



SPRIT OF SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Volunteer Awards

APRIL 27, 2023 FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
THE AMERICAN CLUB



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Event Program

11:00 am	Doors Open
11:30 am	Lunch Served
12:00 pm	Ceremony Starts
12:50 pm	Ceremony Commences
1:00 pm	Nominee Pictures

Welcome

Kate S. Baer
United Way Executive Director

Event Emcee

Deidre Martinez
2022-23 United Way Board President

Award Presenters

Youth Volunteer Star Award

Lisa Finney
UWSC Volunteer Center Coordinator

Group Volunteers
of the Year Award

Sara Spicer
Bell Bank

Community Spirit Award

Kirsten Coenen
Kohler Credit Union

Outstanding Volunteer
Board of Directors Award

Alec Bartolai
Sargento Foods

Volunteer of the Year Award

Johannah Wenig
St. Nicholas Hospital

Lifetime Achievement Award

Mike Langan
United Way Campaign Co-Chair

Advisory Committee Members

Hilary Arthur, Previously Kohler Co.

Alec Bartolai, Sargento Foods

Kirsten Coenen, Kohler Credit Union

Sara Spicer, Bell Bank

Jeff Verhelst, Johnsonville Sausage

Michelle Zuengler, HSA Bank

Johannah Wenig, St. Nicholas Hospital

Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

Your gifts of time and talent make Sheboygan County a betterplace and improve the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors. Thank you for being a positive force for good!

Youth Volunteer Star Award

Honors an individual volunteer, under the age of 18, that embodies the spirit of giving

Christ Child Academy 6th, 7th, 8th grade students

This group of students bundled over 1000 diapers, folded over 1000 onesies and blankets, wrote a special message for each bags for the new moms, and created information folders. Their contribution not only helped new moms but created time for Family Connection's staff Resource Specialists to focus on conducting meaningful visits, attending meetings, and continuing to research best practices when it comes to babies.

Abbey and Lilly Reintl

Working tirelessly for the Children with Cancer of Sheboygan County, they organized and advertised the 1st annual Spikeball Tourney. Coordinating 48 teams (all high school students), Abbey and Lilly also secured sponsors for the event by reaching out to local businesses and family friends. After a great day on the beach, they ended up raising over \$1,500 for Children with Cancer of Sheboygan County. Not only showing an incredible level of leadership but Abbey and Lily also helped to inspire other young people to get involved.

Rebecca Shvartsman

As a performer, Rebecca models strong skills in collaboration, dedication, persistence, problem-solving, and leadership. During the summer of 2022 Rebecca volunteered 35+ hours across 3 Dare to Dream Theater summer camps as a teaching assistant for ages 3-12. She also stepped into additional roles. Serving on the production team, she volunteered an additional 100 hours.

Oostburg High School Service Club

The Oostburg High School service club has supported a variety of nonprofit agencies in the last year: Bookworm Gardens, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Project Angel Hugs, and more! Four officers organize and plan service events for the club as well as inform members about other service opportunities that are available. Supporting these organizations often involves hours to help their cause or raising funds to financially support them.

Group Volunteers of the Year Award

Honors a group of two or more people that volunteer together on the same project

Countryside Best Place to Work team at Johnsonville

A big goal for this team, every year, is to raise money for nonprofit agencies: Adopt-a-Family, Deland House, Safe Harbor, Sunny Ridge Nursing Home, Habitat for Humanity, Sheboygan County Food Bank. During the holiday season, members fill the lists of needs/wants of the agencies, shop/wrap their items, then deliver the items to the agencies. Sharing in the experience is often noted as "the best feeling in the world."

Dogs 2 Dog Tags

Serving year-round, Dogs 2 Dog Tags (D2DT) has a burning passion for helping veterans with PTSD live an empowered life with not only a companion but a purpose. Many veterans struggle daily with unique challenges, but these volunteers have made it their mission to positively impact lives. Over 50 veterans have been able to utilize D2DT and have grade-A dog training and support. Through the hearts of the volunteers, D2DT has begun to enlighten the public and remove stigma.

Great Marriages Mentor Couples

Children need healthy examples, and these mentor couples are teaching other couples the skills to succeed in their relationships. Each couple works with a mentee couple for approximately 8-10 weeks (sometimes longer depending on the needs of the couple). They are selfless, and extremely dedicated to helping our community thrive through having healthy families as the pillar of our community.

Lakeshore United FC Top Soccer Program

Bringing a refreshing volunteer activity for youth with disabilities to our community, the Top Soccer organizers have ensured that all youth athletes have an opportunity to play soccer. Fostering resilience and persistence, skill development, participation, and athleticism are values of the program, players leave with key building blocks: teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect.

Sargento Interns and Co-ops

In 2022, 15 Interns and Coops mentored Club youth during the summer months. Each intern/co-op support two Club sites by engaging Club kids in beneficial enrichment activities, making connections as positive role models and demonstrating the importance of having a goal-oriented mindset, resilience, and dedication. All in nearly 70 hours of volunteer time, this group made a lasting impression on the students and staff.

Group Volunteers of the Year Award Continued

Sheboygan Jaycees

Significant growth brought significant giving as 100% of proceeds were given back into the community by the Sheboygan Jaycees. As a volunteer-based group, the Jaycees collaborate and contribute to various organizations, such as: Big Brothers Big Sisters with their annual Bowl for Kids' Sake event, Terror in April event to promote the Dominion of Terror Haunted House, two community scholarships, Brat Days, brat fry with Brat City Baggers and their bag tourney, and partnered with DHHS to deliver 22 food baskets for Thanksgiving. Ending the year with the Sheboygan Holiday Parade as well.

Community Spirit Award

Honors a corporation that has made a substantial impact in the community by promoting volunteerism and inspiring the spirit of giving to their employees

Johnsonville, LLC

Johnsonville strives to find opportunities to give back to its community. In addition to volunteering during United Way's Day of Caring, Careville Contributions allows members to select nonprofits to support and increase the impacts of their missions. Another example of this 'community-first' mindset is their Flawless Hoops, which helps bring safety and affordability to community areas so that others can play basketball and learn life long skills.

Lakeshore Community Health Care (LCHC)

LCHC's mission is to provide access to comprehensive health care, regardless of ability to pay. Focusing on eliminating barriers, LCHC strives to collaborate with other non-profit organizations that are most likely serving the same clients. Collaborations have encompassed Community Café, Humane Society, Horizon4Girls, The Salvation Army, Peace Park, Habitat for Humanity, Nourish, and Generations. On top of these collaborations, staff regularly volunteer to further impact their peer nonprofits.

MilliporeSigma

In 2022, 60 MilliporeSigma workers from the Sheboygan campus contributed 632 volunteer hours, which was an increase from 11 volunteers / 80 hours in 2021 due to COVID-19. MilliporeSigma has made it a point to inspire curiosity in science in the next generation of students through its Curiosity Labs™, Curiosity Cube® and employee volunteer SPARK™ programs. Working on continuous improvement, they envision doubling volunteers and hours in 2023.

Community Spirit Award Continued

Wigwam Mills

With only 54 current employees, Wigwam Mills has had a large impact across Sheboygan County and across the world. Sometimes referred to as "Small Company with a Big Heart", Wigwam Mills had delivered 209 boxes of socks to charities which equates to 29,260 pairs of socks given to individuals in need. In 2022, they supported 35 Charities including supporting pantries, veterans, Ukraine Relief, and Homeless shelters.

Yoga on the Lake (YOTL)

YOTL works closely with the United Way's PATH initiative to provide increased access to mental health tools for youth through yoga and mindfulness techniques. YOTL offers these opportunities during crises but also in opportunities to build resilience for difficulties students may experience in the future. Countless students have begun their positive mental health journey thanks to YOTL.

Outstanding Volunteer Board of Directors Award

Honors a nonprofit board that has exceptional leadership in driving a nonprofit agency

Family Connections/Rainbow Kids Board Members

Incredible collaboration and cooperation were noted in the merger of these two organizations. Family Connections serving as the backbone for Rainbow Kids provides stability to continue the peer support programs for those dealing with loss. Families continue to connect through different parenting classes, support resources, and collaboration.

Grace Episcopal Church - Vestry

Since the start of the pandemic, the Vestry expanded their work and reach of their support to include surrounding neighborhoods through partnerships with Love In the Name of Christ ("Love INC."), The Community Cafe, and the World Relief in the Fox Valley. Example of the work with these agencies and programs includes assembling a "Good Neighbor" team of volunteers to be a family-like connection to refugees for the first part of their relocation in Sheboygan.

Meals On Wheels Board of Directors

2022 was a big transition for Meals On Wheels. With new leadership and unprecedented growth in terms of the number of people in need of service, the Board rallied together formulating new committees and new schedules to help provide training and support for staff. Members went the extra mile to deliver meals, serve at the St. Nick dinner for meal recipients, and help in the office. This combined effort resulted in a year of growth for both the organization and for individuals in leadership.

Outstanding Volunteer Board of Directors Award Continued

Friends of Uptown Social Board of Directors

This board has supported Uptown Social, formerly the Senior Activity Center of Sheboygan, through three very tumultuous years. The Board selected a new location for the Center and funded a rebrand of the organization. Dedicated and motivated, this Board sees Sheboygan's population of older adults and understands how important social engagement is for all people.

Weill Center Foundation Board of Directors

The Weill Center board ensured the reopening of the stage to provide entertainment to nearly 30,000 individuals and many more in future seasons. With many independent venues closing due to the pandemic, the Weill Center was fortunate to be in the financial position to reopen for the 2021-22 season. The board strategically leveraged federal funding to ensure they stay cash flow positive while not draining local resources.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Honors an individual volunteer that embodies the spirit of giving

Sandra Gibson

Sandra enables BabyCare to function efficiently, helping babies in need across Sheboygan County. She receives all inventory at the warehouses, transports diapers weekly, and keeps track of inventory. Sandra is always on the move, transporting donations, scheduling volunteers, and coordinating distribution. Sandra has enabled BabyCare to distribute 256,000 diapers in 2022.

Carol Dussault

Carol Dussault supports the Literacy Council (a program of the Family Resource Center) by being a volunteer tutor, training new tutors 3 times a year, and evaluating new students' literacy skills throughout the year. Carol was a volunteer tutor from 2012-2014, then was hired as one of two coordinators of the Literacy Council. When she retired from the coordinator position in 2020, she immediately began tutoring again. Dussault just finished training 18 new volunteer tutors in January 2023. During the pandemic, the Literacy Council lost roughly half of its volunteer tutors. Carol has been crucial to rebuilding their tutor base.

Kathy Mertes

Kathy's contributions to the Weill Center have been invaluable. She has been a volunteer for over two decades and knows more about the history and operations than any other volunteer. She is always willing and able to help in any area. Kathy's giving heart sets an example to other volunteers.



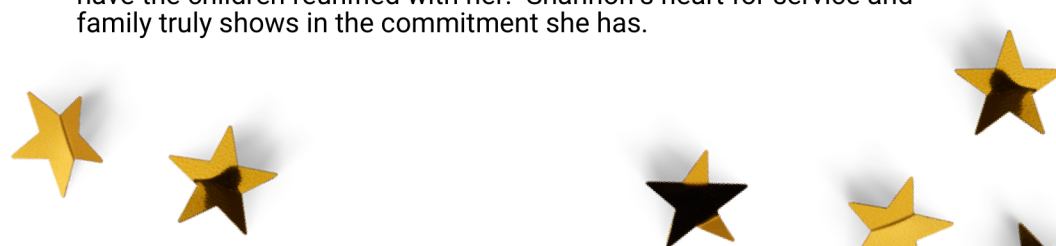
Volunteer of the Year Award Continued

Meg Peterson

A Million Dreamz, St Paul's Preschool, The GameBoard, Humane Society, Horace Mann Middle School, are a few of the places that Meg has contributed. In addition to the hours of assistance in moving, lifting, painting, cleaning, and setting up, Meg has done countless hours of research for funding and programming. Meg creates program content without being asked, brings in ideas that have already been tested and donates supplies to put together her ideas and plans. She has created additions to the center to support inclusivity and diversity without asking for a thing in return.

Shannon Shaurette

Shannon has been an advocate for CASA of East Central Wisconsin for 3 years. She continues to meet with children, a caseworker, and submit reports to the court about the children's safety and needs. Additionally, Shannon connected with the children's biological mother to help support and remove roadblocks she has in completing her court conditions to have the children reunified with her. Shannon's heart for service and family truly shows in the commitment she has.



Volunteer of the Year Award Continued

Roberta Meyer

As one of the youngest members of the Jaycees, she puts her heart and soul into helping others. She has participated in Earth Day street clean up, helped create/distribute holiday baskets to families in need, and she is a huge component of the Dominion of Terror haunted house. Through the gift of money and time, Berta additionally took 15 kids Christmas shopping for their families. Her smile and joy is contagious!

Teresa Neer

Terri has been a volunteer at Above & Beyond Children's Museum since 2021, coordinating and supporting many larger scale projects on the organization's behalf. Some of these include assisting with the Maker Room activities, organizing the end-of-year mailer, and leading the Valentine's Day activity at our most recent fundraiser. When the museum sustained extensive water damage and closed, Terri immediately organized clean up and re-organization efforts.

Shawn Oldenhoff

Involved for almost a decade, Shawn devoted hundreds of hours a year to inspire the children that he coaches to build confidence and resiliency. Coaching at a high level, he does a tremendous job balancing positive feedback with being critical of his players. Shawn always makes sure that the kids he coaches maintain a positive outlook and serve as a well-rounded teammate, creating lifelong values and skills.

Melissa Para

Melissa has given her time as an advocate, mentor, coach, and encourager. Her proven strategies have given others confidence in pursuing their dreams! Melissa's smile, enthusiasm, and heart for this community are "far beyond anyone else's I'm ever met!"

Lifetime Achievement Award

Honors an individual volunteer who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community stewardship

Dr. Jessica Ambelang

Jessica has organized opportunities for members of Grace Episcopal Church for outreach to children in need, in the US and abroad. Full of determination, Jessica is seen as a person with a "heart of a servant." She has continued to work with Deland House for Christmas to ensure the children have gifts on Christmas morning.

Lifetime Achievement Award Continued

Eleanor Jung

Over sixty-six years, Eleanor has provided her time, leadership, talent and passion for education and the arts to more than fifteen organizations. Her service includes: The Sheboygan Service Club, The American Association of University Women, (AAUW), The Sheboygan Y's Menettes, Town and Country Garden Club, Maywood Advisory Board, and the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. Her guidance and leadership throughout the non profit sector speaks volumes!

Dennis Ketterman

Dennis is a long-time volunteer and advocate for Habitat for Humanity Lakeside. As someone who never says no, he is integral to the development of the 6-home Gateway projects. His passion for the organization is evident through his mentorship of new volunteers. As a retired educator who dedicated most of his life to special education, his dedication to our community is incredible.

Beth Rauwerdink

For the last 10 years, Beth has volunteered at Oostburg Elementary School helping with student literacy, Junior Kindergarten projects, and keeping the book room organized. Just a few examples of her dedication to serving others includes: providing school supplies and winter gear for families in need, facilitating "Patchwork & Prayers" which makes quilts for people going through a difficult time, and volunteering with Rainbow Kids.

Paul Rendall

Paul has not been camper-age for over 40 years, yet he spends all his time keeping the camp in tip-top shape for all current and future campers. Those that work with him say he's "a man who puts his heart and soul into taking care of Camp Anokijig and is here when it's hot, when it's frozen, and when it's raining too."

Jenna Van Der Sande

She embodies what a real volunteer is and who always gives back no questions asked. Since she's joined she's never shied away from learning and growing to being a leader and mentor to everyone who walks in her path and always putting our community first. Sheboygan Jaycees Brat Days, Dominion of Terror, Jingle and Mingle, etc. She's what makes our organization function the way it is and in no way would we be where we are without her in our organization.

Thank you to our sponsor for making the event a success!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY IMPACT INITIATIVE

Mental Health Awareness Golf Day!

FRIDAY | 06.16.2023
9 AM - 5 PM

Sunset Hills Golf Course
Sheboygan Falls

Tee Time Layout
Groups Up To 4
Choose Your Own Format
NEW: Mini Golf Course



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Sheboygan County

Family Fun Fest

June 24th
10:00 am-2:00 pm

★ Fountain Park
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Music!
Face painting!
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small group of
thoughtful, committed
citizens can change
the world; indeed, it's
the only thing that
ever has."*

-Margaret Mead