

WELCOMING NEW STAFF

AMBER GOODMAN — Donor Relations Manager

The Donor Relations Manager solicits and processes donations that support our programs and services, as well as sharing stories with donors about elderly friends who receive services because of generous contributions.

I am a graduate of Ohio University and obtained a Master of Business Administration in 2020. I also earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Oregon, with a major in Art and minor in Business Administration in 2004.

I grew up in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In 2015, my family embarked on an adventure completing a cross country move to southeast Michigan, and ultimately moved to the Upper Peninsula in 2020.

I have experience in higher education, local government, and hospital administration. In the past, I have volunteered with youth scouting organizations. When I am not at work, I enjoy home improvement projects, painting, and exploring the Keweenaw year around.

I look forward to working with an organization where I can give back to a community that is so welcoming and inviting.



DANIELLE BERG — Program Coordinator, Marquette Office

The Program Coordinator in Marquette recruits and trains volunteers in how to be a friend to our Elders while on visits, sharing a holiday meal, or attending other small activities.

I live in the Marquette area with my husband, four children, three giant breed dogs, one cat, and a hedgehog. I have been a caregiver in various capacities for most of my life. I believe caring for our elders should be a priority.

Volunteering has also been a huge part of my life. I find great joy in giving my time to help strengthen our community. My position here at Little Brothers combines my passion for the care of our elders as well as my love of volunteerism. It allows me to share so much of what I love with those who share the same sense of community and compassion for others.



ABBIE WALTERS — Social Work Intern, Marquette Office

The Social Work Intern mostly visits Forever Friends and also assists planning small parties, assisting with administrative work, and implementing tools to further enhance social work skills.

I started my NMU Social Work internship with Little Bothers at the beginning of September. I have been in the Marquette area for three years now and love taking in the beautiful area by cycling, hiking, and enjoying the beaches nearby. The winters have me inside enjoying card games and crocheting in the warmth. (I even crocheted the sweater I'm wearing in my photo!)

I'm in my final year of the Social Work program at NMU and have been blessed to have chosen LBFE as my internship. I will graduate with my Bachelor's Degree at the end of the year. I have a fondness for making friends of all ages and have enjoyed getting to know Les and Danielle.



2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Clark Koski

Clark Koski was announced as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year for Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Upper Michigan Chapter in July at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. He is considered a Jack of all trades and master of many. No job is too big or too small. In the past year, he has driven for medical appointments, driven elders to small activities, snow plowed the office parking lot, done some building maintenance, and volunteered for the holidays. He has done all of these things with last minute requests and traveling to other counties. From an anonymous person who has nominated Clark, they said, "Clark is willing to go the extra mile, day or night, to help our Elders." What a true statement. Thank you Clark for all you have done for the organization!



Clark Koski and Sarah Hoffman at the 2022 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Almi

03/01/1931 - 07/31/2022
Visited by Joyce Koski

Barbara Anderson

06/26/1932 - 07/16/2022
Visited by Joyce Koski

Kristina Asta

11/11/1950 - 09/07/2022
Visited by Olivia Gardner

Jean Barnes

07/22/1940 - 07/28/2022
Visited by Joyce Koski

Robert Campbell

09/27/1930 - 08/14/2022
Visited by Les Bek

Grace Landstrom

05/31/1921 - 09/12/2022
Visited by Karl Menzel and Lee Parker

Jim Morin

06/24/1939 - 08/24/2022
Visited by Joyce Koski and Lorraine and Paul Tomasi

Christine Rosenberg

10/30/1952 - 09/03/2022
Visited by Joyce Koski

Ambassador of Goodwill Award Winners



Bob Drake



Chuck Schaefer



Doug Wyble

YEARS OF SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

40 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Rosemary Grier and John Welch
Dave and Linda Rulison
Ted and Alice Soldan
Steve Schmunk

35 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Paul Hunter
Steve Palosaari
Mark and Carol Plichta

25 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Emily and Frank Fiala
Rita Peterson

20 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Joyce Koski

15 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Karl Borree
Kristin Bradoff
Martha Cunnings
Doug Dernberger
Lindsay Jenson
Russ and Maria Kinnunen
Marie Laitinen
John Lobeck
Faye Marion
Tom Slusarzyk
Bill and Toni White

10 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Michelle Kovachich
Alexander Reichert
Isabel "Hanni" Showler
Lorraine Tomasi

5 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Terri Brittain
Heather Clements
Tammy Gajewski
Ellen Horsch
Helen LaFayette
Michiko Nielsen
John and Anita Quinn
Lisa Redding

NOMINEES

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| Linda Berry | Ruth Gill | Gail North | Chuck Schaefer | Bill and Toni White |
| Bob Drake | David Crowley | Abbey Green | Glenn Ierley | Joyce Koski |
| Nicolle and Jeremy Gatta | Janice Henkel | Clark Koski | Judy Sellers | |
| | Lou Helman | Yvonne Lander | Doug Wyble | |

Thanksgiving and Christmas 2022

For the first time since Christmas 2019, Little Brothers has decided to bring back **six sit-down sites for Thanksgiving and Christmas**. We are very eager to gather together again based on feedback from you and our elders. Little Brothers staff has gathered information to learn what we can do for our elders with our volunteers.

The sites that will continue to be delivery only, will still have curbside pickup of hot meals. If there is a site that has both sit-down and meal delivery, we will ask the volunteer delivery drivers to come into the building to pick up meals.

To volunteer, please register online at register.littlebrothers.org, or by calling the office at 906-482-6944. If you provide your email address, you will receive an email confirmation of your assignment.

Volunteer jobs include but are not limited to the following:

KITCHEN: Prepare meal. Menu is traditional. There is a lead to provide direction. Must be 13y.o. or older to work in kitchen.

SERVE: Serve meals to seated guests. Eat with elders, and enjoy conversations with them. Bus tables. Clean and sanitize.

DINING ROOM: Set up the dining room in a festive manor. Cut and wrap flowers. Pack and prepare individual meal bags for delivery. Serve elderly friends. Share a meal with them.

CLEAN UP: Wash and put away dishes, pots and pans. Sweep, mop, and vacuum. Clean and sanitize kitchen and dining room.

MEAL DELIVERY: Pick up meals at sites and deliver to elders. See below for correct times of delivery.

TRANSPORT ELDERS: Pickup elderly guests at their doors. Help them into their vehicles. Bring them inside, and eat with them. Take them home. Door through door service.

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

ENTERTAINMENT: Provide musical entertainment to our sit-down meal sites.

Sit-Down Meal Sites and Time

Sit-down meals will begin at 2pm. Drivers bringing elders can arrive no earlier than 1:30pm.

- St. Ann's Church, BARAGA—2pm
- Sacred Heart Church, CALUMET—2pm
- Church of the Resurrection, HANCOCK—2pm
- St. Ignatius, HOUGHTON—2pm
- Elks Lodge, MARQUETTE—2pm
- Holy Family Catholic Church, ONTONAGON—2pm

Delivery Meal Sites and Time

Meals will be delivered between 12pm and 2pm at four locations. Two locations will deliver meals between 2pm and 4pm. Drivers can arrive at the site 15 minutes before the scheduled time.

- CLK School, CALUMET—12pm—CURBSIDE PICKUP
- Grace United Methodist Church, HOUGHTON—12pm—CURBSIDE PICKUP
- Elks Lodge, MARQUETTE—12pm—CURBSIDE PICKUP
- Grace Lutheran Church, SOUTH RANGE—12pm—CURBSIDE PICKUP
- St. Ann's Church, BARAGA—2pm—PICKUP INSIDE
- Holy Family Catholic Church, ONTONAGON—2pm—PICKUP INSIDE

Home Visit with gift and flower

Gifts can be picked up from Little Brothers and delivered on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to our friends at Canal View, Mission Pointe, Portage Pointe, Garden View, and GreenTree Hubbell.

New to volunteering on the holiday? Are you a long-time volunteer willing to share your experience? Please join us at one of our 4 holiday informational meetings. In addition to discussing our philosophy, standards, volunteer roles, and expectations, we will review some vital logistical information. **Please do not attend if you feel sick.**

Thursday, November 10th 6:00—7:00 pm

Little Brothers - 527 Hancock St.

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Monday, November 14th 6:00—7:00 pm

Holy Family Catholic Church - 515 Pine St.

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Wednesday, November 16th 6:00—7:00 pm

St. Ann's - 318 Lyons St.

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Thursday, November 17th 6:00—7:00 pm

Elks Lodge - 127 N Front St.

Marquette

*Flowers
Before Bread*

Phone: 906-482-6944

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Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly

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SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE WINNERS

It was so nice to participate in the many fairs and festivals throughout the western U.P. this year to sell tickets for our annual Mustang Convertible Sweepstakes. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible and who helped share our mission and programs with the community.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support our Medical Transportation Program. We recruit volunteers to drive elderly to and from their medical appointments. This essential service is vital for elderly people who have no other means of transportation, especially those who live outside the city limits in rural areas. **If you are interested in driving elders to and from their appointments, call Sarah to volunteer at (906) 482-6944.** If you purchased sweepstakes tickets or made a tax-deductible donation, thank you so much for your support.

Barb Garnell of Chassell won 1st Prize - 2012 Ford Mustang Convertible

Ian Lawrie of Houghton won 2nd Prize - Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Stay

Ed and Jackie Trancik of Venice, FL won 3rd Prize - \$350 VISA Gift Card

Julie Linder of Laurium won 4th Prize - \$250 Cash or Two Cords of Firewood

Julie Cortright of Houghton won 5th Prize - A case of jams and jellies from the Wood'n Spoon

