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Mission Statement:

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly is a national network of non-profit, volunteer-based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly.

We offer to people of good will the opportunity to join the elderly in friendship and celebration of life.

The Rose is published three times annually by the office of the Program Director

You and a guest are cordially invited to our annual

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6pm

Award Presentations at 7pm

Kestner Waterfront Park, Houghton

(near Chutes and Ladders)

RSVP not required but appreciated

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We will provide the main course and drinks if you will please provide a side-dish to share.

Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

Please help us recognize an outstanding volunteer who demonstrates service to the elderly by submitting the enclosed nomination form. **Nominations must be received by July 6, 2016 to be considered.** You may submit more than one nomination. Self-nominations are encouraged and accepted. Please, only one nomination per form. This form may be copied, found online at houghton.littlebrothers.org or can be picked up from our office. Verbal nominations cannot be considered in fairness to all candidates.

The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented at the Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Kestner Waterfront Park in Houghton.



Volunteer Spotlight: Mary Kay Durland

By Carol Korpela

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly is guided by the principles of our founder, Armand Marquiset. He enjoyed and expressed his love through cooking. Our motto, “flowers before bread,” expresses our philosophy that the pleasures that make life worth living are as important to the human spirit as food is to the body. That’s why we serve homemade meals and desserts rather than catered food, why we use real china rather than plastic, and why we ensure every elderly guest goes home with a flower – our meals are an extension of love.

Mary Kay Durland is one volunteer who has really embraced our philosophy by ensuring that our holiday meals are beautiful, memorable occasions for our elderly friends. She makes sure the dining hall is decorated festively, the tables are set with a formal place setting, and the elders are



catered to during serving.

Behind the scenes, she works tirelessly sorting and distributing all of the food and supplies each Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, ensuring each meal site receives everything from paper towel to pumpkin pie! Her organizational skills improved our processes and procedures as we worked together preparing for each holiday meal. I am forever thankful for her leadership when my mother passed away just before Christmas in 2006 as I knew the holiday celebration was in good hands. Thank You Mary Kay!

Tips for Volunteering at a Dinner Party

Cater to the Elderly Guests: Greet them outside and assist them into the building. Serve their meals first. Send them home with a wrapped flower and holiday treat. When delivering home meals, take just one or two meals so you’re not rushed and have time to visit with the elderly recipient. You can always go back for more.

Enjoy the down-time: There will be times where you’re not busy. Take this opportunity to relax and visit with the elderly guests and volunteers. Our parties are a celebration to be enjoyed by all.

IN MEMORIAM



Gertrude Chapman

1/12/1917—2/10/2016

Visited by Rita Moilanen and Dora Waisanen

Virginia Gougeon

6/20/1943—2/21/2016

Visited by Alice Slusarzyk

Georgia Brady

10/19/1949—2/22/2016

Visited by Fabian Walz

John Kausie

7/5/1930—2/25/2016

Visited by Houghton Interact

Marguerite Balma

4/19/1906—2/27/2016

Visited by Philip Detje

Eleanor O’Brien

6/21/1921—3/6/2016

Visited by Suzanne Van Dam

Dorothy Dolan

3/20/1923—3/25/2016

Visited by Carol Korpela

Enith Juopperi

5/23/1923—5/1/2016

Visited by Barb Laurie

Elvera ‘Viv’ Barda

6/27/1918—5/11/2016

Visited by Fabian Walz

Funding Updates

General Operating Funds:

The Clannad Foundation gave us \$2,500 and The Samuel L. Westerman Foundation contributed \$1,000—thanks to both foundations for their long-term, steady support of Little Brothers!

Medical Transportation:



Our medical transportation

program provides crucial access to health care for those who need assistance. The Michigan Health Fund provided a generous grant of \$46,179 over two years to bolster our program by purchasing a fuel-efficient, 4WD vehicle that is safe and comfortable during our long, snowy drives, and by helping us transition our part-time transportation coordinator to a full time position.

Intergenerational Programs:

The Keweenaw Community Foundation Youth Endowment



Advisory Committee awarded Little Brothers \$2,000 to fund our Sixth Graders & Seniors Together for Good program.

We hope to make digital histories of our Forever Friends.

The Baraga Community Foundation funded \$1,000 to help promote small group activities in Baraga County, helping us keep our elders socially connected and mentally engaged.

Spring 2016 Fundraiser

Rock Retrospective:

Thank you to the following donors who sponsored our annual fundraising event: Edward Jones, Steve Zutter, \$2,500; Sue Bagley & Gil Lewis,

\$500; Copper Country Veterinary Clinic, \$500; John VanWestenburg, \$500; Cypress Manor Health & Rehabilitation, \$350; Psychology Associates, \$250; U.P. Engineers & Architects, \$250; Thrivent Financial, Action Team, \$250 and LBFE Board of Directors, \$250. Our Live Auction Item Donors include Roger Helman, George Kauppila & Sharon Eklund, Les Petits Freres des Pauvres, Algomah Acres Farm, and the Electric Brewing Supply.

Thanks to our many donors who contributed items to our silent auction and Rock & Roll Shop including 4Imprint who awarded us \$500 worth of long-sleeved T-shirts in two terrific colors, emblazoned with our logo. Stop by the office to purchase your own!



Summer Volunteer Opportunities

This summer will be busy providing fun activities for our elderly friends to attend. We'll be taking tours of the Seaman Mineral Museum and the Ford Center Museum in Alberta Village. Picnics will be enjoyed at Lake of the Clouds and Twin Lakes State Park. We're still doing the usual: Watching the Tamburitzans dance troupe at the Calumet Theater, partaking in Senior Heritage Day and a Fall Color Tour to Copper Harbor. Since Blueberry picking was well received a few years ago, we decided to do it again at the Gierke Blueberry Farm. For our friends at the Houghton Country Medical Care Facility, we'll be taking them to the Jutila Center. Once to work on an art project and another to enjoy dessert at the Kangas Café. Another fun activity will be to invite them to watch the Little Brothers team of walkers and runners cross the finish line at the Canal Run and we'll all celebrate with a picnic at Little Brothers. *Find more details on the Canal Run on the insert page.

Please return the enclosed response sheet if you are available to volunteer at any of these fun events.

Please note, our biggest volunteer need will be DRIVERS!

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The Rose

Volunteer Newsletter

Summer 2016

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Mustang Sweepstakes 2016

VOLUNTEERS are needed this summer to sell tickets for our annual Ford Mustang Convertible Sweepstakes. We will be selling tickets at the entrances of local businesses every weekend as well as at the Pasty Fest, Chassell Strawberry Fest, Houghton County Fair, the Escanaba State Fair and more. We will also be selling tickets in Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon. To volunteer, please call Sandy Lewin, Development Specialist at 906-482-6944.

The prize DRAWING will be on September 30, 2016 at 6:00pm at Econo Foods in Houghton, MI.



First Prize is a 2007 Ford Mustang Convertible

2nd Prize: \$500 Visa Gift Card, 3rd Prize: Two Cords of Firewood,
4th Prize: Fitbit Alta Fitness Tracker, 5th Prize: A Dozen Keweenaw's
Bounty Jams and Jellies.

Tickets can be purchased online through our website, houghton.littlebrothers.org or can be purchased at our office located at 527 Hancock Street in Hancock.

\$3.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for two, \$10 for four, \$25 for ten tickets.

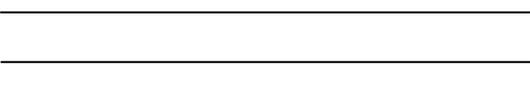
Need not be present to win.

Staff Updates

We are pleased to introduce you to two new members of the staff. **Sandy Lewin**, Development Specialist, joined our organization in March and brings experience and knowledge in fundraising and donor stewardship from previous positions at MTU, Omega House, and Pine Mountain Music Festival. You'll see more of her this summer as she coordinates one of our top fundraisers, the annual Mustang Convertible Sweepstakes.

Ren Olson, Transportation Coordinator, has been a volunteer with Little Brothers for over 30 years and was one of the first interns in 1984! She started in February, bringing her experience of working with the elderly through her private business, Go-Fer Girl's Errand Service and her work at The Bluffs Senior Living Community. We're happy to have her back in the family as she brings compassion and empathy to each

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Canal Run

Here's your chance to participate in the Canal Run on Saturday, July 16th by joining the Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly team. By joining our team, you will receive \$5.00 off of your registration. Just be sure to note your affiliation with our team on your registration form.

We'll all be wearing Little Brothers t-shirts to separate us from the crowd and we'll be greeted by our elderly friends who reside at the Houghton County Medical Care Facility at the FINISH LINE! We'll then make our way to the Little Brothers office to enjoy a picnic lunch!

Please call or email Carol for more details at 482-6944



SUMMER 2016 VOLUNTEER RESPONSE SHEET

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____



I/We can volunteer with the following summer events:

____ Bring HCMCF residents to the Jutila Center for an Art project—Wednesday, June 15th at 2pm

____ Father's Day Picnic—Sunday, June 19th at 1pm

____ Seaman Mineral Museum Tour, Wednesday, July 6th at 2pm

____ Ford Center Museum Tour at Alberta Village - Monday, July 11th at 11am*

____ Picnic at Lake of the Clouds - Thursday, July 14th at 11am

____ Bring HCMCF residents to the Canal Run Finish Line and Picnic—Saturday, July 16th at 10am

____ Bring HCMCF residents to the Kangas Café for Dessert—Wednesday, August 3rd at 2pm

____ Tamburitzans at the Calumet Theatre—Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm

____ Annual Summer Picnic for our elderly friends in Twin Lakes —Friday, August 12th at 1pm

____ Blueberry Picking at the Gierke Blueberry Farm—Friday, August 26th at 2pm

____ Senior Heritage Day—Tuesday, September 13th at 11am*

____ Visit an elderly friend on International Day of the Elder—Saturday, October 1st

____ Fall Color Tour to Copper Harbor—Wednesday, October 5th at 10am*

**Dates may be subject to change but you will be notified if you express interest in it.*

Drivers are the biggest need!

____ I/We plan on attending the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic ____ I can bring a side dish to share.

Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ Submitted by: (OPTIONAL) _____

Please give a specific example of how the nominee has served the elderly above and beyond expectations:

In what way is this volunteer's involvement unique, innovative or creative?

Please describe how this volunteer embodies the spirit of service within Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly:

