



Help Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Upper Michigan Chapter celebrate 40 years in 2022 by sharing pictures, videos, and testimonials. We are so excited to share the year with you through social media, videos, programs, and other special things to come. We want to make this 40th year special and make it another 40 years. We hope to see you in 2022!



"Where Service to the Elderly begins by being a Friend"

*Celebrating 40 Years of Friendship*

## Job Opportunities



If you are interested in working at Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, please **email a cover letter and resume** to Sarah, Program Director, at [sarah.hoffman@littlerbrothers.org](mailto:sarah.hoffman@littlerbrothers.org). Visit the Little Brothers website for a more detailed job description.

### Medical Transportation Coordinator

This job requires someone organized with great time management skills and the ability to be flexible while handling last minute changes. The Medical Transportation Coordinator recruits volunteers to drive elders to and from medical appointments in Houghton and Keweenaw counties and regionally to Baraga/ L'Anse and Marquette. Training will be provided to the new hire on how to operate the vehicles and wheelchair vans. The new hire must be physically able to transport elders in wheelchairs. They must be comfortable driving in all types of weather.

### Volunteer Coordinator in Ontonagon and Baraga Counties

This position requires someone who can work independently but also collaborate with team members. The position is set in Ontonagon with travel to Baraga and occasionally to Hancock. The Volunteer Coordinator recruits volunteers in Ontonagon and Baraga counties for all programs LBFE provides in those areas. This position will schedule and host speaking engagements, be willing to network, and raise awareness of our presence in Ontonagon and Baraga.

## Forever Friends In Memoriam

### **Robert Fricke**

03/18/1922—01/23/2022  
 Visited by Lina Kauling

### **Milton Niemi**

04/17/1931—09/23/2021  
 Visited by Mark Jindrich

### **Carole Harris**

03/10/1936—10/8/2021  
 Visited by Joyce Koski

### **Albert Pardini**

10/09/1930—01/25/2022  
 Visited by Joyce Koski

### **Beverly Jukkala**

1/2/1939—12/24/2021  
 Visited by Joyce Koski

### **Lynne Scott**

11/20/1942—12/19/2021  
 Visited by Joyce Koski

### **Marguerite Laingren**

04/13/1939—9/28/2021  
 Visited by Barb Boehm

### **Doris Spolarich**

02/12/1928—01/22/2022  
 Visited by Karl Menzel

### **Kenneth Leino**

03/01/1943—12/04/2021  
 Visited by Joyce Koski

### **Pauline "Yummy" Wesander**

4/25/1935—2/1/2022  
 Visited by Lina Kauling

### **Laila Makela**

11/28/1924—09/09/2021  
 Visited by Michelle Kovachich

"The comfort of having a friend may be taken away  
 but not that of having had one." ~Seneca

# EASTER CELEBRATIONS Sunday, April 17, 2022



This Easter, we will be preparing and delivering a traditional ham dinner to our elderly friends. There will be no sit-down congregate meal sites due to coronavirus restrictions.

Last Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we implemented new safety procedures and ask volunteers to follow them again this Easter. You can find additional details on our website: [houghton.littlebrothers.org/holiday-volunteering](http://houghton.littlebrothers.org/holiday-volunteering)

We appreciate and thank all of you who volunteer to cook, prepare, safely deliver, and clean at the holiday meals! Your time and commitment to our organization will never be forgotten.

We will be accepting homemade desserts and donated hams. If you cannot donate in-kind items, please consider a financial donation or to sponsor a meal, supplies, or one of the meal sites. For additional information, please call Cathy at 906-482-6944 or email her at [cathy.aten@littlebrothers.org](mailto:cathy.aten@littlebrothers.org)

Join us over **Zoom on Thursday, March 31st at 6pm** if you would like to learn more about our Easter meals, our mission, and how important volunteers are during this holiday celebration! **Meeting ID: 852 2300 1752 Password: 4ntw0b**

## Delivery Meal Sites and Times

The Easter meals will be ready for pickup starting at 11:45 am at all sites unless stated otherwise

BARAGA—St. Ann's Catholic Church

CALUMET—CLK School

CALUMET—Sacred Heart Catholic Church (PICK UP AT 12:45)

HANCOCK—Church of the Resurrection

HOUGHTON—Grace United Methodist Church

MARQUETTE—Elks Lodge

ONTONAGON—Holy Family Catholic Church

SOUTH RANGE—Grace Lutheran Church



## Nursing Home Gift Deliveries

We will be providing a gift and a flower for our Forever Friends in nursing homes. **Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts.**

The gifts for nursing home residents in Hancock and Hubbell will be available to pick up anytime between 9am and 12pm at the Little Brothers office in Hancock.

The gifts for L'Anse nursing home residents will be available to pick up starting at 11:45am from St. Ann's Catholic Church in Baraga.

## Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer on Easter Day or to help with the planning before or cleanup after the holiday, please go to [register.littlebrothers.org](http://register.littlebrothers.org) to sign-up. You can also call 906-482-6944. Sign up fast, so your favorite job doesn't fill up without you! If you provide an email address, you will receive an email confirmation of your assignment. **There will be no phone call confirmations.** If you have any questions, please call 906-482-6944 or email: [register@littlebrothers.org](mailto:register@littlebrothers.org).

### Volunteer jobs include but are not limited to the following:

**KITCHEN:** Prepare the meal. The menu is traditional, and there is a lead cook to provide direction. Must be 13 years or older to work in the kitchen.

**DINING ROOM:** Prepare cold food trays. Cut and wrap flowers. Pack and prepare individual meal bags for delivery.

**CLEAN UP:** Wash and put away dishes, pots and pans. Sweep, mop, and vacuum. Clean and sanitize kitchen and dining room site where any meal preparation took place.

**MEAL DELIVERY:** Pick up meals between 11:45 and 12:15 at the curb of the meal site and deliver to elders. Practice contactless delivery, and don't enter their home. \*Sacred Heart church will be between 12:45 and 1:15.

**DELIVER NURSING HOME GIFTS:** Pickup anytime between 9am and 12pm at Little Brothers office in Hancock.

# Welcome

We have some very exciting news to share. In the last newsletter we were able to introduce you to four new staff members. Now we have two new Volunteer Program Assistants (VPAs). We were hopeful that we were going to gain a few VPAs from France and Germany. We haven't had any since the 2019-2020 cycle because of Covid. We still hope for more to join us this year. We also gained another staff member who assists with the Firewood Program. Please introduce yourself next time you see them.

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I'm Karl. I am 19 years old and born in Kassel, Germany. I just finished my high school exams. Now, I am part of the LBFE team in Hancock for one year. In my spare time I like to climb, bike, and dance, but also to have fun with my friends and family. Cooking (+eating) and cuddling with our cats are also an important part of my life. I'm looking forward to getting to know many new people and sharing experiences. I think this encounter between different generations from various countries helps me, but also the people I will meet in many ways. I'm excited to meet you soon!



Volunteer Program Assistant

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Hi, I'm Lina, 20, from Germany. I recently finished high school and am very excited to start my journey with Little Brothers. Some of my favorite things to do are tennis, art, and spending time with my loved ones.

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I'm Paul. I graduated from Niles North High School (Skokie, IL) in 1979 and moved back to the family farm in Foster City (Dickinson County) where I worked in the wood and on the farm. I learned a lot from my uncles (Muncles in UP talk). In 1983 I joined the US Marines and lasted until 2003 when I retired as a Gunnery Sergeant.

I attended Northern Illinois University from 2003-2006 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Science Geography, then I was on to Michigan Tech where I obtained a Master of Forestry degree in 2007. I've worked for sawmills, the US Forest Service, and private land companies in various forestry jobs.

I'm married to my wife Sonja, and we have four kids: Nathan (22), Lillian (18), Carolyn (16), and Jason (13). In my spare time I enjoy cooking, reading, shuttling my kids around to their numerous activities, and engineering the snowbanks in Laurium.



Firewood Program Assistant

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## Happy Valentine's Day

We had such a special time celebrating Valentine's Day with our Forever Friends. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, we could not have an in-person meal, but we delivered meals that included casserole, fruit, dessert, hot chocolate packets, a flower, and a special commemorative 40th anniversary t-shirt. Our nursing home Forever Friends received chocolates, trinkets, a flower, and a t-shirt. LBFE was so excited to do something a little extra this year for our Forever Friends as they are the reason we are able to carry out our mission. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the meals, put the baggies together, and who delivered the meals and gifts. You continue to impress us by sharing your love with our Forever Friends!

