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United Way
of Dane County

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- Iron Man on Wednesday, September 6 went well. 46 people helped from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 2,900 bags were packed. There was an Iron Man for kids held on Saturday. A thank you “Taco” dinner was held the following Monday for the volunteers.
- WPT Quilt Show on Friday, September 8 went well. Had seven volunteers.
- Marion Jackson and Frank Alfano will attend MG&E Brat Fest on Tuesday, September 26 to speak with their retired employees about READI.
- Dave Weber and Marion Jackson will be speaking on Wednesday, September 27 at Rex’s Innkeeper with members of MARGA (Madison Area Retired Golf Association) about READI.
- Discussed the automated volunteer sign-up process that many organizations are now using. WPT along with Brat Fest and other organizations are now using computerized sign-up process, which can make it difficult for us to register our people and be recognized as a group.
- Details for packing medical supplies are still being worked out.
- Discussed “Books for the World”. No current projects are in the works.
- Discussed American Family Retiree event. Our READI brochure will be given to their retirees. We are still looking for a way to involve American Family retirees with the READI group.
- Mobility Training and Independent Living Program (MTILP) is looking for READI volunteers to help their clients play BINGO once a month. Nancy and Marion will discuss which day of the month will work.
- **Due to the hurricanes the American Red Cross Sound the Alarm project on Saturday, October 7 has been canceled.**
- **Still need volunteers at the Halloween at the Zoo on Sunday, October 29 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Still need volunteers at the Jingle Bell Run on Saturday December 9 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **Second Harvest on Thursday, December 7 is canceled.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERS!

New Project:

FutureQuest 2017 on Wednesday, December 6.

A new opportunity has arrived for our volunteers. The Madison Metropolitan School District in conjunction with the Dane County School Consortium is sponsoring FutureQuest 2017 at the Alliant Energy Center. FutureQuest will feature exhibitors from all 16 career clusters, to provide middle school students from 16 Dane County School Districts an opportunity to relate their current interests to future education and career opportunities. 5,300 students are expected to attend. 350 students will arrive each 20 minutes. Each student participant will have 100 minutes to connect with representatives from each area. We will be managing the Coat Check-in and Check-out and Bag Stuffer positions. 40 volunteers are needed, 10 per shift. Volunteers will check in student’s belongings, pack gift bags in between arrivals and return students coats and give them a gift bag as they depart. Shifts are listed below:

- 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact Marion Jackson at 222-0210 if you are interested in volunteering. Please feel free to sign-up for more than one shift.

Calendars are attached for October through December.

Recurring Projects:

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

4th Tuesday of the month

Please call the coordinator of the event if you want to volunteer!