

# 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

## President/CEO

Luke Schubert

## Membership & Volunteer Supervisor, Lauren Daun



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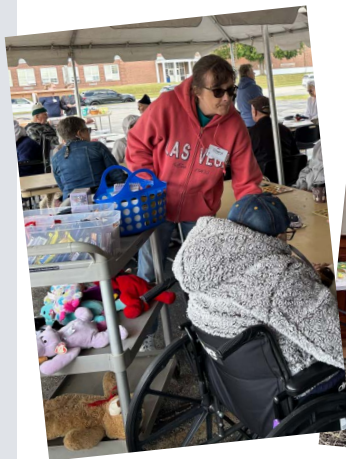
Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

## FUN, FAMILY & FESTIVITIES!

What an amazing day at our annual Family Fest on September 4th! We were honored to begin the celebration with Mass, presided over by Bishop David L. Ricken, in recognition of the Felician Sisters' 150th Anniversary of their arrival in North America. We were blessed to have a group of Felician Sisters with us, along with leadership from Felician Services. The day continued with BINGO, a delicious picnic lunch, live music by II Cool Band, fun games, and even a petting zoo, with a wallaby! It was truly a beautiful celebration of Felician Village's ministry and the incredible community we share.

Thank you to all who joined us and to all who volunteered to make this day extra special!



## VOLUNTEER opportunities



### Saturday, November 8th

### Felician Village Holiday Vendor Fair

- o 10-noon: Help organize lines for Santa and face painting; take pictures for families with Santa
- o 8am-11am and 11am-2pm: Manage the front table, selling raffle tickets.

### Friday, December 5th - Advent Celebration Services

- o Noon - 4:30 p.m: Decorate a table with a Christmas theme and bring a dessert to share with 40 residents.
- o Noon - 2:30 p.m. and 2:15 - 4:30 p.m: Escort residents in wheelchairs, serve snacks and beverages at event, and help with clean up.

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The volunteer newsletter of Felician Village

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## Volunteer T-Shirt



Felician village is providing each volunteer with a complimentary t-shirt so you have something to wear while you volunteer at Felician Village. Let Lauren know your size by Friday, October 17th.

## VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE

**Thursday, October 23rd**  
**12:30 p.m. Village Hall**

Wellness, training & treats!

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Complimentary Pizza Lunch*

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Flu Shots Offered*

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. &**

**2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

*Discounted mini chair massages*

*5 minute massage = \$5*

*10 minute massage = \$10*

**1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

*In-service Volunteer Training*

**RSVP with Lauren by**  
**Monday, October 20th.**



*Michael Miller*

**Volunteer Position:** Companion, Wheelchair Escort, Activity Helper

**Start Date:** July 2025

### What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

It's about the love and happiness and also the understanding I can give to each and every resident I have contact with here at Felician Village.

### Can you share a memorable moment or experience from your time as a volunteer?

This happened just several weeks ago when I brought residents down to listen to live music. I always dance with the ladies. This day there was this one particular lady that I had never seen before and I asked her to dance. She said yes, then started crying. I asked her why she was crying. She replied, "I miss home so much but then I meet someone like you and it makes things easier." That's when I knew I was making life better for residents.

### How has volunteering impacted your life?

It truly has helped me become a better person knowing the positive impact I have on the residents at Felician Village.

### What motivates you to continue giving your time?

The positive effect I have on the residents of Felician Village. Just ask any of them or their families.

### What's a fun fact about you most people don't know?

I love to beach comb at the waters of Lake Michigan and, most of all, at the ocean. It's amazing the things you can find at the beach. Especially seashells by the ocean.

### If someone was hesitant to volunteer at Felician Village, what would you tell them?

I would tell them to contact Lauren Daun, Volunteer Supervisor at Felician Village. She is a wonderful and knowledgeable lady, easy to talk to, and helpful. Even if you are not sure what kind of volunteering you would like to do, there are many options available to you. And if you volunteer you will become a better person.



The Watering Hole Mobile Coffee Bar stopped by FV in July to treat our awesome staff & volunteers to a complimentary beverage of their choice—every sip was a toast to the incredible work provided at FV!





## Hands That Help, Hearts That Care

A huge shoutout to the Faith Church Mission Manitowoc Team, Manitowoc Tool & Manufacturing LLC and REMAX Port Cities Realtors for volunteering their time and talents over the summer.

Faith Church members rolled up their sleeves, tackled some big projects, and helped us spruce up the Catholic Sisters Section of St. Mary's Cemetery and our beautiful Rosary Garden.

Manitowoc Tool & Manufacturing LLC and REMAX Port Cities Realtors helped us bring two beautiful new gazebos to life across our campus! These spaces will give our residents and families more places to relax, visit, and enjoy the outdoors.

The support and hard work of all truly makes a difference in the lives of our residents.

If your employer or group is looking for a meaningful way to give back, contact Lauren, Membership & Volunteer Supervisor.



We are so very appreciative of all that our volunteers do here at Felician Village! By volunteering, you are living out the Gospel in a very tangible way. Jesus spent his life serving others. He healed the sick. He fed the hungry. Volunteers are following his example when offering care and support for those in

need. It provides the possibility of being His hands and feet. Ephesians 2:10 announces, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

We also are able to build community with volunteering. This service creates connections among different people with varying experiences. We feel a sense of belonging and cooperation with others. That gift of community adds to our own personal growth and transformation as well. We become more aware of the many blessings around us. Even occasional volunteering can make a significant difference.

Whether you volunteer every week or once a month, your gift of time and service is important. Volunteering is a profound expression of our faith and humanity. When we dedicate our time and talents to serving others, we model for others the compassion of Christ. Acts 20:35 tells us, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Let us inspire each other to embrace the spirit of service and create a world where everyone feels loved, supported, and valued. This quotation from St. Ignatius of Antioch sums up well the importance of volunteering: "I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian."

Written by Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

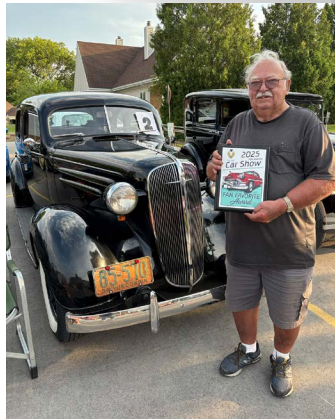
## Cars, Classics & The King!

We ended our summer concert series with a rockin' good time! Residents, families and friends cruised through rows of classic cars before being all shook up by an unforgettable performance from Elvis tribute artist, John Hardginski.

Congratulations to Ron, owner of a 1936 Chevy, whose car was voted as the fan favorite!

From chrome to "Can't Help Falling in Love," it was a night full of nostalgia, music, and memories.

Our volunteers are a HUGE part of making these events successful. We can't THANK YOU enough for helping make this summer one for the books!





## I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Thanks to the generosity of a thoughtful donor, our staff and residents were treated to a cool surprise—ice cream for everyone! From classic cones to sweet sundaes, the treats brought plenty of smiles and a refreshing break on a summer day. It was a delightful way to share joy and show appreciation for our amazing community!



## Volunteers Take a Time Out

Our incredible volunteers took a "time out" over the summer to gather for a fun evening at Time Out Sports Bar and Grill in Manitowoc. It was more than just sharing a meal—it was a chance to connect, laugh, and strengthen the bonds that make our volunteer community so special.



**Felician Village Holiday  
Craft & Vendor Fair**  
**Nov. 8 @ 8 a.m. - 2 pm.**  
Village Hall - Felician Village

**Balancing Risk & Independence  
in Dementia Care**  
**Nov. 18 @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**FREE Community Dementia Workshop**  
Village Hall - Felician Village



## Volunteer Dinner Outing

**November 20, 2025**  
**Brick's Bar & Grill**  
**939 S. 8th St., Manitowoc**  
**5 p.m.**



*An opportunity to meet or get to know  
better other FV volunteers!*

**Please RSVP to Lauren at**  
**920-323-4364 by**  
**November 18, 2025**

*\*You are responsible for the cost of your  
drinks and meal.*

**Felician Village**  
**Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 8**  
**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Contact:  
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Booths  
starting  
at \$30

**Looking  
for Vendors**