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INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS OF OZAUKEE COUNTY

Interfaith Provides Peace of Mind for Families

Julie has been helping Dottie for the last year with her grocery shopping and other small errands. Their time together has become very precious to Julie, who says, "Dottie is a lovely person...both inside and out." She enjoys her witty personality and hearing her stories about teaching radio mechanics during WWII and also physical education classes. Julie says, "Dottie often reminds me that her small stature never kept her from winning the 50 and 100 yard dash in high school or college!"

Since Julie's own mother doesn't live nearby, she enjoys her relationship with Dottie and loves



Julie and Dottie, volunteer and client

being able to help her.

We love hearing stories like this. With the assistance of volunteers like Julie, not only does Dottie benefit, but her family does as well.

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Interfaith Caregivers Fact:

Ozaukee County has the highest percent of the aging population in Wisconsin. This is having an impact on the volume of requests for services at Interfaith Caregivers. For instance, the number of out-of-county transportation services for specialized health care appointments increased 62% in the first half of 2012. This trend is expected to continue.

We've Moved!

We are excited to announce that we've moved our offices to the Family Enrichment Center (FEC) in Grafton.

If you are unfamiliar with the FEC, it is a building that houses many other non-profit agencies. This gives us the chance to work together with these agencies to better serve Ozaukee County.

A big benefit to us is that Interfaith is now in ONE office. Since we were founded in 1993, we've had two to three offices in different locations throughout the county. So we are thrilled to now be in one office, which benefits us in many ways - not only is our staff less isolated, but it gives us the opportunity to work together more effectively.

To celebrate our new office and to give you the chance to visit us here, we have scheduled an **Open House for September 27, 2012**. Stop in anytime between 5-7:00pm, see our new space and meet our staff and board members.

See the back of this newsletter for our new address and contact information.

Interfaith Receives Agency of the Year Award

We are proud to announce that we have been honored with the Agency of the Year Award by the Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County. The award recognizes a community agency that has significantly enhanced our charitable, cultural or educational institutions. We were presented with the award and a donation at the Volunteer Recognition Event in April. "This is a well-deserved award," commented Brenda Petersen, director of the Volunteer Center. "Ozaukee County has the highest percentage of the aging population in Wisconsin and taking care of our elderly neighbors is essential. Interfaith does a great job of matching volunteers with those who need assistance." We'd like to thank our volunteers and supporters for making this award possible.

Enabling seniors and adults with disabilities to remain independent in their homes

~ Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County Open House ~

September 27, 2012

5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Family Enrichment Center,
885 Badger Circle, Grafton

Come see our new office space

Meet staff and board members

Visit with Interfaith volunteers and collaborators

ALL ARE INVITED!

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served

RSVP by September 24

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Executive Director's Message



The first of America's baby boomers – people born between 1946 and 1964 – began reaching their 65th birthdays last year. The aging of this generation will bring new challenges, and Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County is well positioned to play a vital role.

At Interfaith, we help senior citizens remain independent in their homes. This is a simple statement of mission, and yet our work can have a profound effect not only on the families that receive our services, but also on the overall well-being of our communities.

I am pleased to be able to bring more than 20 years of experience in senior nonprofit leadership roles to the important work of Interfaith Caregivers, and I am grateful to have the support of a highly committed Board of Directors. Together we are focused on these priorities:

- Addressing the growing demand for our services.
- Positioning Interfaith as a critical resource for seniors.
- Extending the reach of the organization.
- Increasing awareness of Interfaith and its services.

Interfaith's strength is rooted in the concept of neighbors helping neighbors. Our many volunteers give of their time and talents to help others, and in the process they enrich themselves and their communities. Making this magic happen is what we're all about.

Staff Updates

A quick update on changes to the interfaith staff: Sandy Ashley, who has served our organization for the past seven years, is retiring from her position as program coordinator. We thank her for the many contributions to our organization and wish her the best. Meanwhile, we are pleased to welcome Lisa Walters to our team. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for serving seniors. Also joining our team is Megan Beine, who has a strong background in managing volunteers and working with seniors.

New Program Coordinators, Lisa Walters and Megan Beine

Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County is happy to announce the addition of two new Program Coordinators.

Lisa Walters has worked with non-profit organizations and higher education institutions in special event coordination, educational programming, recruitment and training for much of her career. She is also a certified professional dog trainer, behavior consultant and trainer of service and therapy dogs. "Because I was raised by my grandmother and later her caregiver until she was 105 years old, the welfare and advocacy of the elderly has always been near and dear to my heart my entire life," she said. "We all have to be champions for those who need the support."

Megan Beine has a background in managing and recruiting volunteers, providing them with the organization and support they need. Megan understands the true value of a volunteer's time, talents and the gifts that they have to share. "Volunteers are an essential part of what makes a program successful for the clients who are served," she said. "It always amazes me how one life can affect the lives of so many others."

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September is Interfaith Awareness Month

Interfaith Caregivers has been a mainstay in Ozaukee County since 1993. We are committed to the well-being and independence of seniors and adults with disabilities by providing simple yet vital volunteer services. We help anyone regardless of race, religious belief or economic status, and our services are free-of-charge for clients.

We all know someone who is in need. If it is help getting to the grocery store or a ride to a physician, Interfaith can help—and so can you! Please consider joining our team of warm, generous and trained volunteers. Volunteering is very flexible—volunteers can help on an as-needed basis or accept a regularly scheduled assignment. Along with transportation, volunteers also may help with paperwork and bills, housework and yard work and other small chores. Volunteers may also be trained to provide respite care. Consider joining our volunteer team. We promise you will find the experience interesting and rewarding.

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for each other." - Erma Bombeck

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Many seniors do not have family members living close enough to help them on a regular basis, so just knowing that there are Interfaith volunteers there to help gives those families peace of mind. And if seniors do have adult children living nearby, many times they aren't able to take time off from work to help as often as is needed, so they appreciate the assistance that an Interfaith volunteer can provide.

Dottie's family appreciates the fact that even though Julie is just helping with shopping, she is also providing important social interaction for their mom. "She even checks to make sure Mom's food isn't outdated," commented Dottie's daughter.

Thanks to all of our generous and caring volunteers for providing peace of mind to our client's families.

Respite Care Peace of Mind

Interfaith's Respite Care Program provides specially trained volunteers to provide non-medical respite care companionship for a chronically ill loved one who cannot be left alone. The program comes without cost to the family, up to four hours each visit. The Respite Care program will provide the caregiver with necessary support and stress management, personal time for appointments and the ability to remain active and connected to friends, social groups, family, church, and their community. Results of this support will be the increased ability to better cope with the responsibilities of care giving, improved mental and physical health and quality of life for the primary caregiver.

How You Can Help

Interfaith relies on generous donations from individuals to keep our services free of charge for seniors and adults with disabilities. A donation envelope is enclosed for your convenience. There are many ways you can support Interfaith. The following are a few ideas:

- Donate your time as a volunteer
- Spread the word about Interfaith at your congregation (bulletin board articles and inserts are available for you to use)
- Prepare for the future with a planned or deferred gift
- Check if your company has a matching gift program
- Make a personal donation or tribute gift in honor or memory of a special person in your life

Mark Your Calendar

September is Interfaith Awareness Month Volunteer today!

September 27
Interfaith Open House

5-7 pm Visit our new offices at the Family Enrichment Center (FEC) and meet staff and board members

September 30
Mel's Pig Roast

1-6 pm at Cedars III, in Cedarburg

October
Respite Training Session (TBA)
Check website "Upcoming Events"
Family Enrichment Center

November
Light Up a Life Annual Appeal