



United Way
RSVP of Marathon County
Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs



Happy Holidays RSVP Volunteers!

It's hard to believe that 2022 is coming to a close and a New Year is upon us! Did you know that the pandemic had an affect on volunteerism in Marathon County? Non-profits in our area have seen a 50% reduction in their volunteer base; yet the needs of our community have not decreased. Now more than ever volunteers are needed to address critical needs in our community. If you've taken a break from volunteering and you're ready to get back on the "volunteer saddle," please reach out to me and I will connect you to area organizations waiting to hear from you! Thank you for your continued support of United Way RSVP and for the difference **YOU** make in our community.



Merry Christmas + Happy New Year — *Susan*

GOOD IDEAS CONFERENCE

Tuesday-Thursday | January 10-12, 2023



A University Experience for Adults! Join a group of adult lifelong learners for an enriching three-day program at UWSP Wausau Campus! In person—or online! You choose how to attend! [Click here](#) to learn more about **Good Ideas!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AARP Tax Aide Program is seeking **Call Center Volunteers** to help schedule tax appointments in software program from January 11– March 31, 2023. Training is provided and hours are flexible. For more info, or to sign up to volunteer, please call Lette Becker at 715-848-3889. **THANK YOU!**



Look who joined
RSVP this month!

Mary Ann Gilles Rodney Woller
Mark Meyer Linda Rickstad

Thank you for sharing your gift of time, talent and experience with our community!



Post Holiday Coffee ☕ Hour!

We're extending the holiday season by offering a special coffee hour! Join RSVP for a **"Post Holiday" Coffee Hour on Thursday, January 12, from 9:30-11:00 AM at the Marathon County Historical Society, located at 410 McIndoe St. in Wausau.** Come enjoy some coffee and treats, socialize and learn how the Historical Society is preserving Marathon County's history, educating the community and involving volunteers in their work. The program will end with an insider tour of the Historical Society, their exhibits and a tour of the Yawkey House. There are currently two exhibits on display at the Marathon County Historical Society. In addition to the exhibits, you can also enjoy a free tour of the Yawkey House Museum which will still be beautifully decorated for the holidays. **RSVP Coffee Hours are always free and open to the public.** So bring a friend and enjoy the extended spirit of the holidays at this fun event! See you there!

Medication Mondays is a free service designed to help adults self-administer medications and help prevent medication errors at home. Aspirus Wausau Hospital offers **Medication Mondays** on the third Monday of each month. This [free program](#) allows people to meet with Pharmacy staff for one-on-one medication consultations to get a better understanding of the medications they need to take. For more information call the Aspirus Customer Contact Center at 800-847-4707.



You can start the year off with something **NEW!**
Organizations are looking for Volunteers like **YOU!**



Wausau Area Mobile Meals: **URGENT NEED!** Volunteers needed to package up meals for homebound community members. Monday through Friday from 9am-11am at Aspirus Hospital Kitchen. Training provided. Please contact Doris at 715-848-5848 or wamobilemeals@yahoo.com.

ASPIRUS Wausau Hospital: Comfort Cart Volunteer. Bring some joy to patients by providing comfort items at the bedside to enhance their hospital stay. A variety of items are provided at no charge to patients such as puzzle books, playing cards, coloring books, etc. Please contact Mary at 715-847-2848 or volunteers@aspirus.org.

Center for Visual Arts (CVA): Gallery Attendants. Looking for friendly faces and big smiles to greet our patrons as they visit one of our four professional galleries, attend one of our popular art classes, or come to a special event! Shifts can range anywhere from two to eight hours - Your choice! Please contact Tiffany at 715-842-4545 or email trodriguezlee@cvawausau.org for more information or to sign-up.

Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer Cashiers will check out customers using a cash register and assist verifying cash balance at the start and end of shifts. Shifts are traditionally 3.5 - 5 hours, but can be flexible based on the volunteers availability. If this sounds like a volunteer opportunity for you, please contact Kathy Grall at store@habitatwausau.org.

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED: We all know how much fun bingo can be! North Central Healthcare is in need of small bingo prizes and non-perishable purchased treats such as soda, chips, fruit snacks and candy to be used for bingo prizes. Please call 715-848-4450 if you have items to donate.

Marshfield Medical Center Weston: The cold weather has arrived and we are in need of adult winter hats and mittens at Marshfield Medical Center - Weston. These could be fleece or knitted. You can drop off at Door 4 and leave donations with the screener or volunteer located at that door. Please include your name and address so we can thank you for your donation!

UNITING TO THRIVE

United Way of Marathon County is embarking on an issue focused strategy. In August of 2022, the Board of Directors approved a new Mission Statement for United Way of Marathon County. **UNITING TO THRIVE**. These three words are simple, easy to understand, and inclusive. It's a bold move— one that will have life changing results for individuals in our community. This strategy will target those who fall in the ALICE category.

WHO IS ALICE? ALICE is an acronym that stands for Asset Limited Income Constrained & Employed. ALICE represents individuals and households who earn just above the Federal Poverty Level but less than what it costs to make ends meet. ALICE workers live paycheck to paycheck and struggle to make the ends meet each month while working in jobs that are critical to our community and the economy. 48% of individuals in Marathon County are considered ALICE. That is a staggering number!

You've heard the adage, "Knowledge is Power," and for our community to do more we must know more. So, to help broaden the awareness of who ALICE is and what we can do as a community to meet the bold goal, we will be choosing topics for our Retirement Well Being Educational Programs that better align with that goal: **Lift 10,000 Community Members to Financial Stability by 2033**. We hope you will join us!