

# Volunteer Chat

*"Celebrate endings- for they precede new beginnings."*

-Jonathan Lockwood Huie January 1, 2026

## Volunteer Town Hall was a great success!

On December 18th, over 60 volunteers listened to Bob Chaloner and Teri Wilczek provide updates on the Sanford partnership and health of the health system. It was exciting to hear that our financial stability is back, including all of the hard work that has been completed, and that we are ending the year on a positive note. We are so thankful to both Bob and Teri for taking the time to speak to us, and to be available for questions, and to all who were able to attend for taking the time to be there. It was a great chance to update you all! We know that the time did not work out for everyone (some of you were volunteering of course!), so the meeting was videotaped, and can be watched using the following link: <https://bcove.video/4q9QvhP>.



## Congratulations to our December Engagement Winners!

Thank you to ALL who participated in the games throughout the month. It was great to see so many entries! If your name is listed below, your prize will be mailed to you. Congratulations!

Jennifer Lurvey	Elaine Rohland
Sally Lucas	Brenda Baur
Karen Felhofer	Randy Draeger
Carolyn Yanke	Jan Reyes
TC Derfus	Karyl Hamelink
Dorothy Sherman	Susan Mews
Sue Hasenfang	Bridget Eberl
Deb Welch	Linda Linzmeier
Mary Britten	Betty Sherwood
Isabelle DeSchepper	Hailey Fecker

We have an immediate opening for an early escort in the Family Waiting Room. Shifts are 5:30 - 8:00 am, available both Wednesday and Friday.

If you know of an early riser looking to get some steps in to start the day, please let them know we have an opportunity!

## 2026 Annual Inservice - Watch your Mail

The 2026 Annual Inservice paperwork will be mailed soon to Home Delivered Meals and in-house volunteers. It is critical that this paperwork is completed and returned to Volunteer Services by **Feb 1, 2026**. This annual compliance is required by the Joint Commission.

If you have questions or need any help completing the paperwork, please contact Melissa in Volunteer Services at 715-387-7198 or [darr.melissa@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:darr.melissa@marshfieldclinic.org).

## 2026 Teen Orientation Coming Soon

Volunteer Services is beginning to plan the Volunteer Orientation for 2026! If you know of any friends, siblings, or family members interested in volunteering, please have them contact Melissa at [darr.melissa@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:darr.melissa@marshfieldclinic.org) or by calling at 715-387-7198.

To be a volunteer, they must be at least 14 years old and entering their freshmen year of high school, able to commit at minimum 2 hours a week to volunteering, and serve at minimum 50 hours in a calendar year. This is year round program, NOT a summer volunteering program.

# Teen Milestones



**Elizabeth Bennett**  
Elizabeth has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Inpatient Pharmacy. She is a freshman at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Jim and Kate Bennett of Marshfield.



**Ruth Ann Christianson**  
Rut has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Hospital Information Desk. She is a sophomore at Columbus Catholic High School and the daughter of Wade and Candy Christianson of Marshfield.



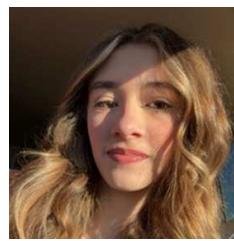
**Evelyn Fredrick**  
Evelyn has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Outpatient Pharmacy. She is a freshman at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Bruce and Jennifer Fredrick of Marshfield.



**Jazlyn Kurth**  
Jazlyn has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Hospital Information Desk. She is a freshman at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Darin and Tracey Kurth of Marshfield.



**Ireland Moran**  
Ireland has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with Radiology. She is a senior at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Jennifer and Dennis Moran of Stratford.



**Danica Plaskey**  
Danica has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Hospital Information Desk and Nursing Units. She is a freshman at Spencer High School and the daughter of Michelle Cole of Spencer and Louie Plaskey of Loyal



**Hannah Ridgeway**  
Hannah has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered as a Patient Representative. She is a senior at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Julie and Samuel Ridgway of Granton.



**Hannah Schindler**  
Hannah has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Outpatient Pharmacy and Activity Cart. She is a sophomore at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Kenton Schindler and Priscilla Schindler of Marshfield.



**Angelyn Silva**

Angelyn has donated more than 50 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Activity Cart and the Hospital Information Desk. She is a freshman at Rural Virtual Academy and the daughter of Vanessa and Rubens Silva of Marshfield.



**Paige Schlagenhaft**

Paige has donated more than 100 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Nursing Units and Critical Care Unit. She is a junior at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Tonya and Luke Schlagenhaft of Spencer.



**Kathryn Winder**

Kathryn has donated more than 200 hours of service. She has volunteered with the Inpatient Pharmacy, Therapy Services, Pediatrics, and Hospital Information Desk. She is a junior at Marshfield High School and the daughter of Audra and Tom Winder of Marshfield.

## How well do you know the Volunteer Services Staff Holiday Treat Edition!

We thought we would stump you with this one, but you honestly did pretty well! Check out below to see what our staff enjoys (or doesn't) during the holidays!

### Favorite holiday cookie:

Keresa - cutout

Elizabeth - peanut blossom

Melissa - chocolate cherry drop

### Favorite holiday candy:

Keresa - homemade caramels

Elizabeth - dark chocolate

Melissa - peanut butter balls

### Favorite pie:

Keresa - raspberry

Elizabeth - chocolate cream

Melissa - sour cream raisin

### LEAST favorite holiday treat:

Keresa - traditional hard candy mix

Elizabeth - candy corn

Melissa - anise

### Favorite holiday drink:

Keresa - slush

Elizabeth - peppermint hot cocoa

Melissa - tom and jerry

# Adult Volunteer Milestones

Congratulations to our adult volunteers reaching  
milestone service hours!!

## 50 Hours

Deborah Faber  
Jo Ann Gauerke  
Hailey Johnson  
Emma Karau  
Karen Niehaus

## 400 Hours

Peggy Endries  
Sue Kleinschmidt

## 900 Hours

Renee John  
Paula Nesbitt

## 100 Hours

Donna Andrew  
Eric Callaghan  
Mary Nest  
Teresa Nichols

## 200 Hours

Malina Carattini

## 300 Hours

Ariel Fernandez  
Mona Griffith  
Nishant Sharma

## 500 Hours

Rita Meier  
Diane Meissner

## 600 Hours

Candy Bell  
Jody Scidmore

## 700 Hours

TC Derfus  
Dianne Goodman  
Celeste Hilgart  
Linda Seefluth

## 1000 Hours

Ann Juncer  
Carolyn Yanke

## 1500 Hours

Don Nystrom

## 2500 Hours

Greg Lindner

## 4000 Hours

Dorothy Sherman

## 13000 Hours

Linda Dick

## Congratulations and Thank You!

### Volunteer Profile: Hailey Hargraves

**Volunteer Service Area:**  
Birth Center, Hospital Information  
Desk, Magazine Cart, Ronald  
McDonald Hospitality Cart  
175 hours to date.

#### What brought you to volunteer at MMC Marshfield?

I heard wonderful things about the program and was looking for a way to give back to others while stepping my foot into the healthcare world.

#### What is your favorite part about volunteering?

My favorite part about volunteering is meeting and interacting with a wide range of new people.

#### What do you do in your free time?

When I'm not volunteering, I like to spend time with my family and friends. I also enjoy being outside and staying active.

#### What is something you would like to share about yourself that we may not know?

I recently got a new puppy, Remi!

#### Why would you encourage others to volunteer?

I think volunteering is a great way to get a sense of how the healthcare field works while giving back to the community.



## **Teens: Watch your email! 2026 Fritz Wenzel Science Conference Information coming soon**

The 40th Annual Fritz Wenzel Science Conference will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 8:15am - 3:00pm.

This conference offers an array of lectures, demonstrations and tours, designed to inspire high school students to pursue a career in the science field and encourage high school science teachers to enhance their classroom environment by incorporating the most relevant aspects of healthcare science and technology.

We are privileged to have spots reserved for our volunteers, but the spots will fill quickly. Teens watch your email for information on how to register. If you have any questions, contact Melissa in the office!

### **Volunteer Profile: Bridget Eberl**



**Volunteer Service Area:**  
Family Waiting Room  
1,240 hours to date.



#### **What brought you to volunteer at MMC Marshfield?**

Volunteering has always been a part of my life. Growing up in Wausau my family was involved in helping one of the first Hmong families settle in Wausau. When I decided to retire I remember talking to students who were involved in the Volunteer Program and I told them that I was hoping to get involved when I retired.

#### **What is your favorite part about volunteering?**

I love my interactions with the families I meet. For some of our families the day I meet them can be a tough day. My goal is to help them in any way and hopefully ease their stress and make them feel comfortable.

#### **What do you do in your free time?**

In my free time I enjoy playing pickleball, walking, traveling, camping and stitching-counted cross-stitch.

#### **What is something you would like to share about yourself that we may not know?**

After graduating from college I worked as a volunteer in Quito, Ecuador. What started as a 6 week trip turned into a 2 year stint.

#### **What would you tell others about volunteering?**

Just do it! There are so many opportunities at MMC. Shadow a few different areas to find the best fit. The volunteers I work with and the staff are awesome.

### **January Birthdays**

Sending birthday wishes to...

- January 1 Richard Nesbitt
- January 1 Theresa Vlach
- January 1 Emma Karau
- January 2 Larry Guden
- January 5 Mary Ann Bruhn
- January 5 Kailyn Kurth
- January 6 Elizabeth Folz
- January 6 Barbara Justman
- January 6 John Paul Jordan
- January 6 Isabelle Deschepper
- January 6 Ruth Christianson
- January 7 Akosua Yeboah
- January 7 Carly Schilling
- January 9 Catherine Heuer
- January 9 Susan Hasenfang
- January 9 Camdyn Vogel
- January 9 Ethan Gault
- January 9 Deepna Neelagiri
- January 11 Olivia Spencer
- January 11 Natalie Schoch
- January 12 Linda Linzmeier
- January 12 Tami Jackan
- January 14 Susan Mueller
- January 16 Prisha Varre
- January 17 Walter Hamelink, Jr
- January 17 Talia Sosko
- January 19 Dominic Jansen
- January 21 Isabella Fallos
- January 22 Sophie Gieseking
- January 22 Grace Eddy
- January 23 Jacklyn Trierweiler
- January 24 Rebecca Huebner-Leu
- January 24 Melissa Matsick
- January 24 Taylor Weinfurter
- January 28 Barbara Bartkowiak
- January 28 Isabelle Dombrowski
- January 28 Thomas Youngwith
- January 28 Michelle Gruenling
- January 29 James Beathard
- January 29 Diane Beyerl
- January 29 Samantha Pollesch

# Holiday Cheer 2025



## Santa's Workshop

Volunteers wrapped presents for 192 children this holiday season, helping 73 families that had children in the hospital over the holiday season.





Special thanks to Administration for providing treats for the entire month!



Special thanks to Sudesh S, for again treating us with her amazing chocolate cake.

