

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS OF OZAUKEE COUNTY

Paula's Story: Saving a Life, Lifting a Spirit

In 2010, Paula's health was declining rapidly. She needed help but didn't know where to go. The Cedarburg resident with diabetes, fibromyalgia and a pain disorder that left her unable to work, drive or accomplish daily tasks felt hopeless.

"At that point I was really sick and I had a lot of doctor's appointments every month," said Paula. "I was so depressed, I thought, 'I don't know how I'm going to do this.'"

Paula has a supportive family that lives in the area, but her frequent visits to the doctor were more than her sister or brother, who both worked full-time, could manage. Her elderly mother couldn't help either. She finally called Goodwill, which led her to Interfaith. When she learned volunteers were matched with clients one-on-one, she knew it was for her. And the rest is history. "Interfaith saved my life."

A Perfect Fit

As a disabled adult living alone in an area with few transportation options, Paula was a perfect fit for Interfaith's mission: "Enabling seniors and adults with disabilities to remain independent in their homes." Having someone take her to appointments and shopping has given her the independence to stay in her home.

Interfaith's free services also fit Paula's budget. "I don't have a spare dime," she offers. Paula has received many rides over the four-plus years she has been a client, saving her hundreds of dollars over the cost of a taxi. More than the rides, she has found hope and friendship with Interfaith.

Volunteers = Angels

When it comes to Interfaith volunteers, Paula finds all of them caring, but she also has favorites. "With Ellie I always laugh," Paula says. "We giggle. We even do

outings when I feel good."

A special relationship has emerged between them. Every time Paula sees Ellie, she lights up. In fact, Paula's whole family is grateful for Ellie, Interfaith and for the support she has received.

Giving Back to Interfaith


Paula isn't shy about singing our praises. "I say this every time Interfaith calls me, 'I don't know what I would do without Interfaith.'"

Paula's family adopts a charity each year; in 2013 they chose Interfaith. In order to raise money, they sold pieces of Green Bay Packers memorabilia on eBay and donated the proceeds to Interfaith.

Finally, Paula says her experience with Interfaith has been nothing short of spiritual. "God bless Interfaith and God bless all of you and what you do."

You Went the Distance for Our Clients!



Distance from Milwaukee to Chicago?	92 Miles
Distance from Washington, D.C. to New York?	224 Miles
Distance Around the Earth?	24,902 Miles
Distance Around Your Heart? 	28,527 Miles

Our volunteers drove 28,527 miles for our clients in 2013

This includes taking them to doctor's appointments, dentist appointments, physical therapy, grocery shopping and more.

We are so grateful to our amazing volunteers for helping seniors stay in their homes and remain independent.

Our Challenge

Over the past year we have experienced a 40% increase in requests for service to seniors in our community. We need your help to build a stronger volunteer base to meet the increase in demand throughout Ozaukee County.

How You Can Help

- Attend our Fall Fundraising event on November 20 (see back cover for more information)
- Become a volunteer, recruit your friends and enjoy a truly rewarding experience
- Send a donation using the enclosed envelope to support our mission

Executive Director's Message Leave a Legacy in Your Community



Maureen Squire

Many people develop ongoing relationships and connections with one or more charities during their lifetime because the mission and work of these charities resonate with them in a deeply personal and meaningful way. By engaging in "planned giving," you can provide essential support to organizations that are making a positive impact in your community. Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County works tirelessly to enable seniors and adults with disabilities to remain independent in their homes. We achieve this through training and managing volunteers who provide a variety of non-medical support services free of charge. In other words, we provide a proven and organized structure of neighbors helping neighbors in need.

Remembering Interfaith in your planned giving is a simple yet effective way to ensure that Interfaith can continue to respond to community needs now and in the future. To support the mission of Interfaith, gifts are welcome in many forms including both lifetime gifts and bequests after death. Because Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County is a qualified tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, gifts made to support the services of Interfaith are tax deductible. Gifts and bequests can be cash or other investments. They can be a specified amount, a percentage of your property, or the residue of your estate after all other bequests, taxes, and obligations have been fulfilled.

If you choose to include Interfaith in your estate planning, we recommend the following language in designating Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County in your will, trust, or beneficiary designations: "I leave (____%) of my estate or \$____) to Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County Inc., a non-profit organization located at 885 Badger Circle, Grafton, Wisconsin 53024, to be added to its general operating funds." The Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County tax ID number is 39-1777946.

For more information about leaving a planned gift to Interfaith, contact Maureen Squire at 262-376-5362 ext. 104.

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Volunteer Appreciation Event, June 25, 2014



Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Gone But Not Forgotten

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition...This is to have succeeded. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Remembering Dori Chortek

Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County was blessed to have Dori Chortek as an active board member and key supporter for several years.

We will remember Dori as a mentor who helped move Interfaith forward and a champion for solving important community problems. She was a compassionate person who cared deeply about the human services organizations she supported and the people in our community who benefited from the work of these organizations.

We will remember Dori for her wisdom, optimism, grace, experience and creativity that marked the many contributions to our organization.

Jerry McGinnis: Devoted Servant

We bid farewell to Cedarburg resident and founder of Embassy Homes, Jerry McGinnis, who passed away earlier this year.

The son of an Interfaith client who lived into her 100s, Jerry was a committed volunteer with Interfaith, where he sat on the board of directors for several terms and was very active on numerous committees. Jerry's involvement in multiple fundraising activities for Interfaith provided support from area businesses, churches and community members until shortly before his death in March of 2014. Jerry will be missed by many in the community and will be remembered as a devoted advocate to Interfaith.

Thanks for Your Service

We are grateful to retiring board members Ellen Smith and Dorothy Rooney.

Ellen Smith was a long-standing board member with many roles as President of the Board, Past President and committee member. She directed the 4th of July Ice Cream Social in Port Washington every year since she began with Interfaith in 1994.

Dorothy Rooney was first introduced to Interfaith when her husband became ill and Interfaith Caregivers provided respite services. Dorothy served in many roles as a board member and volunteer as well as a committee member.

We appreciate Ellen's and Dorothy's willingness to give so much to Interfaith. It has been our pleasure to work with them.

Batter, Batter, Batter....SWING!



Interfaith volunteers enjoyed a Brewers game care of WE Energies this summer.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Make a Difference Volunteer Fair

11am - 1:30pm Vineyard Community Church, Grafton

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Interfaith Fall Fundraiser

5pm - 7pm We will see you at Interfaith's biggest fundraiser of the year at River Club of Mequon.

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Save the Date!

Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County

Looking Ahead Fall Fundraiser

5-7 pm Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014

at River Club of Mequon \$35/person

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks and Program

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