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# Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County

Coordinating volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities maintain their independence

### I Care News

# 2020 Don Getschel Drivers of the Year \* Lori Aherns & Jim St. Martin



Lori Aherns' caring spirit comes naturally. She has been taking care of people as a nurse for 42 years.

In 2018, Lori officially retired; however, she still volunteers to administer Covid vaccinations.

In retirement, she enjoys time with her granddaughter, Lily, every week and reaffirms that "Grandkids are the best!" She also likes reading, gardening, and sewing masks for Covered With Care to help keep people safe from the virus.

Lori is active in her church with serving on the Council and singing in the choir. And, she credits her church for hearing about Interfaith Caregivers.

Lori tries to volunteer once a week (though often does more). She likes being able to "pick and choose" and speaks fondly of her "regulars" like Brenda, who she met in 2018 and visits weekly. She says, **"I feel** 

like I really make a difference in Brenda's life."

Even though Lori says, "you don't need to be an RN to volunteer," her experience with intensive care, home health, and hospice patients truly is a blessing for clients. And she adds, "but a GPS is helpful!"

Lori, Thank you for sharing yourself with others and your faithful volunteer service!

#### Thank You Lori for:

- 🖈 Being someone I can depend on,
- ★ Getting me out and about (when it was safe to do so),
- ★ Giving me confidence to do things I haven't done in awhile,
- ★ And, just being my friend!

Brenda



\* Don Getschel was a dedicated volunteer with Interfaith Caregivers. He loved driving seniors and the disabled. We created this award in his memory.

#### Thank you for giving 3,488 Rides!

Volunteer drivers drove more than 60,158 miles in Covid 2020.

Thanks, in part, to Jim and Lori - 2020 Don Getschel Volunteer Driver's Award!



Jim St. Martin moved to the country in 1978 and did "the commute" for work at Ford in repair & assembly for 24 years.

Once retired and after some research, Jim chose Interfaith Caregivers to volunteer. He says it was the flexibility that attracted him because he was "tired of schedules." He also likes being able to say "no" (though he rarely does).

He started volunteering in 2017, and his first request for help was "digging out June's flower garden." This was a perfect match since Jim loves gardening. When he's not in his garden, he's in his workshop. Right now, he's building a flower bench out of redwood.

Over the years, Jim has helped many people. He has traveled near and far for medical, groceries, bank, pharmacy and has made several deliveries. Jim often goes above and beyond. Recently, he visited June who moved to the cities to be closer to her family.

It's no surprise to hear nice things about Jim from clients. Including, what a treat it is to ride in his red Mustang!

Also, doing respite care visits holds a special place in his heart. Jim reminisces about his lunches with June's husband, Herb and how he always greeted him with a smile.

Overall, what Jim appreciates the most about volunteering is "meeting people of all walks of life. It's fun to listen to people's stories and hear about their experiences in life."

Jim feels Interfaith is an important program because "We keep people in their homes where they're happier and live longer."

Jim, Thank you for your many miles, visits, hours and for choosing us to volunteer!

#### Thank You Jim

"I wish to thank Jim and EVERYONE at Interfaith Caregivers. Thank you & God bless all who volunteer!"



June



## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

To learn more:

Call 715-483-8500

Visit 2000 US Hwy. 8

(Family Pathways Bldg)

www.interfaithpolk.org



#### **NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Bill Beyer

Marsha Beyer

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Glenna Tack





#### VOLUNTEER & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, August 12 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Watch for event details interfaithpolk.org

#### "Rise & Shine" Daily Calls ~ Do you live alone?

Are you concerned that you could fall or become ill and no one would know?

We have a program to help you feel safer!

It's easy! All you have to do is:

- 1. Register with Interfaith Caregivers to take part in Rise & Shine.
- 2. Call our special number every morning before 11:00 am.
- 3. If we don't hear from you, we will try to call you.
- 4. If we don't reach you, we have a procedure in place to make sure that you are ok.

Register now at 715-483-8500!



"I joined Rise & Shine as An Act of Independence.

I'm personally responsible for my own safety.

Being alone is a BIG deal! I have steps everywhere and an active dog. Anything could happen! It's a relief to call in every morning and know if something does, I'll be found. We need to learn to accept help."

Franny

#### **Farmers' Market Voucher**

If you are 60 or over, you may qualify for \$25 in vouchers for use at local farmers' markets in Polk County. Call the ADRC at 877-485-2372 to ask. Vouchers will be mailed out. They can be used June 1st-October 31 at any participating farmers' markets:

- Amery
- Balsam Lake
- Frederic
- Osceola
- St Croix Falls
- Star Prairie



#### Polklore

It is so ironic that I was born on a farm near Amery nearly 85 years ago and of course it is in Polk County. Also my only speeding ticket was on Hwy. 8 in Polk County. In addition, the first love of my life lived on Hwy. 8 in Polk County even tho' she wrote a "Dear John Letter" to me while a student at UW in Madison. Finally, as a Teen Ager my favorite dance hall was in Polk County where the Polka with Whoope John Dance Band was way too much fun. Such is Life. Many other stories but are not printable.

Jerry - Volunteer

I neglected to add that I was raised in Almena and Barron County was boring.



#### **2021 giveBIG Donors**

with special thanks to our 2 generous matching Donors



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"Again, we're elated by our community's care and concern for our seniors and adults with disabilities in Polk County. Everyone's support is truly heartwarming and appreciated. Thank you so much for choosing Interfaith Caregivers with your generosity!"

Karen Krupa
Program Director

Your kindness and loyalty continues to provide services for people in need.



Every ride, delivery, visit, chore, and more depends on you! Help us say 'YES' more often to our neighbors this year.

Your gift helps seniors and adults with disabilities remain living safe, healthy & happy at home for as long as possible.







"Thank you for all you do to help those who have unmet needs in our community!"

Kathy - Donor

**2020 Covid** January 1 - December 31 **Clients Helped** 261 **Rides Given** 3,488 **Other Services** 3,832 **Caring Volunteers** 118 **Volunteer Hours** 5,076 **Volunteer Miles** 60,158 **Generous Donors** 1,027



#### Are you a Betty?

#### Enroll in our monthly giving program

When you join Interfaith Caregiver's **Betty's Circle**, you will be part of a special group of people who donate each month to help provide rides, deliveries, visits, chores, and more for seniors and disabled adults living in Polk County.

Together, we can give independence, dignity, and quality of life. Will you join Betty's Circle?

To become a member of **Betty's Circle** simply complete the authorization form below. Your signature authorizes automatic donations be sent to Interfaith Caregivers every month.

Be a Betty!!!

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#### Donations received March 16, 2021 — May 20, 2021



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#### From The Kitchen of

Norma - Volunteer

#### SOUR CREAM RHURBARB BREAD

#### Ingredients:

I c. rhubarb, cut small

I c. sugar

I c. sour cream

l egg

I c. plus 2 T. flour

I tsp. baking soda

I tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. salt

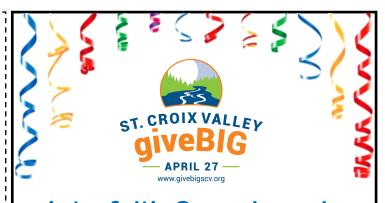
# Time: 40-45 mins.

Bake: 350°

#### Directions:

Mix together rhubarb, sugar, sour cream, and egg. Add the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Place in a greased and floured 9x5 inch glass/ceramic loaf pan.

Can use as muffins. Bake 24-28 mins.



Interfaith Caregivers is excited to announce that giveBIG donors met our \$20,000 match!

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