

Volunteer Connection



Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity for Those in Need
Justice and Peace

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Felician Village

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Is Volunteering Good for Your health?

Let Us Count the Ways.

Doing Good is Good for You: Health and Volunteering Study was done as part of United Healthcare's continued effort to support and encourage volunteerism, understand its impact on health, and strengthen connections to communities. It found that volunteering isn't just good for nonprofits, it's good for people, and it's good for the workplace.



Good For You

About a quarter of the people who have volunteered in the past 12 months say that volunteering has helped them to manage a chronic illness.

76%

of people who volunteered in the last twelve months say that volunteering has made them feel healthier.



94%



of people who volunteered in the last twelve months say that volunteering improves their mood

95%



say they are helping to make their community a better place.



80%

of people who have volunteered in the past 12 months say they feel they have control over their health.



96%

say volunteering enriches their sense of purpose.

78%

of people who volunteered in the last 12 months say that volunteering lowers their stress levels.



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The volunteer newsletter of Felician Village



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Volunteer Spotlights

Carol Lorrigan



How did you become a volunteer at FV and how long ago?

I was retiring in May of 2019 and planned to volunteer with my sisters' Pat & Elaine as chapel escorts each Wednesday. A week before I retired, I was having coffee with my sisters in the cafe, and Julie asked if I would volunteer in the cafe once I retired. I said, "sure."

What surprised you most about volunteering at FV?

It's fun and soul satisfying, as you're always appreciated for anything you help with!

What do you wish other people knew about Felician Village?

I find FV offers excellent spiritual support to residents, something I feel residents truly long for and need. They also have a beautiful chapel/prayer room in the main facility, and also one in The Gardens, senior independent living. What a blessing to have daily/weekly church services, prayer meetings, and spiritual support.

What it is like to volunteer at Felician Village?

Staff and residents always make me feel great when volunteering. They help me when I have questions and always thank me for volunteering.

If someone was hesitant to volunteer at FV, what would you tell them?

There are so many different volunteer opportunities. I find there's no pressure to volunteer, just volunteer when you can, have fun, and enjoy the smiles on the residents' faces when you help them. Trust me, you'll get lots of smiles and thank you's!

Colleen Spruiell



How did you become a volunteer at FV and how long ago?

I moved to Wisconsin in 2001. Around 2003, I got a job at St Mary's Home. Getting to know all the residents was the best part, it was like having 250 grandparents. In 2019, I became medically retired and all of a sudden, I had no job and no daily routine. Finally, after the COVID Pandemic I was able to become a volunteer in 2021. I wanted to have the ability to give back to all residents during the 16 years that I worked here.

What surprised you most about volunteering at FV?

What surprised me most is that the residents are so appreciative of what I do and I think I get more satisfaction than they do.

What do you wish other people knew about Felician Village?

For a new volunteer just starting out, I think they will discover how individual all the residents are and that you can make a positive difference in their life.

What it is like to volunteer at Felician Village?

For me, volunteering at Felician Village is like having a "job" or routine that gets me out of the house where I can be productive. . . I love it.

If someone was hesitant to volunteer at FV, what would you tell them?

If someone was hesitant about being a volunteer, my best advice is to give it a try. Through all the years that I worked at St Mary's and volunteered on campus, for many of the residents, I was the person lucky enough to be the one to brighten their day. It makes me feel proud to be part of their journey.



FV at Home

Companions

Event Helpers



to our volunteers who walked at the Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 9th event at the Lakeshore. The weather was just right, the walk wasn't too long, the company was great, the music was fun, and it was an around perfect morning. Thanks to all who raised funds and donated to this great cause. All donations help provide programs and support to improve the

lives of millions of Americans affected.



THERE'S STILL TIME!

The Alzheimer's fight is still on and your help is very much needed.

You can still donate to the Alzheimer's Association

@ act.alz.org/ManitowocCounty.

Please contribute under the Felician Village Team name as we are just short of our \$1800 goal and any amount that you can give would be appreciated. Felician Village is an official Walk to End Alzheimer's sponsor this year and we would be so grateful to have your support.

Together, we can end Alzheimer's.



In total we raised \$338.88 this year for the Alzheimer's Association. A BIG Thank You to everyone who participated!



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

- o Sharinez Triplett - Activities
- o Karen Pagels – Mass escort
- o Jan Steber – Special Events; Farmer's Market
- o Dan Kleckner – Gardener; sweeps the Gardens entrance and walkway
- o Ken Rieckmann – Gardener
- o Janet Shimek – Gardener
- o Joyce Robbins – Gardener
- o Sue Dilley – Gardener
- o Ann Mae Cornils – Gardener
- o Mary Davis – escort, events
- o Mary Stelzer – events
- o Alex Ream – Village Market Café



We love our Volunteers because . . .

They share their love and passion with the world when they join your organization.

They make us want to be better and achieve more than we thought was possible.

With their support and encouragement, they inspire us to reach new heights.

They help us to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance our career.

They teach people ways to take care of themselves and their homes.

They fill in the gaps.

They provide comfort and support to all people.

They foster community development and success.

They make dreams come true.

LOG YOUR HOURS



Reminder: it is important to log your hours and the activity you shared. At The Gardens, there is a binder in Tanya's office on her desk and another binder in the Volunteer Nook near the 21st Street entrance. FV at Home volunteers should contact Lauren Daun with their hours. Volunteer jobs have been divided into categories. Choose the one that best fits and log all hours you volunteered this year.

Felician Village Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 4
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Felician Village
Village Hall**
1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

Open to
the public

**FREE
Admission**



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Questions or
would like an
application?

Please contact
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Santa ☑ Face Painting ☑ LIVE Christmas Music
Holiday Inspired Food & Beverages

Only 800
tickets
will be
sold!

Eight
chances to
win!

FELICIAN VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Each ticket
\$5 or
5 for \$20

1st Prize	\$500
2nd	\$300
3rd & 4th	\$100
5th-8th	\$50

Winners will be drawn Wednesday, December 20.

**Tickets can be
purchased at:**

Felician Village front
desk located at
1635 S. 21st Street,
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Monday-Friday:
8:30am-4:00pm,
or by calling
(920) 684-7171,
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