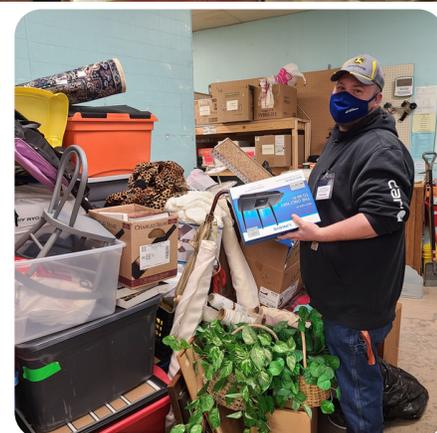




# REFLECTIONS

Family Pathways Volunteer Quarterly Newsletter



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The Reflections Newsletter is a quarterly publication for all volunteers and the community. Its purpose is to inform readers about upcoming volunteer opportunities and appreciation.

**National Volunteer Week** is a time to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities. We want to say thank you to all of our volunteers that make a difference in all of the Family Pathways service areas.

Please go and follow our Facebook page this week for:

- Volunteer Thank You Video
- Spotlight Recognition
- Appreciation Posts



POINTS OF LIGHT

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 18-24

### Message from Executive Director

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued, energy, time and talent. Volunteering at Family Pathways is a reflection of your commitment to helping others in our communities. I'm proud of our volunteers fortitude this past year during the COVID pandemic and the resiliency of volunteers as we move forward. Volunteers are a large contribution to our organization to get things done, they make up more than 50% of our workforce. Each of you are great ambassadors of who we are and what we value!

Thank you for your generosity!

Tony Buttacovoli

# Spotlight Recognition



**Meet: Angie Smith, Volunteer: Lindstrom Thrift Store**

Angie has been volunteering with Family Pathways for over four years. She began at our St. Croix Falls thrift store then switched to Lindstrom. Angie volunteers three to four days a week and always does what is needed from putting away merchandise, triaging, and cleaning. She completed almost 500 hours of service this last year. Angie is well liked by everyone and has a great impact on the store. She has and remains our most dependable volunteer at the Lindstrom Thrift Store, it is a pleasure to have her apart of the team.

**Jim Anderson  
Pine City Thrift Store  
6 Years**



"We are so thankful for all our volunteers that help Family Pathways! Each day volunteers come out to support our programs and give endless hours and hard work! Take time to say thank you to all of the volunteers." Brooke Zank- Volunteer Manager



**Charlette Shake  
Aging Services  
14 years**



Tracy Zinter and Rose Gustafson from Sandstone Food Shelf contributed to over 1,000 hours this last year. They were some of the main volunteers still helping during COVID.



The American Heritage Girls Group helped out at the Lindstrom Thrift Store with organizing and cleaning recently. All service events have started back up again!



Spotlight Recognition for April goes to doorstep delivery volunteer Jen Larson out of Onamia. Thank you for all that you do for the Aging Services Program!

# Volunteer Updates

## Why Volunteer?

- Volunteering allows you to follow your passion while contributing to a cause that's important to you.
- We are all in this together and volunteering is a great way to meet and to know other people.
- The work you do and the things you accomplish when you volunteer have a huge impact on our local community.

"During the start of the pandemic I reached out to volunteer because I knew that there were many people that needed my help. I started to help at the food shelf and met new friends and feel like I'm making a difference each day I go to help. Family Pathways was there for me when I had nothing, so I wanted to give back." Leah T- Food Shelf Volunteer

## Know Someone Interested in Volunteering?

If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, send them to our website [www.familypathways.org/volunteer/](http://www.familypathways.org/volunteer/) to learn more about some of the volunteer opportunities that are available. They may contact Brooke at [brookez@familypathways.org](mailto:brookez@familypathways.org) or 651-674-8040.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following programs:

- Thrift Stores
- Food Shelves
- Aging Services- homemaking Chisago area
- Service Group Events



## Tell Your Story

Do you want to be featured in our newsletter or have a volunteer story? We'd love to hear! Please send your story to [Brookez@familypathways.org](mailto:Brookez@familypathways.org). You can also mail us a copy to our office. 6413 Oak St. North Branch, MN 55056 Thank you!

Volunteers come from all walks of life, backgrounds, service groups, businesses, youth groups, and educational systems. Some are brought to our agency through the court system to complete community service hours. We strive to provide everyone with an opportunity to contribute.



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