

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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“For some people, volunteering is about giving. But for the likes of you, it is a way of living.” - Unknown

National Volunteer Week was celebrated April 16 - 22, 2023. We are so grateful for all the FV volunteers who give of their time and talents to our staff and residents. Each one of them are truly priceless.

On Thursday, April 20, over 50 volunteers and staff members gathered for a volunteer appreciation luncheon in the Wisconsin Room at The Gardens. It was a wonderful event to honor our FV volunteers and thank them for their volunteer service during 2022.

During the event it was great pleasure to announce the 2023 Felician Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service at Felician Village, Pat Dondlinger. **Congratulations Pat!**

Thank you to all who submitted nominations, it was not an easy choice for our panel of judges. FV truly is blessed with outstanding, compassionate and caring volunteers.



Pictured: The 2023 Felician Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service at Felician Village was presented to Pat Dondlinger at the volunteer luncheon event on April 20th. The award was presented by Frank Soltys, President/CEO (right) and Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator (left).



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Volunteer Spotlights

Bernie Zimmer



How did you become a volunteer at FV?

I don't recall the exact year I started volunteering but I know it was just before the new buildings opened...so I think about 2010. It all began when I was at a dinner for an organization and happened to be seated next to Pat Kaldor. I asked her if FV needed volunteers and she encouraged me to come to the Village and try it.

What surprised you most about volunteering at FV?

I was most surprised at how appreciative and wonderful the residents were...and are. It was a joy to see the familiar faces each week and realize how much I loved interacting with them...it's still the case...and I really look forward to seeing my resident friends. I've also come to know how friendly and kind the staff is...from the professionals to the cleaning staff.

What do you wish other people knew about Felician Village?

I wish other people could experience the good feelings one gets from all those interactions...especially the smiles and hugs one gets from residents. I've also enjoyed getting to know other volunteers through-out the years and realize how dedicated they are.

What it is like to volunteer at Felician Village?

Volunteering at FV has been a rewarding and enlightening part of my weekly routine and since COVID, I've missed seeing residents from other areas. I know there are many other areas in which volunteers are needed and I'd encourage anyone to come and find their niche.

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

It's really a very special feeling to know that you're maybe making a difference in someone's life.

Loryn Schleis



How did you become a volunteer at FV?

I became a volunteer at St Mary's when I was in 9th grade at Washington Jr High School in 1999. I needed community service hours, so my Mom checked to see if I could do something at St Mary's since it was close by. I helped transport residents and helped with activities. I liked it so much that I kept on and have volunteered ever since.

What surprised you most about volunteering at FV?

What was a great surprise to me was that everyone at St Mary's became like family to me. I felt like I belonged and it made me very happy. I've made so many friends over the last 24 years, and I don't ever want to stop. I love working with seniors and I hope that I can make them feel happy too.

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I think volunteering makes you feel like you make a difference to someone whose life isn't what it used to be...that's a special feeling for me.

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

If you want to volunteer and aren't sure where to start...try Felician Village. They will make you feel welcome and special... I know I do!!

Walk to End ALZ

Hello Walkers! It's not too early to register to walk for this year's **Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 9th starting at the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA**. Ask your friends and relatives to sponsor you. Every registered participant who achieves the fundraising minimum of \$100 will receive an official Walk to End Alzheimer's T-shirt. This year you will receive your shirt prior to the walk!

To register as part of Felician Village Team go to act.alz.org/ManitowocCounty.

Felician Village is an official sponsor in this year's Walk, I would be so grateful to have your support. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.



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.



- Chapel Escorts
- TriShaw Pilots

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

- Henry "Hank Sturm – Café
- Shirley Horn – Café; Blackjack
- Joane Thompson – Garment organizer
- Eileen Krcma – Companion, Communion
- Jerry & Jim Lax – Café; Drivers
- Barb Fricke – Varied; Exercise; Events Driver
- Cathy Lodel – Crafts
- Ron Ehlert – Devotions

Would You Like To Become A Pilot in our Cycling Without Age Program?

Couples are encouraged to drive our Tri Shaw Bikes!

Cycling Without Age is a proactive program designed to create a world in which the easy access to active citizenship creates happiness among our senior citizens by giving them an opportunity to remain an active part of the local community.

Felician Village residents enjoy the fun of riding with the breeze in their hair as they travel around the campus, around our local community, to the waterfront or even to get an ice cream. We have two identical Tri Shaw bikes. As long as you have strong legs and desire to help others, then there is plenty of space for you and someone you know to volunteer. We look forward to scheduling summer trips, weather permitting.

For more information on becoming a pilot you can call Debbie at 920-684-7171, ext. 276 or visit felicianvillage.org for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 22 - 4:30 pm
Car Show @ The Gardens at Felician Village

The Gardens at Felician Village, in partnership with Shoreline Hometown Credit Union, host their annual car show.

Watch our website for more upcoming events!

Open to the Public

2023

LIVE Music!

The Bistro at The Gardens

1700 S. 18th St. Manitowoc, WI

CONCERTS: 6 PM - 7 PM

Bring a chair and enjoy
the **FREE** outdoor show!

June 7

Clipper City
Chordsmen

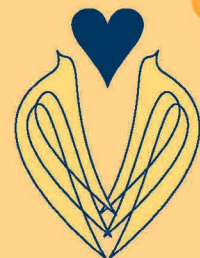
July 11

Sazerac Trio

August 2

ELVIS
presented by
Alan Graveen

Food & beverages available for
purchase from 5:00 - 6:30 PM



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