

## Easter Celebrations

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023:** We are excited to once again host Easter celebrations for our elderly friends at six meal sites. Volunteering at a Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly holiday meal site is a great way to extend friendship to the elderly in a homestyle environment. Our motto, *flowers before bread*, puts an emphasis on the importance of socializing and companionship especially during the holidays.

### Sit-Down Meal Sites

- ◆ BARAGA St. Ann's Church @ 1:00pm
- ◆ CALUMET Sacred Heart Church @ 2:00pm
- ◆ HANCOCK Church of the Resurrection @ 2:00pm
- ◆ HOUGHTON St. Ignatius Church @ 2:00pm
- ◆ MARQUETTE Elks Lodge @ 2:00pm
- ◆ ONTONAGON Holy Family Church @ 1:00pm



### Volunteer Opportunities

We offer a variety of unique job opportunities to choose from during our Holiday meals. For Easter, we will need assistant cooks, dining room set-up crews, servers, clean-up crews, drivers, and more.

Our online registration includes details of the volunteer jobs as well as times and locations. You can learn about the different jobs that are available for each site by visiting our website at [register.littlebrothers.org](https://register.littlebrothers.org). If you register online and provide your email, you'll receive a confirmation of your assignment.

If you have questions regarding your volunteer assignment or wish to receive a verbal confirmation, please call Pamela at (906) 482-6944 or for the Marquette area call Danielle at (906) 273-2575.

### Home Delivery Meal Sites

#### **Deliveries start at noon**

- ◆ BARAGA @ St. Ann's Church
- ◆ CALUMET @ CLK School
- ◆ HANCOCK @ LBFE Office
- ◆ HOUGHTON @ Grace United Methodist Church
- ◆ MARQUETTE @ Elks Lodge
- ◆ ONTONAGON @ Holy Family Church

### Home Visit with Gift and Flower

We provide our Forever Friends who reside at local nursing homes a friendly home visit on Easter Sunday. If you would like to visit a Forever Friend, you can sign up online or call our office at (906) 482-6944.

### Holiday Volunteer Training

**Thursday, April 6, 6pm-7pm**

**HANCOCK - LBFE Office, 527 Hancock St.**  
**MARQUETTE - LBFE Office, 1716 Presque Isle Ave.**

Before our Holiday meal, we will hold a volunteer informational meeting that both new and long-time volunteers are encouraged to attend. This meeting helps to ensure that everyone is up to date on the job that they signed up for and to learn more about how each job ties into another.

It will also **give an opportunity for new volunteers to ask any questions they may have and to help prepare for their first holiday experience.** Long-term volunteers will be able to share their best practices as well as refresh their knowledge. For more information, please call Pamela at (906) 482-6944 or for the Marquette area call Danielle at (906) 273-2575.

## Message from the Executive Director



Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly has been a meaningful part of my life for over twenty years. I first learned of the organization from a friend who encouraged me to join the local AmeriCorps program after college. I began by visiting elderly people through the signature Friendly Visiting Program. Those friendships left me with lasting memories and a renewed respect for the elderly. Now, I am thrilled to serve this organization as the Executive Director.

Cathy Aten developed a strong volunteer program to complement the enriching programs LBFE provides. I will build upon the foundation she created and continue to develop her vision. As a volunteer-based organization, our elder friends rely on you for rides to the doctor, a friendly visit over a cup of coffee, and a holiday meal so they don't have to be alone. I am so grateful for your service.

While there is so much to be thankful for, your continued volunteerism is needed now more than ever as we rebound from the pandemic and the volunteer shortage. If you are interested in learning more about other volunteer opportunities, our program team is ready to introduce you to some new roles.

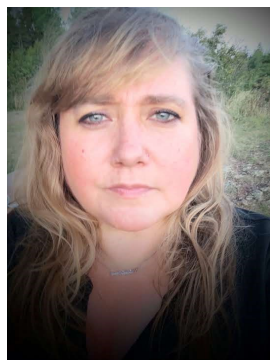
Whether you are just becoming acquainted with LBFE or have been a long-term volunteer, thank you. I look forward to working with you to relieve isolation and loneliness among the elderly.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Korpela

## Welcome New Staff

### Pamela Lowney, Program Manager



I grew up in the Copper Country for most of my life after moving here from Washington State. I have four wonderful boys that have grown into kind-hearted young men. Through the years, we enjoyed much of what our beautiful, scenic community has to offer, surrounded by friends and a large, close-knit family.

I have worked first-hand with the elderly for the past two decades, so they hold a very special place in my heart. I feel right at home working with such a helpful, caring staff here at Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly. It is very uplifting to meet both the dedicated, long-term and the newly joined volunteers that do so much to lend their time and friendship to our elders. I look forward to fulfilling such a rewarding job as the Program Manager as I oversee the seven core programs that LBFE has to offer.

## In Memoriam

### Christine Rosenberg

10/30/1952-9/3/2022

Visited by Joyce Koski

### Kristina Asta

11/11/1950-9/7/2022

Visited by Les Beck

### Grace Landstrom

5/31/1921-9/12/2022

Visited by Karl Menzel

### Brenda Cornock

5/5/1939-10/1/2022

Visited by Les Beck

### Kathleen Rioppelle

11/3/1922-10/3/2022

Visited by Erin Shei

### Sandy Aittama

1/12/1952-10/30/2022

Visited by Joyce Koski

### Emlee Young

3/4/1938-11/10/2022

Visited by Esther Ruggles

### Betty Archer

12/15/1934-11/18/2022

Visited by Joyce Koski

### Willard Gougeon

9/18/1928-11/30/2022

Visited by Mark Cinelli

### Andrea Jensen

3/26/1942-1/8/2023

Visited by Shenae Kreps

### Teresa Alatalo

12/16/1960-2/6/2023

Visited by Kalle Hasenberg

### Anna Vollmer

4/5/1926-2/21/2023

Visited by Lea Bock

## Meet our Volunteer Program Assistants (VPAs)

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Upper Michigan Chapter partners with two organizations, the International Federation of Little Brothers in France and World Horizons in Germany, to have young people volunteer in the United States for one year. The Volunteer Program Assistants (VPAs) provide service for our Forever Friends and companionship through friendly visits. They also organize monthly coffee klatches, game days and a variety of other activities in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties. In addition to serving the elderly, this opportunity allows them to experience life in the Copper Country.



**Lea Bock**

I arrived at a busy time during Christmas preparations. When everything calmed down, I gradually met all my Forever Friends I am going to visit during my stay. I'm looking forward to improving the relationships with my elderly friends and giving them friendship.

During my stay, I'd like to learn more about the culture; improve my English; meet lots of new people, and travel. When I return to Germany, I want to start my bachelor's degree in psychology. In my free time, I enjoy skiing or snowboarding and I am also interested in reading.

**Yael Ratefinanahary**

Hello everyone, I am Yaël. I am 23 years old and I am from France. I have a bachelor's degree in communication, and I will continue my education to pursue a master's degree next year. I love cooking and eating. During my spare time I go to the gym, sing (too much) and watch Marvel movies. I have been here since October and really enjoy being part of Little Brothers. I hope to bring the sun from southern France with me to share with you all.



**Kalle Hasenberg**



Hi there! I just arrived here in January from Germany. I'm very happy having the chance to volunteer at Little Brothers. I look forward to building friendships with the elders and making a difference in their lives.

While in the USA, I want to learn about your culture, get to know people, and do some traveling. I'm interested in American politics and sports. One of my highlights in Hancock so far is learning how to ski. I really enjoy going skiing after work. In my free time I also like theater, watching soccer, learning about history, and reading. When I'm back in Germany, I want to go to college and study Public Relations.

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**Justine Vincendeau**

Hi, I'm Justine Vincendeau and I am originally from Assier, France. I recently finished my undergraduate degree in linguistics and would like to use my volunteer service to improve my English skills and challenge myself. I plan on pursuing my master's degree when I return to France. My goals for my time here in the U.S. are to get some social work experience and to become fluent in English. I'm interested in photography, archery, music, and drawing.

**Timm Pawelczyk**

Hey, I'm Timm, I am 19 years old and come from Hanover, Germany. I finished high school a couple months ago and now I am part of the LBFEE team in Hancock until September 2023. In my spare time I like to do sports (skiing, snowboarding, gym) and have fun with my friends. I'm a big soccer fan and I am getting into American football more and more. I'm looking forward to getting to know many new people, experiencing new things, and making great memories.

