

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

Celebrating our Volunteers

On April 21 Felician Village honored the very selfless and caring volunteers who carried us through 2021 and the early quarter of 2022. The themed celebration was *Thank You for Bee-ing the Difference*. Many of the Felician Village (FV) Board Members, Sisters and volunteers gathered in the Wisconsin Room for prayer, a delicious hot meal, and a cookie from Hartmann's Bakery. The program was hosted by Debbie Pitsch, volunteer coordinator, with remarks given by Frank Soltys, President & CEO. The celebration was followed by door prizes and a group photo.

Honored for 20 plus years of service was one of the highlights of the event. . .

Pete Stuntz, with the help of his late wife Judie, of the Gardens has given of his time for 28 years providing Hollywood movie entertainment for Gardens residents and making sure plenty of popcorn is popped for his viewing audience.

Honoring 22 years of service recognition was **Loryn Schleis**. Loryn lives locally and drives in every week with her mother to assist with Bingo in The Villa. She always shows up with a smile, a kind heart, and giving spirit. She lends her energy and positive spirit by safely escorting residents to and from activities and has used her artistic talents to make many greeting cards for both residents and staff. Thank you both for your generous gift of time and commitment to our Felician Village residents.

This year we received nominations for eight volunteers to be recognized for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year. They are: Dorothy Bauer, Bob Bruckschen, Barb Cook, Eileen & Jim Krcma, RoseAnn Lutzke, Loryn Schleis, and Mike Strauss.

Thank you to our FV strategic team who voted and made a final selection from our group of nominees. **Barb Cook was recognized for the Volunteer of the Year for 2022.** Barb has made a powerful impact in the lives of our residents and to the Manitowoc community. Musically, Barb has led Christmas & Spring concerts; led sing-a-longs while playing piano and led the Gardens choir. She also lends her musical talents at the Rahr West Art Museum and Manitowoc Public Library.

She worked closely with staff to secure a financial donation to cover the cost of hand chimes and developed curriculum to teach residents to be part of this program. Barb also welcomes new members to the FV at Home program by making companion phone calls or sends cards to members. She also led the FV at Home's efforts to adopt a family through the Salvation Army this past Christmas season. Congratulations Barb!

Volunteers play a huge role to the success of our organization. Without volunteers we would not be able to offer many of the programs and activities that are so vital to the quality of life for our residents, FV at Home members and to the staff.



Pictured above (L to R): Frank Soltys, President & CEO, Barb Cook, and Debbie Pitsch, volunteer coordinator.



To be a volunteer, it takes six important attributes . . .

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others

Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own

Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel

Compassion, to truly care about making someone's life better

Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through

You've shown these qualities and so much more, so thank you for all that you do!



Take your leotard out of storage and iron your cape . . . What is Your Superpower?

Drivers: Drive a new 2021 Chevy Equinox!

Your target audience will be Felician Village at Home members or Garden residents.

Your opportunity to have fun and socialize will be to drive our members to various locations throughout Manitowoc

County. We are looking for our drivers to be at least 25 years of age and have a good driving record.

Companions: Light housework companions needed for FV at Home members. Could your superpower be watering plants, performing household assistance, organization of personal items, light yard work, making a bed, performing minor home maintenance, providing basic computer assistance, or how about friendly visits?

Your superpower talents are greatly needed. You will gain more confidence and pride in yourself. So become a positive influence by helping others to overcome obstacles!

Contact Paula Wagner at 920-684-7171, ext. 351 or pwagner@felicianvillage.org

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TO ALL CAR SHOW & BISTRO CONCERT ENTHUSIASTS!

Mark your calendars for this year's summer highlights at the Gardens main entrance as we are looking for helpers to assist our residents with food! I'm not looking for you to commit to both events, but if you can that would be fantastic.

To sign up to volunteer please contact Debbie Pitsch at dpitsch@felicianvillage.org or 920-684-7171, ext. 276.

BISTRO CONCERT

6/15/22 (Wednesday) from 4:30 – 6:30pm (food).

The music will run until 7:00pm featuring the Clipper City Chordsmen. This is the first of three concerts to be held over the summer; the next two Bistro Concerts are planned for 7/13/22 and on 8/9/22.

CAR SHOW

6/23/22 (Thursday) from 4:30 – 6:30pm (food). The Car Show will run until 7:00pm. Please let me know if you are interested . . . not all volunteer spots have been filled.



LOG YOUR HOURS



As we return to volunteering, 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 Megan Bruckschen with their hours. Volunteer jobs have been divided into categories. Choose the one that best fits and log all hours you volunteered this year.

FV on the Go



Felician Village on the Go is part of the Felician Village at Home membership program and launched on November 1st! Felician Village on the Go is made possible through a generous grant by Felician Services Inc. Paula Wagner, recently joined Felician Village as the Transportation Coordinator. Rides are available to Felician Village at Home members and Gardens residents, Monday-Friday for a fee. For more information on Felician Village on the Go, contact Megan Bruckschen, Membership Program Manager at 920-684-7171, ext. 425 or mbruckschen@felicianvillage.org.

OPEN TO IDEAS...

If you have any new or creative ideas to generate some fun/helping hands on campus or with our community Members, please let us know! We'd love to hear from you!

