Summer is Finally Here!

Hello everyone! It is nice to finally feel the sun on our face and see the green of the grass! It didn't seem like the winter would ever end but I am very glad that it did. Through it all you kept up with your volunteering and made lives better for many people. With all of the snow birds back and active, it is a great time to celebrate with our yearly Volunteer Appreciation Party. We have planned a fun event for you this year and hope everyone can make it. Consider bringing someone you know that might be interested in joining us as an organization. They are welcome to meet us at this event and learn more about what we do and how they can help while they see that we can have some fun along the way!

Thank you for all you do and hope to see your all at the event!

Brenda Skrove Cottonwood County Coordinator

Cottonwood County Caregiver Support Group is open to the public! Please join us & bring a friend!

We meet once a month, on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the BARC library if it is available. You are welcome to come when you would like and leave when you would like, but we usually get together for at least an hour. This is a chance to share what is happening in your life as a caregiver and learn what others are going through as they travel the same road. Ideas are shared, stories are encouraged, and support is given by all. Come meet others in your area that know how things are in your daily life as a caregiver of any type. Call Brenda if you are interested in coming. All are welcome!!!

Respite Volunteers Needed!
Please join us in helping area people with the need for a short break in their Caregiver duties. You can help by sitting with the person for an hour or two. No bathroom duty, no medical duty, just to be a companion while the caregiver runs an errand or takes a short break. Please contact Brenda if interested!

Are you interested in ushering? The Fall Concert Series will be starting soon and we will need ushers. This is an excellent chance for you to see some great entertainment at no cost other than helping people find their seat! Your time is truly appreciated. My list of volunteers to contact will start with your response!

Needed - people to lead Healthy living classes!
If you like making a difference in people's lives, this is for you! You will train through A.C.E. and MnRAA and then lead one or two classes a year in Cottonwood County. Please contact Brenda to find out more about this if you are interested at all! The need is great!
2019 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!
Wednesday July 31st.

1. All current active A.C.E. volunteers are invited to come join us under the new ‘Big Top’ Tent being set up in the BARC backyard. We will be serving a picnic lunch, reviewing the successes of our last year and handing out a ‘goodie bag’ to all attendees.

2. Join us at 4:00pm to sign in and the meal will be served shortly after.

3. If you know someone that may be interested in joining us as a volunteer, bring them along so they can meet us and learn more at our event.

4. Please call Brenda if you are planning to come so I can have a good head count and have enough food for everyone! Call 507-831-1803 by Friday July 26th for

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!

Friendly Visiting – Very Important! Many of you may be doing this already. This is any time that an A.C.E. volunteer visits with a shut-in, an elderly person in their home or at an assisted living facility or even a nursing home. This is very important and means a lot to these people and their families. I have a sheet that I keep track of any time that you volunteer to do this, so just let me know at the end of each month any time that you have given to visiting!

Aluminum Can Drive! Help with te aluminum can drive! I have just been asked by Jackie Jurrgens from the Riverfest committee if there are any A.C.E. volunteers that would be willing to help with the can collection in Windom. In the past this was done by the Sentence to serve and they have been disbanded. You can let me know if you are interested or call Jackie herself at 831-4976. Remember to let me know about any hours that you put in volunteering for this project!

Back to School Backpack program! Maybe you have helped in the past, but it not this is a great event to help families and kids get ready for the upcoming school year. Come help on Wednesday August 7th, starting at 8:00am with the loading of backpacks. You can help as long as you would like or even stay for the family pick up later in the afternoon. Let me know if you are interested in helping!

People to read at the DAC! Simple task, but very meaningful to clients! Please let me know if you are interested!