

At the Center



Summer 2011

Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee
A service of the Nonprofit Center

Be Inspiring

Do you volunteer? Did you start because a friend asked you to help? Or is there a cause you care about? Maybe you know that volunteering is great experience for a future career or it will look good on your college application.

At our 29th annual Volunteer Celebration on April 13, we met five volunteers whose service is an inspiration. Each started out just like you, taking those first steps without knowing exactly what they were getting into, and they have accomplished amazing things. When you read about them, you'll understand why the judges decided they deserved the 2011 Inspire by Example awards.

If you want to know how **Business Award** winner **DRS Power and Control Technologies** is engaged in their 30th Street Industrial Corridor neighborhood, just ask Carol Knuth – she's probably involved. The employees are there for the block watch, food and toy drives, flood cleanup and supporting local organizations. They care about their community and lead the way for others.

The **Team Award** winner is like the postal service; neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night can keep John Larson and 39 other **Meals on Wheels** drivers from delivering meals to area residents for Horizon Home Care and Hospice. The snow doesn't stop them and they will go the extra mile to make sure their customers are happy and safe.

This retiree still puts in a 30 hour week and isn't showing signs of slowing down! **Adult Award** winner **Audrey Hemmer** is transcribing books into Braille for children and adults who are blind – and has been doing so for 19 years at **ABLE, Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement**. Audrey couldn't attend our luncheon – she was at a conference learning new techniques.

Serving on a Board of Directors is a high impact way to volunteer, and **C. Frederick Geilfuss II, Fran Swigart Board Leadership Award** winner, leads the way. Fred's relationship with the **Grand Avenue Club** is a two-way street – he scrutinizes the monthly financial reports, assists with fundraising and recruits other board members and in return is personally inspired by the GAC members with physical and mental disabilities.



Top: Carol Knuth representing DRS Power & Control Technologies, Carlos Orozco, C. Frederick Geilfuss II, John Larson representing Horizon Home Care and Hospice Meals on Wheels drivers.

Left: Carlos Orozco and Kristen Edwards performed with the MYSO Dolce Quartet at the celebration.

Youth Award winner **Carlos Orozco** is a busy sophomore at **Brown Deer High School** and a super-active volunteer. He tutors middle school students, is on the Student Leadership Team and performs and volunteers with the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra and others. All that and homework too! We were thrilled to have his MYSO Dolce Quartet perform.

The awardees recognized on stage ranged from young in age to young at heart – and there were some amazing volunteers in the audience too. The future of volunteering is in good hands with the **Can Do Cousins** at work collecting cans, gathering supplies and using their own birthday parties to collect toys and food for people in need. These cousins, ranging in age from three to eight, will be volunteering for years to come.

Consider this your personal challenge. This newsletter is filled with ways that youth and families can engage in our community. Take a look and see where you find your passion.

Go aheadbe inspiring.



Volunteer Opportunities



ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER 2011

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Listed below are opportunities for people age 12 and up. Email or call the contact person to learn more.

NOTE: Minimum ages in listings are for young people volunteering without adult supervision.

Public Television Membership Drive

June 4, 5, 7 & 12

Be on TV! Answer calls from viewers, record information and enter data. 5:30-11:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 16*

MPTV Friends - Pamela R. Behling

volunteermptv@aol.com, (414) 297-8009

Bag Produce

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 22

Count and bag produce for SHARE members.

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. *Minimum age: 14*

Make Food Loads

May 18-19, June 22-23, July 20-21, August 24-25

Pack monthly food orders at SHARE host sites.

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 14*

Produce Box Assembly

May 17, June 21, July 19, August 23

Box fresh organic produce in an assembly line.

9:00 a.m.-Noon. *Minimum age: 14*

Count and Load Food

May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27

Count food on loads to ensure accuracy and help move loads onto trucks. 6:30-10:00 a.m. *Minimum age: 14*

SHARE Wisconsin - Bill Timken

btimken@sharewi.org, (262) 439-4442

Springfest Festival - May 29

Decorate, sell beverage tickets, help in children's area or cleanup. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 4-6 hour shifts.

Minimum age: 12

United Migrant Opportunity Services - Griselda Aldrete

griselda.aldrete@umos.org, (414) 389-6007

Kicknic - June 4

Hand out lunch, paint children's faces, and help with grounds crew. 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 4-hour shifts.

Minimum age: 16

WIAA Girls State Soccer Championships

June 16-18

Monitor sidelines, sell tickets and concessions, direct cars, or keep score. 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 16*

Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club - Angie Opsahl

angieo@mksc.org, (414) 358-2678

School Carnival - June 9

Assist with one of the games at the year-end celebration.

8:00 a.m.-Noon. *Minimum age: 16*

Milwaukee College Prep School - Maggie Broeren



Youth Who Volunteer are More Likely to

* Do well in school * Graduate

* Maintain a healthy lifestyle

Gathering Waters Festival - June 11

Staff the environmental information booth and help with hands-on activities at Lake Shore State Park.

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 3-4 hour shifts. *Minimum age: 16*

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful - Volunteer Coordinator
volunteer@kgmb.org, (414) 272-5462 ext. 105

Read With Me

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27,

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Read with children ages 2 to 5. Tuesdays 1:30-4:00 p.m. or Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 a.m. *Minimum age: 13*

Next Door Foundation - Maggie Flint

mflint@nextdoormil.org, (414) 562-2929 ext. 109

Feed the Homeless and Hungry

May 17, June 21, July 19, August 23

Assist with food preparation and setup, serving and cleanup for daily dinner program.

Monday-Friday 3:30-6:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 16*

The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin - Kasia Drake-Hames

kdrakehames@thegatheringwis.org, (414) 272-4122

Scenic Shore 150 Bike Tour - July 22-25

Help with registration, rest stops, meals, prize distribution, route supervision, bike repair, and medical/first aid.

Minimum age: 15

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Kim Kokott

kim.kokott@lls.org, (262) 785-4244

Earth Care & Garden Tending

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Pull weeds, collect native plant seeds, and tend the Native Plant Garden. 9:00-11:00 a.m. *Minimum age: 16*

Dotty's Crafters - Material Preparation

June 1, July 6, August 3

Help prepare craft materials for preschool programs and events. Cut and punch paper, string yarn, etc.

1:00-3:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 14*

Wehr Nature Center - Jo Williams

jo.williams@ces.uwex.edu, (414) 425-8550



Admissions Booth Attendant - June 13-August 26

Take in fees and hand out trail maps. Weekdays. Choose one week from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 16*

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center - Laurie Haig
lhaig@sanc.org, (414) 352-2880 ext. 44

Sherman Park Days 5th Anniversary - June 4

Plant flowers, clean the park, paint picnic tables and more; then enjoy lunch. 8:00 a.m.-Noon. *Minimum age: 14*

Sherman Park Community Association
Wendy Washington
wendywas@shermanpark.org, (414) 444-9803 ext. 107



Walk With Me - June 17

Help as a course marshal, with registration, or in the prize tent. *Minimum age: 16*

Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin - Elizabeth O'Leary
elizabetho@eastersealswise.com, (414) 550-3205



Spend a Day With a Special Needs Child

July 9, August 13

Share your time and energy in a fun day with a special needs child. Lunch is provided. *Minimum age: 15*

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin - Ellen Anderson
ellen.anderson@cssw.org, (414) 444-5760

Need Help Engaging Your Youth Group?

We have a limited number of free copies of our **Youth Volunteer Action Guide** available.

Activities and action steps in this 75-page guide create a process for leaders to help groups explore, act and then reflect on great volunteer experiences.

For information call 414-273-7887.

Thank You, Potawatomi

The Nonprofit Center was a winner at last year's Potawatomi Bingo Casino Miracle on Canal Street event. We're grateful for the support.

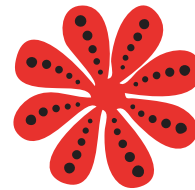


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Ten Ways to Make a Difference Today, No Matter What Your Age!

1. Create cards or artwork for your local senior center or seniors in your neighborhood – you will brighten their day!
2. Share what you love to do. Whether it's playing an instrument or sport, dancing, singing, a board game or something positive you know how to make, share it with younger kids.
3. Donate things in good condition that you don't use to Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, or a local religious organization.
4. Want to share your love of reading? Help read to little kids at the local library.
5. If you have a lemonade stand this summer, donate your proceeds to a worthy cause!
6. Your words are a powerful gift. Say something nice to someone today or defend someone who is being bullied.
7. Pick up trash in your neighborhood. And encourage friends and family not to litter in the first place.
8. Grow veggies in your garden or in pots outside and share some of them with your local food pantry.
9. Help your older neighbor with chores around the house or garden.
10. Write letters to soldiers overseas or send a care package. If you don't know a soldier, you can go to anysoldier.com to get an address of someone who would really appreciate a letter.

Be aware of those around you and try to think of ways to help every day. Use your creativity and your voice; you'll be surprised by what you can accomplish!



For event photos and up to the minute information on volunteerism check out the Volunteer Center on Facebook and VolunteerMke on Twitter!



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SUMMER-LONG OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE-AUGUST 2011

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Volunteer Program

Be a companion, ambassador, receptionist, escort, and more. Weekdays or weekends. Commit to 1 day per week for 8 to 10 weeks. *Minimum age: 15*

Aurora Health Care - Mary Connell
mary.connell@aurora.org, (414) 649-6747

Wash Toys & Organize Children's Room

Wash, organize & sort toys, remove broken toys, put out new toys weekday afternoons. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Minimum age: 16

Bay View Community Center - Kimberly Schubring
kschubring@bayviewcenter.org, (414) 482-1000



Athletic Coach

Coach youth in basketball, football, or soccer. Weekdays or evenings. *Minimum age: 16*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee - Anton Timms
antont@boysgirlsclubs.org, (414) 267-8111

English as a Second Language Tutor

Teach basic English skills to refugees in small groups or one-on-one. 8-week commitment. *Minimum age: 16*

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Kara Moore, kmoore@ccmke.org, (414) 771-2881 ext. 152

Child Care

Help with feeding, reading, art, bulletin boards or take walks with children ages 6-weeks and older. Minimum two hours weekly. *Minimum age: 16*

Child Development Center of St. Joseph
Sr. Brendan Bogdan, sbrendan@cdcsj.org, (414) 645-5337

Arts and Crafts/Ceramics

Share your arts and craft skills with older adults in weekday projects. *Minimum age: 15*

Entertainment

Entertain in adult day center: sing, play an instrument, perform a magic show, etc.

Weekdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 14*

Spanish Group

Socialize with clients in Spanish or visit with participants. Must be bilingual. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00-11:30 a.m. *Minimum age: 15*

Friends for Seniors

Read, play table games or cards or just visit with a senior. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 14*

Community Care - Layton Blvd. - Heather Boldt
heather.boldt@communitycareinc.org, (414) 902-2447

Community Warehouse Assistant

Bring donated building products to the floor, assist customers or clean facility. One-time or ongoing.

Minimum age: 14

Community Warehouse - Brent Halfwassen
brent@thecommunitywarehouse.org, (414) 383-7792

Room Preparation / Housecleaning

Prepare and clean rooms in a shelter for battered women. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 14*

Daystar - Janet Robinson
jarobinson@daystarinc.org, (414) 385-0334

Adopt a Neighborhood Art Gallery Garden

Design, install and maintain flower gardens in Art Park. Weekdays. Gardening experience required.

Minimum age: 16

Green Thumbs and Dirt Lovers Wanted

Help residents plant, maintain and harvest their community garden. 3 hours per week. *Minimum age: 16*

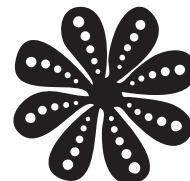
Dominican Center for Women - Kelly Lemens
lemens65@yahoo.com, (414) 442-5273



Refreshment Coordinator - UWM Campus

Hand out beverages and snacks to incoming freshmen. Weekdays or evenings, 3-hour shifts. *Minimum age: 16*

Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin - Elizabeth O'Leary
elizabetho@eastersealswise.com, (414) 550-3205



Resident Activity Coordinator

Play games, help with crafts and baking, or supervise field trips with older adults. Weekdays or evenings.

Minimum age: 16

Family House - Raphael Gordon
dantegordon@hotmail.com, (414) 264-6458

Feed the Homeless and Hungry

Assist in food preparation and setup, serving and cleanup for daily breakfast program.

Monday-Friday. 7:00-10:30 a.m. *Minimum age: 16*

The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin - Kasia Drake-Hames
kdrakehames@thegatheringwis.org, (414) 272-4122

Clerical Help

Stuff envelopes, make follow up calls, and other clerical duties. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 17*

Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation - Jessica Kveen
jkveen@glhf.org, (414) 257-0200

Stamp Out Invasive Species

Help remove invasive weeds. Weekdays or weekends.

Minimum age: 16

Havenwoods State Forest - Larry Goeb
larry.goeb@wisconsin.gov, (414) 527-0232

Lawn Mowing

Mow lawns for seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County. *Minimum age: 15*

Interfaith Senior Programs - Kathy Whitehurst
kathyw@interfaithwaukesha.org, (262) 522-2407

Technology Assistance

Repair computers or create and maintain spreadsheets. Weekdays or weekends. Must have experience.

Minimum age: 16

Kathy's House - Herb Ayres
mail@kathys-house.org, (414) 453-8290

Keep It Clean Helpers

Clean litter from a park, river way, neighborhood, or other public land. *Minimum age: 16*

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful - Volunteer Coordinator
volunteer@kgmb.org, (414) 272-5462 ext. 105

Distribute Special Event Information

Hand out flyers for summer events to residents in the Silver City Neighborhood. *Minimum age: 16*

Layton Blvd. West Neighbors - Beth Haskovec
silvercitymainstreet@gmail.com, (414) 380-4680

Adult Activity Program Partner

Assist Day Center participants with activities, snacks, and transportation to campus activities. Weekdays.

Minimum age: 12

Have a Green Thumb?

Work with elderly residents in our adaptive garden beds. Weekdays or weekends. *Minimum age: 12*

Resident Transporter

Transport residents in wheelchairs to therapy and beauty shop appointments on our campus.

Once weekly 8:45-11:45 a.m. *Minimum age: 14*

Luther Manor - Lori Schultz
volunteer@luthermanor.org, (414) 464-3880 ext. 577

Activity Field Trip Escort

Provide wheelchair assistance for older adults at community venues. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 12*

Coffee Cart Hosts/Hostesses

Travel room-to-room offering residents coffee/tea, cookies, and conversation. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 12*

Caring Companion

Engage elderly residents in board or card games, help write letters or take campus walks together. Once weekly.

Minimum age: 14

Luther Manor - Cheryl Schmitz
volunteer@luthermanor.org, (414) 464-3880 ext. 600

Outdoor Activity & Administrative Helpers

Assist with picnics, administrative tasks, and outdoor activities such as gardening. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 17*

MargaretAnn's Place - Debra Smith-Andersen
debra@margaretannspplace.org, (414) 732-2663

Emergency Food Pantry Distribution

Pack and distribute food to clients and families. Weekday a.m. or p.m. shifts. *Minimum age: 16*

Emergency Food Pantry Shipment Assistant

Unload and sort food shipments or pack food bags weekdays. Must lift 25-50 lbs. *Minimum age: 16*

Food Drive Organizer

Organize a food drive for the Emergency Food Pantry. *Minimum age: 13*

Hmong or Lao Chaperone

Assist Lao and Hmong seniors to outings at Washington Park on Friday mornings. Must be fluent in Hmong or Lao language. *Minimum age: 16*

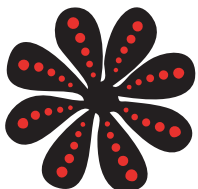
Milwaukee Christian Center - Leslie Luther
lluther@mccwi.org, (414) 645-5350 ext. 118

Youth Camp Assistant

Help with activities for youth ages 7-13. Morning or afternoon shifts. Camp runs June 21-August 13.

Minimum age: 14

Milwaukee Christian Center - Brian Stewart
bstewart@mccwi.org, (414) 645-8440



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Children's Books Drive

Collect gently used and new books for preschool and kindergarten children. *Minimum age: 12*

Organize Books for Kids

Sort, label and shelve books donated through the drive. Any weekday. *Minimum age: 16*

Next Door Foundation - Maggie Flint
mflint@nextdoormil.org, (414) 562-2929 ext. 109



Yard Work

Do yard work for older adults at their Ozaukee County homes. *Minimum age: 16*

Ozaukee Family Services - Linda Pigeon
lpigeon@ozaukeefamilyservices.org, (262) 376-7774 ext. 123

Organic Farming

Pull weeds, harvest the crops and help with watering. Flexible schedule. *Minimum age: 16*

Riveredge Nature Center - Pat Schindler
volunteers@riveredge.us, (262) 375-2715



Home Improvement with Youth

Supervise and work with youth to make home improvements in their neighborhoods. Must be experienced. 2 to 3 hours weekly. *Minimum age: 14*

Running Rebels Community Organization - Emily Reardon
emily.reardon@runningrebels.org, (414) 264-8222

Admissions Booth Attendant

Take in cash, hand out trail maps, and other various tasks. Weekday afternoons or once a month Saturdays. *Minimum age: 16*

Land Stewardship – Year-Round

Weed, plant, and remove invasive species along Lake Michigan shores. Wednesday, Friday or Saturday mornings. *Minimum age: 14*

Summer Class Assistant

Help teach kids ages 3-12 about wolves, snakes or birds or help with nature crafts or canoeing. Minimum 3 hours a day for one week. *Minimum age: 12*

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center - Laurie Haig
lhaig@sanc.org, (414) 352-2880 ext. 144

Special Olympics Coach

Be a sport coach assistant for people with disabilities in Milwaukee or surrounding counties. *Minimum age: 16*

Special Olympics Wisconsin - Milwaukee Area
Sidny Harker
sharker@specialolympicswisconsin.org, (262) 241-7786



Cafe/Wellness

Make sandwiches, stock sodas and condiments and collect money. Fridays, Noon-4:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 16*

Hospitality One-on-One

Provide hospitality and orientation for new clients and explain programs; 3-5 weekday hours per client. *Minimum age: 17*

Special Friend

Help with games, arts & crafts, ceramics, feeding, or socialize with older adult with a disability. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 17*

Childcare Teacher Helper

Serve snacks and lunch, read stories, play games and clean classrooms for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Weekday hours. *Minimum age: 16*

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care - Delma Vega
delmav@stanncenter.org, (414) 977-5000

Classroom Assistant

Assist children from birth-Kindergarten age with classroom activities. Some children have special needs. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 15*

St. Francis Children's Center - Candi Dierbeck
cdierbeck@sfcckids.org, (414) 351-0450



Bingo

Sit with residents and help them with bingo. Wednesday or Saturday afternoons. *Minimum age: 12*

Chapel Escorts

Escort elderly residents in wheelchairs to our chapel. Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday mornings. *Minimum age: 12*

Craft Instructor

Teach elderly residents craft projects: seasonal centerpieces, scrapbooking or beading. *Minimum age: 16*

Card Players

Teach or assist in playing cribbage, eucker and sheephead with elderly residents. Once a month or more. *Minimum age: 16*

Friendly Visitor

Spend time with an elderly residents in our skilled nursing facility. Once a week or more. *Minimum age: 16*

Gardeners

Assist residents with planting, watering and weeding the garden. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 16*

In-House Transporter

Transport elderly residents in wheelchairs to beauty shop, therapy or medical clinic. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 12*



Therapy Transporter/Helper

Transport residents to the therapy department and help with clerical duties. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 16*

Trinity Village - Bonnie Zabkowicz
bonnie.zabkowicz@vmp.org, (414) 371-7317



Activity Assistant

Assist elderly residents with arts and crafts, games, read stories and other activities. 2 hours weekly or bi-weekly. *Minimum age: 12*

Bingo Assistant

Help with bingo supplies and assist residents. Saturday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or Wednesday 2:00-4:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 12*

Evening Under the Gazebo

Escort residents in wheelchairs outside for entertainment. Every other Wednesday 6:00- 8:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 12*

Friendly Visitor

Visit with elderly residents, help write letters, or play a game. Weekly or bi-weekly. *Minimum age: 16*

Snack Bar

Make coffee and enjoy a beverage with our residents and guests. Weekdays 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 2:00-3:00 p.m. *Minimum age: 12*

Wheelchair Escort – In-House

Transport residents in wheelchairs to the therapy department, beauty shop, or chapel. Weekdays or Sundays. *Minimum age: 16*

Village At Manor Park - Bonnie Zabkowicz
bonnie.zabkowicz@vmp.org, (414) 607-4276

Office Assistant and Greeter

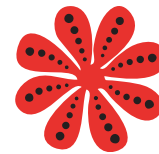
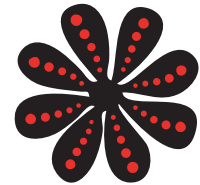
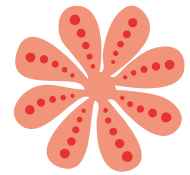
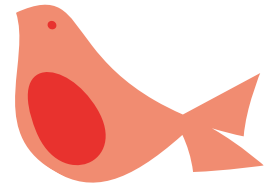
Assemble training material binders, make copies, help with mailings or greet parents and visitors. Weekdays. *Minimum age: 17*

WI FACETS - Sandra McFarland
smcfarland@wifacets.org, (414) 374-4645

Office Intern

Perform clerical and customer service duties in the Resource Center and facilitate the computer labs. 15 hours per week. *Minimum age: 16*

Word of Hope Ministries - Danielle Hall
wohmdh@yahoo.com, (414) 447-1965 ext. 257



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