

Greetings, Volunteers!

May is upon us, which means Lilacs! And Mother's Day! And more amazing ways to volunteer at MCH!

- Want to attend Lilac Festival with a resident? ✓
- Want to visit one-on-one with a resident each week? ✓
- Interested in sharing a special skill or talent? ✓

We have you covered! Just let me know what your interest is and we will find an opportunity for you!

And of course, we always need transport help for our robust schedule of activities. See page 2 for a complete list, or sign up online here:

[May 2026 Transport Schedule](#)

On Wed April 29 we had our annual volunteer lunch and it was a ton of fun! I hope to see even more of you there next year!

And Save the Date for our next gathering: Wednesday August 5th at the Chicken Barbecue sponsored by Food & Nutrition. Watch for a flyer about this in July.

Thank you for all you do to support the residents and our MCH family.

Happy Spring!

Laurie



Volunteers Julie, Jan and Margaret at the Volunteer Luncheon on April 29.

Residents Seeking a Friendly Visitor

There are some wonderful residents in need of support and companionship. Please look at the brief profiles below and let me know if you have time for a weekly visit with one of these folks.

This resident enjoys games and puzzles.

He needs a morning visitor on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

This young person needs someone to speak to him and read out loud to him.

This sociable gentleman would love to leave his unit and have more interaction.

He is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This long-time resident needs a task-oriented volunteer to assist him with things like straightening up, organizing, placing phone calls.

This resident needs a weekly escort to the Gift Shop. Could be any day of the week but consistency is important.

This resident needs positive engagement with others.

This resident would like a morning visitor, preferably a Veteran.



May Events & Activities

Please attend with a resident or sign up to help transport!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Monday May 4 at 2 PM
U of R Dance Performance

Monday May 11 at 2 PM
American Pops Salute

Wednesday May 13—various times
Resident Outing to the Lilac Festival
See Laurie for more information

Thursday May 14 at 2 PM
Poetry Unveiling

Friday May 15 at 2 PM
MCH History Jeopardy

Friday May 22 at 2 PM
Gray Matter Trio

Tuesday May 26 at 3 PM
MCH “Chopped”

Friday May 29 at 2 PM
BINGO

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Movie Matinee at 2 PM
May 18 at 2 PM

Every Tuesday at 11 AM
Caring Group in the Veterans Tribute area
of the Hope Lobby

Every Tuesday at 2:15 PM
Feeling Fit EXercise

Every Wednesday at 2 PM
Worship Service or Bible Study

Every Thursday at 11 AM
Catholic Mass

Please sign up to transport online at:
[May 2026 Transport Schedule](#)
or contact Laurie!

LOCKER ROOM UPDATES

The computer kiosk is a work-in-progress. I am waiting for IT to resolve issues with our Volunteer Software. Keep signing in on the clipboard for now!

The door lock—apparently the buttons on the keypad are wearing out. I am hopeful we will have the lock replaced shortly. Best Advice—*PRESS HARD!*

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding!

April in Review

Welcome to new volunteer, Kim B!

Kudos to our Gift Shop volunteers who received a Spotlight Award for helping in the safe return of a missing wallet.

58% of April Transport Shifts were filled; great work everyone!

60% of the Friendly Visitor requests were filled, meaning 67 residents have a volunteer assigned, and 45 residents are still waiting.

The Volunteer Luncheon was attended by 36 volunteers and 8 staff and contractors.

The Ecumenical Memorial Service on April 30 was also well-attended, with approximately 40 family members, staff, and residents gathering to remember those who passed away between October 2025 and March 2026.

Volunteer Trends

According to Meals on Wheels America, 28.3%, or 75.7 million Americans volunteer, increasing from a pandemic-era low of 23.2% in 2021. Although the *rate* of volunteering has increased, the total hours served per person has declined, placing higher demand on recruitment.

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