund. Experience isn't necessary — training and IRS certification is provided.
- ♦ Welcome taxpayers, help organize their paperwork and manage the overall flow of service by becoming a client facilitator.
- If your skill is digital, become the technology coordinator and manage computer equipment, ensure taxpayer data security and provide technical assistance to volunteers at the volunteer sites.

4,389 returns have been prepared in Walworth County since 2010!

Special attention is given to low to middle income senior taxpayers.

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Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.
-Hannah More

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING ROOM

at Circle of Friends

32 S. Wisconsin Street, Elkhorn

262-723-8007

Circle of Friends, a 501(c)3 non profit organization, lends medical equipment to Walworth County neighbors in need when recuperating from medical events like hip or knee replacements.

Donations of gently used equipment are encouraged to allow this needed service to continue.

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:30am to 5 pm

Friday 9:30 to 4:30

Saturday 9:30 to 2:30

Sunday closed



OUR SECOND STORE is OPEN

630 E. Court Street (Hwy. 11) in Elkhorn
across from the Middle School

Circle of Friends is a thrift store. They are also committed to helping people in need. They strive to offer people a sense of hope. Last year Circle donated over \$50,000 worth of furniture and over 4,000 pieces of clothing to Walworth County families in need. Circle depends on community donations to be able to offer this assistance.

Thank you for your support!

Sherry

Need help with your heating costs?

Households with total gross income for the three months immediately preceding the month of application are at or below the amount shown for your family size are eligible for 2019 energy assistance. Applicants must provide:

- ⇒ Your most recent energy bill
- ⇒ Photo ID
- ⇒ Social Security numbers for all members of your household
- ⇒ Written proof of household gross income for three months prior to application

For further details, please call 262-427-8505 .

1	\$6,870.00
2	\$8,983.75
3	\$11,097.75
4	\$13,211.50

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

CHAPEL ON THE HILL
COMMUNITY CHURCH
PARISH HALL
2482 Cisco Road
Lake Geneva



October 16
November 20
11:30—1:30

More information 262-245-9122 or
chapelonthehill1@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome!

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.
-Plato



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2019
VFW HALL IN ELKHORN



Teams of volunteers will be needed. Please consider joining to make Christmas merry for our Walworth County children.

- Assist organizing coat and boot drive
- Make phone calls for stores to allow toy boxes & volunteers
- Distribute boxes at area stores for toy collection
- Pick up toys at area stores
- Sort toys and set up for our giveaway December 13
- Clean up the VFW December 16
- Assist participants with picking out their toys December 14
- Distribute toys to families that are unable to attend 12/14

If you know of a family in need, please make sure we serve them.

Come out to support your local Marines and Toys for Tots

October 26 & 27, 2019

Saturday 9 to 3

Sunday 11 to 5

In Delavan at Fleet Farm



Help low income homeowners/veterans, seniors, disabled/ with plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting, general maintenance, clean up, etc. to improve their quality of life.



Phone shut-ins in the morning, alternating with other Volunteers, making wellness calls.



Visit with a shut-in.

Take a senior shopping, or shop for them.

Take someone to a doctor appointment out of the county.

This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really live: the more they give, the more they possess. —*Rainer Maria Rilke*

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN after school 6th to 12th GRADE

You can make a difference in a child's life and have fun at the same time! Students play games, eat snacks, talk and complete their homework after school 2:30 to 5:30 Mondays through Fridays on school days. Volunteers interact with the students offering guidance for the kids from 6th grade through 12th. With enough Volunteers, Friday support for these children could be offered as well.



MEDICAL BACKGROUND VOLUNTEERS



Open Arms Free Clinic is the first and only free medical and supportive care clinic in Walworth County serving low-income and uninsured residents with primary medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, lab and pharmaceutical assistance. Professional volunteers have complete credential review, background check, and liability insurance coverage prior to serving at OAFC.

SERVE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Volunteers play a vital role at VIP Services by bringing diverse life skills and talents and sharing them with our clients and staff. Volunteers truly expand our capacity to carry out our mission of empowering people with disabilities to explore and experience endless possibilities! Volunteers can assist people with:

- Learning important life skills (cooking, cleaning, gardening, etc.)
- Assisting with a variety of small group craft projects in Day Services
- Working with clients to improve stamina and fitness
- Helping clients "hands-on" to learn to use computers
- Teaching or assisting with after hours Discovery Classes
- Make plans for client dances and special activities

Whether you are interested in volunteering for an hour, a whole day, or an ongoing activity, you can find a place as a VIP Services volunteer.



Volunteers can choose from a wide variety of tasks both on and off campus including:

- Welcoming patients at the reception desk
- Escorting patient visitors
- Transporting patients upon admission or discharge
- Assisting with non-clinic tasks in the emergency center
- Providing complimentary coffee and cookies to families with our Hospitality Cart
- Transporting patients upon admission or discharge
- Sewing/knitting/crocheting



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.—Robert Louis Stevenson

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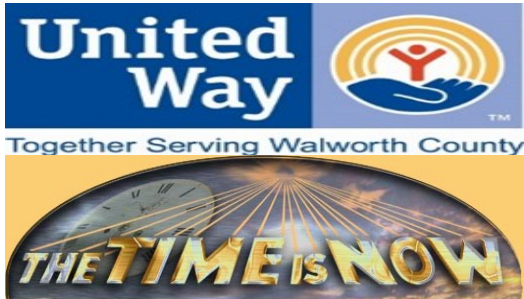
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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

As a volunteer, you have the honor of making a meaningful and lasting impact on each child you encounter.

Administrative Work-Assist in filing, data entry, mailings, etc. during office hours.

Education-Tutor youth in various school subjects or help facilitate educational games and activities.

Mentoring-Mentor teens by assisting with homework, recreational skills or chaperoning field trips.

Technology-Teach computer basics and assist with educational games and activities.

The Arts-Teach music, dance, spoken word, or other creative skills.

Sports & Recreation-Help facilitate athletic games and activities in the gym or outside, or coach/referee teams in our sports leagues.

Game Room-Organize games and tournaments, play games with kids, facilitate spontaneous fun activities, or create your own games.

Arts & Crafts Room-Assist with teaching arts and crafts projects, spice things up with your own project ideas.

Special Events-Sit on the planning committee, help recruit volunteers, or assist with day-of event activities.

Events-Help with special events going on around the Club.

Interested in being a hospice volunteer, but want more info to see if it is the right fit? Join VJ from Aurora Hospice at a volunteer open house and FAQ session! Some of their biggest needs are: Friendly visitor or companion; Facility Ambassador; Veteran Appreciation Visits; Volunteer with a Friend

Tues Oct 1st 1-3 pm Aurora Wellness
Center Burlington

Mon Oct 14th 4-6 pm Friends on the
Square Coffee Shop Elkhorn

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for benefits.
Please contact your local Veterans office
262-741-4222

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!