

# United Way RSVP of Marathon County

Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs

Monthly Update  
September 2019

## Community Coffee Hour at Marathon County Literacy Council (McLit)



You are invited to join us at the RSVP Community Coffee Hour **Tuesday, September 17 from 9:30 –10:30 am at Marathon County Literacy Council (McLit). The Coffee Hour will be held at the McLit office located on the 2nd Floor of Salvation Army, 202 Callon St., Wausau.** McLit is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing tutoring services in Marathon County and the surrounding areas. They are dedicated to the adults and students who enter their program, no matter their level.

McLit's services are primarily directed to help individuals demonstrating the greatest need and are offered at no charge to the public. Please join us as we hear about the important work McLit is doing in our community and learn about their available volunteer opportunities.

RSVP Community Coffee Hours are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Please contact Susan at 715-298-5721 if you have any questions.



## Coffee Hour Focus on Helping Youth

Join us for a RSVP Community Coffee Hour and find out about volunteering to help children succeed in school and in life! The event will be held at the **Wausau School District office on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 9:30-10:30 am at the Longfellow Administration Center located at 415 Seymour Street in Wausau.** This is an opportunity to learn about volunteering with the Wausau School District in their reading tutor program, be a "lunch buddy" and other volunteer areas which many RSVP members find to be such a rewarding experience. You'll also find out about volunteering in the **United Way Reading Buddy Program at Mosinee, Marathon and Edgar Schools.** In addition, you'll learn about youth mentoring opportunities with

**Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern**



**Great Lakes.** We're pleased to report that during the 2018-2019 school year, there were **21 RSVP Volunteers who were involved in reading, tutoring and mentoring activities that helped over 103 elementary school children achieve improved academic performance!**

Thanks for helping to make a positive difference in the lives of these children. Spread the word and bring a friend!

## Save the Date

**September 17  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Community Coffee Hour at Marathon County Literacy Council

**September 19  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
"Learn About *The Landing*" program on the Y's new Senior Center held at United Way.

**September 24  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Community Coffee Hour on Volunteering to Help Kids at Wausau Schools district office

**September 26  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**  
"Know it Before You Need It" program at United Way

**October 10  
55+ VolunteerFest  
4:00-6:00 p.m.**  
Holiday Inn at Cedar Creek



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## Know It Before You Need It

In life's journey there are times when we may need to know about the various caregiving options available in our community either in support of a family member or perhaps even for ourselves. You might be involved as a caregiver for a loved one and looking for additional support. For any number of reasons, it is helpful to know the options available in our community before you need them. **United Way RSVP invites you to a special program presented by the Caregiving Pathways Coalition on Thursday, September 26 from 1:30–3 pm at the United Way office located at 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400B in Wausau.**

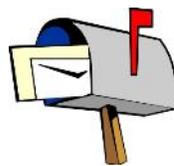


The Caregiving Pathways Coalition is a group of professional caregivers who provide information and education to empower caregivers to set their own directions in caregiving. This presentation will be in the form of a Caregiver Pathways Panel Discussion with professionals providing important information on the various caregiving options available. Areas covered will include the ADRC Resource Center, Adult Day Centers, Supportive Home Care, Skilled Home Care, Palliative Care, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospice Care. They will provide information, resources and answer your questions. To register for this important program, please call Susan at 715-298-5721 or email skrolow@unitedwaymc.org.

## Please Keep us "posted"...



Was your house address affected by the recent uniform addressing efforts in Marathon County? If so, please be sure to update us with that information. You can call the RSVP Office at 715-298-5721 or you can email Susan at skrolow@unitedwaymc.org with the information and we will update our records. Thank you!



## Help Needed at CommUNITY Fest Sept. 21st, 2019

United Way is looking for volunteers to hand out goodie bags and flyers at an assigned door (either sitting or standing.) **CommUNITY Fest** is a free, family-friendly event in the Expo Building at Marathon Park including *United We Can* (a food sculpture competition which benefits the Marathon County Hunger Coalition), kids' activities, food, music and photo ops with your favorite mascot and costumed characters. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up [HERE](#). Volunteer shift options are 8:30-10 AM, 10:00 AM – Noon, and Noon – 2PM. Please contact Susan at 715-298-5721 if you have any questions about the event or if you need assistance signing up to volunteer. Thank you!

## Learn About *The Landing* at the Y

Are you curious about **The Landing** at the YMCA? Join us **Thursday, September 19 from 9:30 –11 am at the United Way office located at 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400B in Wausau**, as Kate Florek, Operations and Development Director at *The Landing* shares all the exciting changes taking place at the Woodson YMCA. *The Landing*, an older adult activity center is set to open it's doors this October. Come hear what all the buzz is about! Register by calling Susan at 715-298-5721 or email skrolow@unitedwaymc.org.

## Mark Your Calendar

We're excited to announce that the 8th Annual RSVP Volunteer FEST will be held **Thursday, October 10th from 4-6 pm** at Holiday Inn at Cedar Creek. VolunteerFEST is open to anyone 55 years and older who is currently volunteering or may be interested in volunteering. Watch for more details in the next newsletter!

**Check out the RSVP Community Connection Calendar for information on FREE or LOW COST events and activities which support a healthy active lifestyle for older adults at:**

[www.unitedwaymc.org/rsvp](http://www.unitedwaymc.org/rsvp)