



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

MCH Volunteer Office

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Greetings, Volunteers!

Is it Spring yet? Sadly, we are knee deep in winter, but there is still a lot of fun to be had!

In February we can look forward to

- The Off Monroe Players on the 9th
- A Mardi Gras Concert with the RIT Steel Drum Band on the 17th
- An Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service on the 18th

Look at page 2 for more events and activities, or visit our online schedule at: <https://signup.com/go/WiHzDaD>

In addition, we will have a volunteer meeting on Monday Feb 23 at 10 am - details on page 2. This meeting is a chance to learn what's new at MCH, and share your thoughts and feelings about your volunteer experience; its also a great opportunity to ask questions!

Other News: the computer kiosk in the Volunteer Locker Room is out of commission. Please bear with us and sign in and out on the clipboard until it is repaired.

Monday Feb 16 is a County holiday. Office staff will not be working and it will be quieter than usual, but if you normally visit residents on Mondays, you are welcome to come in!

And lastly, though our volunteer team is 81 strong, there are always unmet needs among our residents. Please take a look at the Special Volunteer Needs and see if you can help, or maybe you know someone who would like to join us? If so, give them my name and number, or bring them in to meet me sometime! Sharing what we do here with other people is the best way to grow our program!

Happy February!

Laurie

On the wind in February, Snowflakes float still,
Half inclined to turn to rain, Nipping, dripping, chill.
~Christina Rossetti

Special Volunteer Needs

Wednesday Afternoon Transport Volunteers—desperately need volunteers who can commit to a weekly transport shift 1:30–3 PM on Wednesdays, to bring residents to Worship Service or Bible Study.

Resident Survey Volunteer— must be able to commit 1 to 1 1/2 hours per week; day & time flexible.

Friendly Visitors Needed — numerous requests came in during January for Friendly Visitors. Could you offer support to one of these folks?

This gentleman enjoys the outdoors, fishing and card games though he is no longer able to play. Seeking companionship and engagement.

This person comes from a group home and is looking for someone to play games, do puzzles, and color with him.

This friendly, positive resident loves Westerns but consistently stays in bed. Seeking a visitor to encourage or motivate her to get out of bed and enjoy activities.

IT Support volunteer to work with a resident who needs help exploring the possibilities of his tablet and laptop.



February Events & Activities

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

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Monday Feb 9 at 3 PM
Off Monroe Players present
Gilbert and Sullivan

Friday Feb 13 at 2 PM
Cupid BINGO

Tuesday Feb 17 at 2 PM
Mardi Gras Concert with RIT Steel Drums

Wednesday Feb 18 at 11 AM
Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service

Friday Feb 20 at 2 PM
Po-Ke-No

Friday Feb 27 at 2 PM
Musical Entertainment

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Feb 2 and Feb 23 at 2 PM
Monday Movie Matinee

Every Tuesday at 11 AM
Caring Group in the Williams Lounge on
Faith 6

Tuesday Feb 3 and Feb 24 at 2:15 PM
Feeling Fit Exercise

Wednesday Feb 4, 11 and 25 at 2 PM
Worship Service or Bible Study

Every Thursday at 11 AM
Catholic Mass

Please sign up to transport online at:
[February Transport Schedule](#)
Or contact Laurie!



Jim D
George F
Linda G
Ginger H
Sandy L
Sydney R
Charlie T

Volunteer Meeting!

Monday February 23

10-11 am

Please join us for coffee and a light breakfast as we discuss the volunteer program.

Bring your ideas, suggestions, and questions!

RSVP to Laurie at 760-6151 by Feb 18.

**Let's meet by the Main Entrance at 9:55 am.
Meeting is in the Izzo Board Room**



Volunteering By The Numbers

1 new volunteer joined our program—Welcome to Jean A who will be working in the Thrift Shop!

Our data shows that 59 volunteers were active in January, contributing 766 hours to MCH—but due to computer issues, we do not have all hours counted yet!

50% of January Transport Shifts were filled, but this number may also increase!

59% of the Friendly Visitor requests were filled, meaning 68 residents have a volunteer assigned, and 47 residents are still waiting.

Did you know?

The Dutch Connection at the George Eastman Museum is a display of tulips, daffodils and other flowering plants that takes place Feb 6–22. This annual event was inspired by Eastman: between 1905–1932, he would order tens of thousands of bulbs from Holland for his garden and for indoor forcing (tricking bulbs to bloom out of season). This beautiful exhibit reminds us that Spring is on the way!