

# **VOLUNTEER CONNECTION™**

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Hello Amigos,

Spring is right around the corner—really! Daffodils are popping up through the snow. A sure sign. Our wishes are that this finds you all happy and healthy and ready for spring.

If you have not had your taxes done yet, instructions are on page 3 for Free Tax service by trained Volunteers in Elkhorn or Delavan. If you bring all your information, you can get your taxes completed on your appointment date. Volunteers at the food pantries have been busy as well. You can see some of their statistics on page 3. The Volunteers for tax preparation and food pantries have no paid staff, only dedicated Volunteers.

You have probably noticed prices rising everywhere around you. One of Volunteer Connection's major costs is our insurance. We are all Volunteers, no paid employees, but we do have insurance that covers all Volunteers over and above their insurance to and from their volunteer sites. To reduce these costs, we are going to need to get serious about a few things. Volunteers with no hours recorded for the past 5 years will be considered inactive and no longer covered under our insurance. If you are still active and have not turned in hours, or just want to continue being contacted, please let us know. If you have had a phone or address change and wish to continue receiving our newsletter, please let us know.

We are forming a Fundraising Committee. Up for consideration is Bingo. The major holdup—a place to hold it. We could use some guidance. If you have ideas or would like to join us on the Committee, please do! We always need YOU, and welcome your input.

Thank you so much for your past support. Things are slowly starting to move forward with Volunteer opportunities. Lets hope by springing forward it will continue.

Thank you for all you do.



Patti

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."

- Erma Bombeck

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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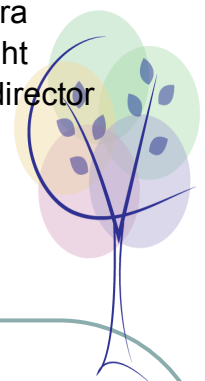
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The mission of Volunteer Connection, Inc. is to enrich lives by actively participating in the community through volunteer service.

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

**262-472-9632**



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Looking ahead in 2023

Think about what would be something you would like to do that could help someone in need.

- ⇒ Provide rides to medical appointments
- ⇒ Help elderly/disabled with yard work
- ⇒ Assist with book sales at your local library
- ⇒ **November** begins training for AARP Tax Preparation. The AARP website provides 30 to 40 hours of online training followed by two 7 hour classroom sessions in January. If you like working with numbers, this is the place for you. Easy tax forms, you are never alone, taxes are always checked before submission. (It's a fun and dedicated group to work with.)
- ⇒ **December 9** will be distribution day for Toys for Tots. Volunteers are needed to distribute boxes and pick up toys starting late October. December 5 through the 8th help is needed setting up the Activity Center and sorting toys received by age groups. On the 9th we distribute toys to the parents. Clean up for this event starts at 3:00 on the 9th.

If you are interested, please call 262-472-9632.



### VOLUNTEER AS A PILOT, SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Learn how to pilot trishaws in our community so older adults can enjoy the fun of getting out for a bike ride.

Volunteers spread and share their

joy of life with warmth and charm. Pilots, as the trishaw volunteers are known, will spark fellow riders' interest, connect with them in heart and mind, and initiate delightful bonding between generations.

**REGISTRATION —CALL 262-320-7325**

**MUST HAVE VALID DRIVERS LICENSE—IF  
UNDER 18 MUST HAVE CONSENT.**

**For more information about Cycling Without Age,  
a program sponsored by the Dementia Friendly  
Community Initiative check out our website at**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/brief/438226/ole-kassow?>

YOU matter. What you do matters. A lot.

### Create a Memory Bear for families

Aurora at Home Hospice is in need of individuals to sew Memory Bears from clothing.

This is a great offering to the families of hospice patients and helps them with their grief.

Training for each Volunteers is available in Burlington and Lake Geneva



## **MOCK JURY—Trial Skills program**

**Wednesday May 17th from 8:45 - Noon at the Grand Geneva Resort**

The Wisconsin State Public Defenders Office in Madison is back and they are requesting our help! 15 Volunteers are needed for Jury Duty practice for their class. If you can help, please call the Volunteer Connection office 262-472-9632 asap to reserve your spot.

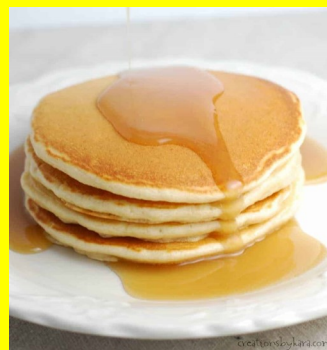
### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

**HOLTON MANOR in Elkhorn**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

**10:00 am Cost is \$3.00**

Holton Manor has been having a monthly Fundraiser for Volunteer Connection. Please join us in the Café at 10:00am. It is a great time to meet some of your fellow Volunteers while enjoying some delicious pancakes and visit with the Holton staff and residents. We have really enjoyed our time together as well as raising much needed funding.



**We hope to see you there! Thank you Holton Manor for this opportunity!**



You may not think you can reach it.  
*Climb anyway.*  
You may not think you'll be heard  
*Speak anyway.*  
You may not think you can change things.  
*Try anyway.*

*Maya Angelou*

<u><b>FOOD PANTRY</b></u>		<u><b>TOTAL SERVED 2022</b></u>			<u><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></u>	
<u><b>FOOD PANTRY</b></u>	<u><b>HOUSEHOLDS</b></u>	<u><b>ADULTS</b></u>	<u><b>CHILDREN</b></u>	<u><b>INDIVIDUALS</b></u>	<u><b>NUMBER</b></u>	<u><b>HOURS</b></u>
EAST TROY	122	1,464	732	2,412	19	3,521
ELKHORN	373	2,089	1,077	3,166	28	2,599
LAKE GENEVA	334	2,139	897	3,036	51	2,578
WHITEWATER	262	3,747	2,118	5,865	22	3,070

Parents of 710 children in Walworth County received toys for Christmas. This program is set up for people in need. We receive names from food pantries, schools, Head Start, and many non-profit organizations in Walworth County dealing with families in crisis. Individuals and organizations from all around this county made it possible for us to serve each and every one of those children...God bless each and every one!



October started us off at Fleet Farm. The Fleet Farm allowed Delavan Marines to hold a Toys for Tots fundraiser during their toy sale for a few days-usually the coldest in the month. Because of their efforts and so many in our caring people, over \$3,000 was raised to purchase toys. Volunteers and Marines spent every penny at Fleet Farm for toys, at discounted prices, for families in need this Christmas.

Volunteers distributed toy collection boxes to most of the organizations listed below. Over the following weeks leading up to the Toy for Tots giveaway, those Volunteers religiously checked those boxes and collected the toys. One little boy in Lake Geneva donated ALL OF HIS BIRTHDAY TOYS!

All year long quilters were making quilts, and Volunteers who sew, knit and crochet were making hats and mittens to keep children warm.

#### **DEHAVAN**

- \*Anytime Fitness
- DeeDee & The Quilters
- \*Fleet Farm
- \*Kunes Country Chevy Cadillac
- \*Kunes Country Ford
- \*Delavan Marine Corps
- \*Noble Insurance
- \*SPX Flow, Inc.
- \*Walgreens
- \*WI School for the Deaf

#### **WALWORTH**

- \*Berkenshire Hathaway Home Services
- \*Geneva lakes Animal Hospital
- \*Timber Creek

#### **WHITEWATER**

- \*Burtness Chevrolet Buick GMC
- \*Schenck Processing

#### **ELKHORN**

- \*Bartz Chiropractic
- \*Certified Power Train
- \*Circle of Friends
- \*Dollar Tree
- \*Elkhorn Motors
- \*Frank's Piggly Wiggly
- \*Holton Manor
- \*Janet's Home Made Hats
- \*Kunes Country Chevy GMDC
- \*Kunes Country Dodge Jeep
- \*Kunes country RV & Truck
- \*Larry & Josh Hero
- \*Matheson Memorial Library
- \*Sugar Creek Lutheran
- \*Sugar Creek Lutheran Quilters
- \*Unilock
- \*Walgreens
- \*Walworth County Fairgrounds
- \*\*WC Food & Diaper Bank's  
anonymous donors

#### **LAKE GENEVA**

- \*The Cove
- \*Dollar General
- \*Harbor Shores
- JoAnn Fabrics
- \*Kunes Country
- \*Lake Geneva Chiropractor
- \*Lake Geneva Laundry Cleaners
- \*Lake Geneva Public Library
- \*Sugar Shack
- \*Target
- \*Walgreens
- \*Woodstock Snowmobile Club

#### **PELL LAKE**

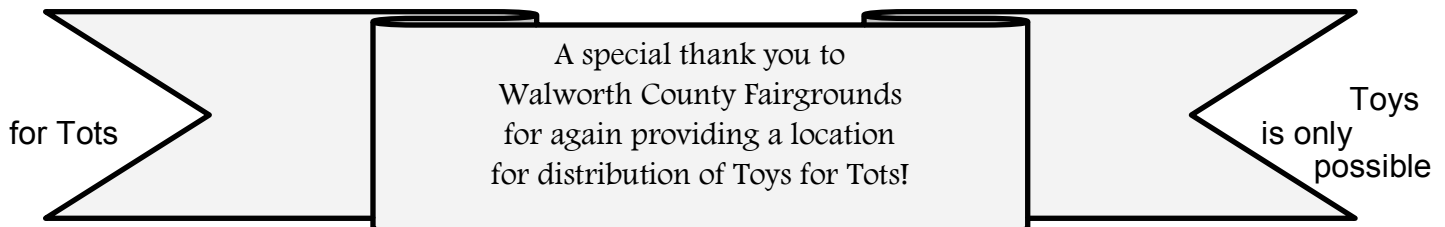
- \*Dollar General

#### **SHARON**

- \*Exacto

#### **WILLIAMS BAY**

- \*Barrett Library
- \*Williams Bay Police Department



**The meaning of life is to give life meaning. —Viktor Frankl**

<b><u>49</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>77</u></b>	<b><u>69</u></b>	<b><u>109</u></b>	<b><u>91</u></b>	<b><u>86</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>75</u></b>	<b><u>49</u></b>	<b><u>710</u></b>	<b># of Children</b>
<b><u>0 to 2</u></b>	<b><u>3 to 5</u></b>	<b><u>6 to 9</u></b>	<b><u>10 to 13</u></b>	<b><u>14 &amp; up</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>Ages</u></b>					
<b>BOY</b>	<b>GIRL</b>	<b>BOY</b>	<b>GIRL</b>	<b>BOY</b>	<b>GIRL</b>	<b>BOY</b>	<b>GIRL</b>	<b>BOY</b>	<b>GIRL</b>		

We are sure glad there is "U" in our Volunteers!





From The American Red  
Cross regarding blood:

- ♦ Whole blood is the most flexible type of donation. It can be transfused in its original form, or used to help multiple people when separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets. All types are needed.
- ♦ Whole blood is frequently given to trauma patients and people undergoing surgery.
- ♦ The most common donation is one pint whole blood which takes about 1 hour. You can donate every 56 days, up to 6 times a year

**Power Red:** A Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg, or O blood.

## American Red Cross Blood Services

### **TOTAL PINTS OF BLOOD COLLECTED** **AT THESE BLOOD DRIVES IN 2022**

	<u>Potential to Save</u>
DELAVAN/DARIEN—280	840 lives
EAST TROY—410	1,230 lives
ELKHORN—363	1,089 lives
LAKE GENEVA—228	684 lives
WHITEWATER—280	840 lives
<b>TOTAL PINTS—1,561</b>	<b>4,683 lives</b>

**blood  
donor**

(noun)

Definition:

A kind-hearted hero who generously rolls up a sleeve to help save a life.



### **2023 American Red Cross Blood Drive Dates in Walworth County**

**THANK YOU TO OUR BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS!**

#### **EAST TROY (12-5)**

East Troy Bible Church  
2660 North Street (Hwy 20)  
3/13/23 Mondays  
5/15/23  
7/17/23  
9/18/23  
11/20/23

#### **ELKHORN (11-5)**

Sugar Creek Lutheran Church  
N5690 Cobblestone Road  
2/23/23 Thursdays  
4/27/23  
6/29/23  
8/24/23  
10/19/23  
12/14/23

#### **WHITEWATER (11-5)**

Cravath Lake Community Center  
341 S. Fremont Street  
3/24/23-Friday  
5/22/23-Monday  
7/21/23-Friday  
9/15/23-Friday  
11/17/23-Friday  
1/12/24-Friday  
3/22/24-Friday

#### **LAKE GENEVA (12-5)**

The Cove  
111 Center Street  
4/7/23-Fridays  
6/16/23  
8/11/23  
10/6/23

#### **DELAVAN/DARIEN (11-5)**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
416 W. Geneva Street  
3/27/23-Monday  
6/21/23-Wednesday  
8/22/23-Tuesday  
12/27/23-Wednesday

#### **COMO (11-5)**

Como Community Church  
W3901 Palmer Road-Como  
3/24/23-Friday  
5/19/23  
7/14/23  
9/8/23  
11/3/23

#### **KUNES COUNTRY RV (10-3)**

9 Deere Road-Elkhorn  
3/22/23-Wednesday  
10/18/23-Wednesday

#### **BADGER HIGH SCHOOL (8-1)**

220 E South Street-Lake Geneva  
4/27/23-Thursday

#### **ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL (8:30-12:30)**

482 E. Geneva Street  
4/24/23-Monday  
6/7/23-Wednesday

The word 'Impossible' itself  
spells -- 'I'm possible'.





“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

## THANK YOU

January, 2023 Home Depot in Mukwonago supplied the East Troy Food Pantry with enough resources for the remodeling of their Pantry.

Such a blessing for so many



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are the worlds  
#1 asset**

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Two Mission Thrift Shoppes

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