



**WALWORTH COUNTY**

January 2023

## **NEWS FROM WALWORTH COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

### **Hello from the Volunteer Services and Happy New Year 2023.**

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone and we are now celebrating 2023.

Many of us have New Years resolutions, usually to “give up” something, like sweets, alcohol, cigarettes, etc.

But many of us, instead of giving up something like to “add” something, such as drinking more water, exercising more, finding something meaningful and fulfilling ect. My challenge to you is to make a goal to volunteer more in 2023. Give back to those in

need, or explore how to make the community better. Volunteerism comes in many shapes and sizes, and could be long term or one day events. It could be for a non profit, government agencies, your church, or even a neighbor in need of a ride to the store. What would be a good goal in 2023 is to find something that you are passionate about and give of your time and service to that passion. The Walworth County Volunteer Services office, as you know, only works to find volunteers for County run programs, however, there are so many agencies out there that need help that are not connected to the County. You just have to find them. A good website to check out is called:

Volunteermatch.com

Or

United Way of Walworth County.

One such agency that does great work in the Walworth County area is the Walworth County Literacy Council. They are a charitable organization that is in need of volunteers. Please see page 2 on how to contact them to learn more about this wonderful organization and how you can help.

Thank you and all the best to you and your family for the new year.

**The  
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COUNTY  
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SERVICES  
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With any  
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or questions**

**Check out page  
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County's current volunteer  
opportunities**

# **VOLUNTEER**





## WALWORTH COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Walworth County Literacy Council, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in reading, writing, English as a Second Language, GED or citizenship. Tutors and students meet at libraries throughout Walworth County. Basic technology skills, including the ability to text and access information on the computer, are required. No prior teaching experience or other language fluency is necessary. Training, instructional materials and on-going support from WCLC staff will be provided.

For more information on volunteering, please call 262-957-0142, email us at [wclctutor@gmail.com](mailto:wclctutor@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.walworthcountyliteracycouncil.org](http://www.walworthcountyliteracycouncil.org)



### **ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS!!**

**Volunteers, you play a vital role in  
the home delivered meal program.**

**You are the eyes of the program and according to 35% of the participants, the only person they see on any given day. Every 3 years we are required to provide you with a training titled, "Red Flags". On or around Feb 1st you will receive an email from Anne Prince, Nutrition Program Supervisor, with a link to a video presentation of this training. No need to attend in person this year as in the past. You will be able to watch from home and just reply back to Anne to confirm that you watch it and that is it!! Thank you so much.**



# We're Searching for Volunteers

## Current Volunteer Opportunities with the County

1. Want to make a difference in a seniors life? Lakeland Health Care Center is looking for volunteers to help lead fun activities for the residents. Are you into fitness? Lead a chair exercise group,...are you into traveling? Do a travelogue. Are you into cards? Lead a card group. Do you enjoy reading the bible? Lead a small bible study. Do you have a well behaved dog? Bring them in for a visit. Do you like crafts? Lead a simple craft group. Do you like to bake? Lead a baking group. All supplies will be provided. You choose the day and time, could be every week or 2 times a month...very flexible. We would love to provide meaningful activities for residents. Volunteers need to be fully vaccinated and masks are required inside of building.
2. Volunteers are needed for a fun, new program called Connecting Minds that will take place on Thursday mornings at the Health and Human Services building. Volunteers are needed to assist staff with structured activities with clients with mild dementia.
3. Become a "Friendly Visitor" to a senior in need. Visit in person, help with such activities as paying bills, grocery shopping, or just be a friend to someone who lives alone or is isolated.
4. The senior dining center in Elkhorn is in need of a volunteer on Mondays from 10am to 12:30pm. Assist staff in serving lunch to seniors. A free lunch is also included.
5. Like working with children? Our social workers are having a training for foster care parents on Monday Feb 13th 6pm to 7:30pm at the Health and Human Services building at 1910 County Rd NN, Elkhorn. We are looking for 2 volunteers to help supervise the children during that training. Activities will be provided and staff will also be working along side with you.

If any of these are of interest to you...please let me know.

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