

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 Volunteer Manager

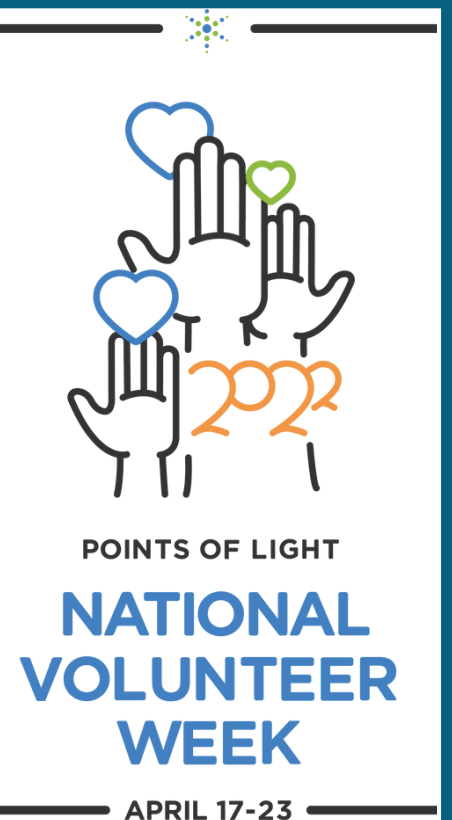
As an organization committed to inspiring acts of volunteerism, Family Pathways celebrates National Volunteer Week (NVW) from April 17-23, 2022. We shine a light on the over 1,000 volunteers that contributed 58,117 hours in roles throughout the last year.

Volunteers are the heart and hands of Family Pathways. Their generous donation of time, and energy makes our programs possible. From individuals to civic groups and corporations, volunteers are the service multipliers who grow our capacity to get our clients what they need daily.

Volunteers do so much for our community. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication and support.

Brooke Z.

Brooke Zank | Volunteer Manager



Spotlight Recognition

Meet our Board Member



Michelle Johnson, Sr. IT Director, Medtronic **How long have you been a board member with Family Pathways?**

I've been a board member for 3 years and have served as Board Secretary until this year as I am now serving as Board Chair.

What is your background?

I am an IT leader at Medtronic and have been in the IT industry for over 20 years. I live in western Wisconsin and have many family members in central Minnesota, so am very grateful that Family Pathways serves both of those areas.

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

I love many things about being part of the board, but to pick one I'd say it's the passion and focus of the board and staff, always striving to ensure our critical services are getting to the people in need. It's truly impressive.



Cindy Kaske, (16 years) Forest Lake Thrift Store

I started volunteering at Family Pathways in Wyoming many years ago when I was temporarily unemployed. I was encouraged by a friend that had been volunteering at that time.

I like to volunteer since I can use my organizational skills. I also like the concept of reusing or repurposing items. It is rewarding to know that the proceeds from the sales of these items benefit others in need. If I find a "treasure" I can use or someone else can, I purchase it. My grandkids now ask me to look for specific items when I go to "my special store."

I feel a sense of accomplishment when I can sort through a stack or pile of items and prepare them for the sale floor.



Kathie Zusan, (13 years) **Forest Lake Food Shelf**

"I volunteer at the food shelf to help the people in my community feel comfortable getting the food they need for themselves and their families and help them have a better day. I love working with all the wonderful volunteers I've met!"



Jan and Ed Dufour, (7 years) **Chisago Lake Food Shelf**

"We enjoy giving back to the community and helping at the food shelf. When we retired we wanted to give back and enjoy doing it together."



Holly Damm, (15 years) **Chisago Lakes Food Shelf**

"I enjoy helping out our clients and giving back to the community."

Holly helps schedule appointments for our clients and a variety of other tasks.

Celebrate our Volunteers

Congratulations to these volunteers, who are celebrating their anniversaries. We are very grateful for your ongoing service and commitment to Family Pathways!

ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Murzyyn	22 years 3 months
Sandy Hewitt	19 years 7 months
Gary Gerke	18 years 6 months
Cindy Kaske	16 years 9 months
Holly Damm	13 years 1 months
Kathi Zusan	13 years 0 months
Mike Raines	12 years 11 months
Jan Rutledge	12 years 5 months
Lee Anne Beach	11 years 9 months
Phyllis Perry	11 years 4 months
Jane Carlson	11 years 4 months
Jean Dupslaff	11 years 1 months
Marlys Pepera	10 years 10 months
Lenora Brown	10 years 5 months
James Steven	10 years 5 months
Judy Steven	9 years 6 months
Shelly Morzinski	10 years 3 months
Sue Grono	9 years 10 months
Sue Bauer	9 years 10 months
Janean Berggren	9 years 4 months
Joan Bostrom	9 years 2 months
Loretta Thorson	9 years 1 months
Paul Manoppo	9 years 1 months
Jackie Manoppo	9 years 1 months
Kim Kildal	9 years 1 months
Connie Wanner	9 years 1 months
Jacob Polzin	8 years 11 months
Jeanette Polzin	8 years 10 months
Raymone Polzin	8 years 9 months
David Waldoch	8 years 11 months
Myron Larson	8 years 10 months
Rachel Shockman	8 years 9 months

Kathy Peters	8 years 8 months
Cindy Gruett	8 years 3 months
Janet Taylor	8 years 3 months
Rose Marie Klein	8 years 0 months
David Haselbauer	7 years 9 months
Pamela Braun	7 years 11 months
Nathan Sill	7 years 4 months
Peggy Carpenter	7 years 10 months
Darlene Petrey	7 years 9 months
Bill Schommer	7 years 9 months
Kathy Sorgert	7 years 7 months
Fran Southwick	7 years 7 months
Ronald Duke	7 years 5 months
Ed Dufour	7 years 5 months
Jan Dufour	7 years 5 months
Barbara Kruschel	7 years 4 months
Pat Pojanowski	7 years 1 months
Ginger Mitchell	6 years 11 months
Shirley LeVau	6 years 9 months
Jeremiah White	6 years 8 months
Jake King	6 years 4 months
Terri Moriarty	6 years 3 months
Sarah Larson	6 years 3 months
Bill Coleman	6 years 2 months
Orvin Melaas	6 years 1 months
Phil DeMunck	6 years 1 months
Jim Anderson	6 years 0 months

Liz Andrade	5 years 8 months
Lisa Gillette	5 years 6 months
April Allen	5 years 4 months
Nancy Julik	5 years 2 months
Jay Young	5 years 1 months
Shelley Swanson	5 years 1 months
Anne Kurtz	5 years 1 months
Jenny Ristow	5 years 0 months
Cindy Boisen	4 years 11 months
Elizabeth Lastavica	4 years 8 months
Russell Wedl	4 years 5 months
Becky Miller	4 years 2 months
Tom Norberg	4 years 1 months
Elizabeth Hexum	4 years 0 months
John Nelson	4 years 2 months
Ron Bernhagen	3 years 11 months
Janice Krueger	3 years 11 months
Wanda Strike	3 years 10 months
Rose Gustafson	3 years 10 months
Layne Hunter	3 years 10 months
Ken Anderson	3 years 9 months
Angie Smith	3 years 8 months
Melissa Brande	3 years 9 months
Cherie Morton	3 years 8 months
Gary Truex	3 years 6 months
Jan Swanson	3 years 5 months
JoAnn Tardiff	3 years 5 months
Howard Kniffen	3 years 4 months
Linda Setterlund	3 years 4 months
Kathy Hischer	3 years 2 months
Louise Holly	3 years 2 months
Merilee Fugile	3 years 1 months
Brian Ternes	3 years 0 months
Karen Chambers	3 years 0 months

Do you have a volunteer story you would like to share with us? We would love to hear from you!

Volunteer Updates

Volunteer Hours

In 2021 our following volunteers contributed to over 500 service hours. Thank you for the truly amazing support!

Janice Flemming	Libby Miller	Barbara Kruschel	Rachel Shockman
Ken Anderson	Jan Runledge	Kim Kildal	Rose Gustafson
Russell Wedl	David Waldoch	Joshua Holznagel	Angie Smith
Luis Jurado	Marlys Pepera	Ronald Duke	Howard Kniffen

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following programs:

- Thrift Stores: Princeton, Hinckley, Forest Lake, Chisago Processing Center
- Food Shelves: Sandstone, St Croix Falls: Tues/Wed afternoons,
- North Branch Food Shelf: Monday - 3 to 5, Wednesday - 9 to 12 Friday - 9 to 12 and 3 to 5.
- Aging Services - door-step delivery Pine City, Mora, Ogilvie area.
- Service Group Events- all thrift stores/food shelves

Upcoming Events

- Women's Empowerment Luncheon— October 22, 2022 11:30 AM @ Maranatha Church, Forest Lake. Also back in person this year is this inspiring event to benefit our Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
- Learn about Legacy Giving Event— Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10am-11am @ Chisago Lakes Area Library. A new event in partnership with the Initiative Foundation to share the benefits of legacy giving. Free to attend, spread the word!

Everyone did some incredible work last year. To see the full Annual Report go to FamilyPathways.org/2021annualimpactreport/ we also have the Volunteer Annual Report at www.familypathways.org/volunteer



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.