

Clermont Senior Services, Inc.

VOLUNTEER Connections

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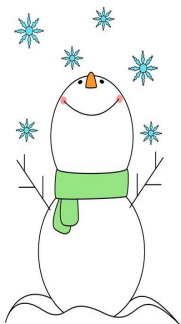
Adopt A Senior 2022 is A Wrap!

The Adopt A Senior Season has come to a close and many big hearted donors shopped and wrapped, making Christmas *Very Merry* for 663 seniors! The festive packages poured in and filled the gift room. Clermont Senior Services volunteers and staff hustled to get the beautiful gifts delivered to seniors eagerly awaiting their presents! Smiles and tears were observed as the seniors received their gifts, grateful to be remembered during this Christmas Season. Many of the seniors were overwhelmed just because someone cared enough to remember them at Christmas.

The Community joined together filling the gift pantry shelves to overflowing, as well. Families, individuals, businesses, schools, community and church groups donated handmade cards, ornaments, and goodie boxes. Blankets, afghans, quilts, hats, gloves, and scarves were knitted, crocheted, stitched, or purchased! Personal care items, household cleaning supplies, warm pajamas, robes, and slippers, lined the shelves. Donations of treats, toys, and food for the seniors' furry friends poured in too! The thoughtful gifts were appreciated and will warm hearts well into 2023!

Thanks so much for participating in the Adopt A Senior 2022 Program. Your kindness has touched others and that's the true meaning of the Christmas spirit!

Wishing a **Safe, Healthy, Joy-filled 2023** to you and your loved ones. Thank you for all your support in 2022. I look forward to working together in 2023, helping older adults remain in their homes as long as possible! -Kathy Angel, Volunteer Coordinator



Mirijam, gift recipient, left a voice message: "I'm crying happy, happy tears. The gifts are so beautiful! The person was so kind to get me gifts and doesn't even know me. Thank you so much to the person that adopted me."

Pictured on right: Carol and John, volunteers



Adopt A Senior 2022



Lisa and Real Life Church adopted seniors and donated to the Pantry each month during 2022.



**MeRRy
ChRistmas**



Bethel Boy Scout Troop #196 donated boxes filled with many useful items for older adults.



Above: Carol and her lunch friends provided a generous donation for the pantry.



Above: One happy puppy enjoying his Christmas gift.



Above: Kim & Andy, Marsh & McLennan, adopted seniors and donated items for the pantry.

JOY Sprinkles...

Thank you to ALL that helped make Adopt A Senior 2022 so Merry!

Thank you to The Wagon Wheels Ladies and Friends for adopting 71 seniors and donating cash and items to the pantry! Hats off to Wilma Rodgers and Carol Ottman for teaming up and seeing this project through from start to finish! Great job to all!

One adopter wrote: Just wanted to let you know I received the ladies' thank you notes and it was nice to see they enjoyed the gifts. It was the best mail I have received, hearing from these ladies and their appreciation. Shopping for these seniors has given me so much pleasure.-Deborah

We received our gifts yesterday. We couldn't wait till Christmas to open them so we opened them today...everything was needed and greatly appreciated. -Kim

Thank you to Laura Abrams and the Senior Helpers Group AND Darlene Partin and Sigma Phi Gamma Friends for "adopting" seniors throughout 2022!

You have made a remarkable difference in the lives of the seniors you've adopted!

Thank you, Carol Kirby, for your dedication to the Adopt A Senior Program from start to finish! Job well done!

Veteran's Remembrance Luncheon November 2022



Frank with Dennis Tom



Left: Frank Morrow, right: Allan Shropshire



Frank with Fred Hannah



Frank with Ken Butler



Frank with
Randy Longbottom



Frank with Tom Kinner

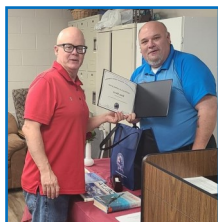


Frank with John Wloszek

Thanks so much to Allan Shropshire, guest speaker, Frank Morrow, Clermont County Veteran's Service Commission, and John Nordmeyer, greeter, for helping Clermont Senior Services honor our volunteers that are veterans. We appreciate the time each of you spent enriching the lives of the veterans while sharing memories and encouraging words.

We salute each volunteer and veteran that was present. Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

-Camaraderie: brotherhood, fellowship, closeness-



Above: Brian Morris
with Frank
below: Frank with
Dennis Shinkle



Fellow veterans



Above: Frank with Terry Ping
below: Frank with
Garry McGee



Left: Frank with
Jerry Stanley
Right:
John Nordmeyer



Volunteer Appreciation Event

APRIL 24 , 2023, 3:00pm-5:00pm A special event is being planned to honor our volunteers! Entertainment and a light meal will be provided! Please mark the date on your calendar!

More information as the date draws closer.

The event is on a Monday at the Main Campus, Batavia.



FROM THE DESK OF JENNIFER HARCOURT...

Hello Volunteers!

My name is Jennifer Harcourt, and I am the newly appointed Community Services Director. I have been employed by Clermont Senior Services for 8 years as the Communications and Development Manager, I'm sure we've crossed paths in that time. I cannot tell you how excited I am to have the opportunity to work with Kathy and all of you, to ensure the older adults of Clermont County are thriving in their own homes, as safely as possible.



As a young child, I would often accompany my grandma to deliver meals on her Meals on Wheels route. Later, as I got older, I would visit the Adult Day Services program to watch her play the piano and participate in the handbell choir. Some of the very best memories I have serving others started right here at our agency. What you do makes a difference every single day, and we do not take your generosity for granted.

The needs of the older adults in our community are ever-changing and I'm looking forward to serving alongside you, to always be innovative in our care of others. My door is always open and I am always very open to your ideas, comments, and concerns. Thank you for everything you do.

Jennifer Harcourt
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THANK YOU TO EACH PERSON THAT HAS CHOSEN TO VOLUNTEER WITH CLERMONT SENIOR SERVICES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LOYAL DEDICATION AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT. THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME AND ENERGY THEREBY HELPING CLERMONT SENIOR SERVICES FULFILL IT'S GOALS.



Feb. 22, 2:00pm-4:30pm

May 22, 10:00am-12:30pm

August 22, 5:30pm-8:00pm.

Clermont Senior Services is offering CPR and First Aid training complete with certification cards and books to our volunteers. There are three different class times being offered so everyone that would like to participate will have an opportunity. Please send an email or call me with the training date you would like to attend. There is *no charge* for this training opportunity. 513-536-4021 or angelk@clermontseniors.com

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!



Each newsletter during 2023 will bring an opportunity to enter a Drawing for a **\$10 sweet treat gift card!**

All you have to do is send me an email or call and say **"I'm In!"**
I'll give you two weeks to enter then I'll choose a co-worker to draw for the lucky winner! Having said that... Here's your opportunity for a chance to win a sweet treat! The drawing will be **February 14!**
angelk@clermontseniors.com OR 513-536-4021.

**SWEET
TREATS**



Shawna Burkholder, LSW Case Manager...



Thank you
Shawna
for all you do
to make life
better for the
seniors we
serve!

Shawna has been a Social Worker Case Manager at Clermont Senior Services since 2008. She is married with two children, ages 14 and 17, and a small 9LB dog named Charlie who thinks he is the baby of the family. Before coming to Clermont Seniors, Shawna had worked with Adults with severe mental illness, then worked as a School Based Mental Health Specialist with Middle and High School kids, and was also a part of the Clermont County Crisis response team. Shawna shares that she can honestly say she truly enjoys working with people no matter the population nor setting, but admits seniors hold a special place in her heart!

A typical day in "Case Management Land" consists of Assessing and Reassessing a seniors needs, linking seniors up with appropriate community resources, problem solving, and providing Intake support when assigned. The best part of my job is when I can help make a person's situation better.

Looking for a Fulfilling Volunteer Experience? Help a Senior in Need...

Volunteer opportunities available through Clermont Senior Services:

- guardian - assist with decision making for a senior that is incapable of doing so for themselves and has no one else that can do so for them
- meals on wheels - deliver nutritious meals to seniors one day weekly during lunch hours
- shopper - grocery shop and run errands for seniors
- friendly caller - call an isolated senior once weekly
- extra hands - helping seniors with yardwork or various tasks at their homes; helping in the office, Adult Day Program, or Lifelong Learning Centers when extra hands are needed
- home repair - build ramps, install grab bars, or other safety tasks at a seniors home (experience necessary)
- Adopt A Senior Program - become a donor, help deliver gifts, help with organization during the Program
- Officer Visitation - Clermont County Sheriff's Dept. and local Police Depts. visit seniors

Call or email Kathy Angel for more information: angelk@clermontseniors.com 513-536-4021

Your safety is our utmost concern when it comes to inclement weather and unsafe road conditions. If you are not comfortable driving on snowy or icy roads, please let us know and we will get your meals on wheels route covered. If weather causes Clermont Senior Services to close, you will get a call on the morning of your scheduled route, letting you know the agency is closed.

If you are a shopper, please call the senior you were scheduled to shop for and let them know you'd like to reschedule. Thank you! Stay safe out there!

2023 Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage for 2023 will be 65.5 cents per mile.
Please be sure to turn in all 2023 mileage reimbursement requests by the end of each month.
It makes bookkeeping so much simpler!

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Agency 2023 Holiday Closings

April 7	Good Friday
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
Sept 4	Labor Day
Nov 10	Veteran's Day
Nov 23, 24	Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 25, 26	Merry Christmas