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United Way
of Dane County

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

We have two new members to the Leadership Team, Kelly Sullivan & Peg Evans. They have been READI volunteers for several years and agreed to join the Leadership Team.

- Babies & Beyond Diaper Bundling in January had 8 volunteers for a total of 46 hours.
- Second Harvest on Thursday, January 15 had 4 volunteers for a total of 12 hours.
- NewBridge mailing project on Thursday, January 29 had 7 volunteers for a total of 23 hours.
- Easter Egg Project in April is canceled. They are using pre-stuffed Easter Eggs this year.

Hats, Blankets, Scarves & Mittens

- We are looking for volunteers to knit or crochet hats and blankets for Babies & Beyond. Also hats, scarves & mittens that could be donated to Koats for Kids and other organizations. Please contact Donna Steffens (608-395-9582 or dmbsteffens@gmail.com or Marion Jackson (608-222-0210 or rdjmij@charter.net) if interested.

River Food Pantry News

- The new building is very beautiful and will offer more than the old one. They now have parking, windows, training room, dining room, drive thru pick up and meal programs. Will eventually have clothing available. We started volunteering again on Friday, February 13. Check out Upcoming Project List for dates in March, April & May.

Badger Honor Flights News

- Will have 6 trips this year. Plane holds 200 people. Each flight has mail call and some veterans don't get as many letters as other veterans. In addition to greeting the veterans when they arrive in Madison, a volunteer project would be writing notes to veterans thanking them for their service. More information in future Newsletters.

Volunteers Needed:

- ARC Spring Dance is on March 15. Need 6-10 volunteers.

Hold Your Calendar

- Day of Caring on Thursday, August 20 at Marriott West. (It will be inside so don't have to worry about the weather.) More information in future Newsletters.

REMINDER: PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR ON THE ATTACHED UPCOMING PROJECT LIST FOR MARCH, APRIL & MAY IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE AT EACH PROJECT.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERED