

# 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.



## Message from Executive Director

Happy New Year!

As we end 2021 and look forward to 2022, I want to personally thank you and all of our volunteers for the extraordinary efforts and service you provided our neighbors, staying alongside them with positivity, respect, and care. The last two years have added many societal challenges (COVID, racial equity, civil unrest, etc.) to our lives and impacted our work and how we do it. One thing that has been consistent during dynamic times has been our volunteers. This consistency and support has provided comfort to our staff, clients and customers which we so are thankful for! Going into 2022 volunteers are needed more than ever to ensure we can fulfill our mission and help others at an adequate level and with consistency.

A person's volunteered time is the most valuable donation to receive, and I can't thank you enough.

Warmest wishes for safe and healthy New Year,

Tony B.

Tony Buttacavoli, MPH | Executive Director

# Spotlight Recognition

## Meet our Board Member



### Steve Ovick, Retired Law Enforcement

#### How long have you been a board member with Family Pathways?

I have been on the the board for five years.

#### What is your background?

My background is retired law enforcement from the Pine County sheriff's office.

#### What do you like most about being part of the board?

My favorite thing about being on the Board of Directors for Family Pathways is working with a dedicated group of people who genuinely care about the people we serve. Our work of staff and our many volunteers is amazing!



## Remote Volunteering- Cards of Kindness

Debbie Bauer-Underwood and her granddaughter Ava have been helping make Cards of Kindness for our food shelf clients during the holidays.

Ava was excited to do a fun project with her grandma. They both enjoyed making the cards.

Many of other organizations have helped make cards that are not able to be on site.



Rose Klein has been volunteering at the Wyoming Thrift Store for eight years. Rose is very dedicated and volunteers every Tuesday. She takes pride in cleaning, straightening, and alphabetizing the 'library' area. She is always pleasant and is key to the store's success.



Jeannie Doble has been volunteering for 10 years. She helps in our homemaking and door-step delivery program. When the pandemic happened, she wanted to help even more.



The Alliance Church of Valley in St. Croix Falls helped prep Thanksgiving meals for the clients. The group had a great time. Many of our church groups helped us during the holiday season.



# Volunteer Updates

## COVID-19 Updates and Policy

As you may know, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued an emergency temporary standard (ETS) requiring employers with 100 or more workers to require all employees be either fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or require unvaccinated workers to do weekly COVID-19 testing (produce negative results). We see COVID-19 vaccination/testing as important protective measures for carrying out our mission, while protecting our staff and the people we serve, and our communities. Because of this, Family Pathways is implementing a COVID-19 vaccination, testing, and face covering policy at this time for all volunteers.

You should be receiving communication about the new policy from your program locations or by mail/email. If you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to Volunteer Manager: Brooke Zank [BrookeZ@familypathways.org](mailto:BrookeZ@familypathways.org). Our programs rely on all of our volunteers and truly appreciate the support.

## Words Matter, Actions Matter. Serve on MLK Day January 17, 2022.

Making time to volunteer for MLK Day of Service is a great way to engage with your community while honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Whether you plan on volunteering or engaging dialogue to explore ways to address inequity, foster inclusion and improve access, honor Dr. King's legacy through service.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following programs:

- Thrift Stores
- Food Shelves
- Aging Services - door-step delivery, sunshine calls
- Service Group Events
- Administrative Office Support- data entry

**"I volunteer for Family Pathways because I lost my job and was feeling depressed. I was able to help at the food shelf. I met new friends and didn't feel alone." Holy F**



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.