



Marshfield Clinic
Health System

SANFORD
HEALTH

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.

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 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.



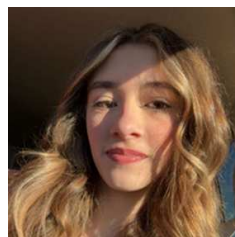
Jazlyn Kurth

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 Ridgeway 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.



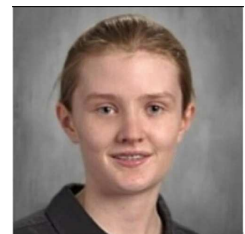
Angelyn Silva

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 holiday drink:

Keresa - slush

Elizabeth - peppermint hot cocoa

Melissa - tom and jerry

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

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

100 Hours

Donna Andrew
Eric Callaghan
Mary Nest
Teresa Nichols

200 Hours

Malina Carattini

300 Hours

Ariel Fernandez
Mona Griffith
Nishant Sharma

400 Hours

Peggy Endries
Sue Kleinschmidt

500 Hours

Rita Meier
Diane Meissner

600 Hours

Candy Bell
Jody Scidmore

700 Hours

TC Derfus
Dianne Goodman
Celeste Hilgart
Linda Seefluth

900 Hours

Renee John
Paula Nesbitt

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 Giesekeing
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

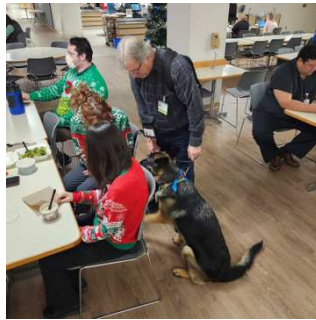
Holiday Cheer 2025



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.

