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2019 Volunteer Of The Year

Volunteer week is April 19th—25th and this year we are honoring Betty Hanson for volunteering with Northwoods Caregivers since 2010. Betty's volunteered 1713 miles, 130 rides and 121.5 hours of her time.



Betty Hanson

Elsewhere, Betty was also on the library board for 9 years, Kitchi board for 3 years, and board of adventures and Life Long Learning for 6 years.

Thank you Betty!!!!

ACT on Alzheimer's Giuwedinong Northland Volunteer Committee

Dr. Neil Henderson	Dr. Kristen Jacklin	Karen Bedeau	Earlene Buffalo	Fran King	Dr. Tricia Cowen	Kim Jansson
Dr. Melissa Blind	Annamarie Gutsch	Jean Beaulieu	Eva Wilson	Carla Mistic	Jenn Cole	Glenda Duhamel

Thank You to our 2019 Volunteers!

and the following individuals who have shown special commitment to our agency by the number of years they have been involved or by the amount of service provided:

Sharon Dolezal	Maureen Saunders
Wayne Potter	Dan Strehlo
Joanne Jernigan	Roheet Ouditt
Lee & Gloria Bannor	Ed Espe
Morgan Schumm	Richard & Peggy Grundmier
Anthony Davis	

Virtual Dementia Tours

Clare Kupcho	Tricia Cowan	Gwen Amen
Wendy Potratz	Linda Hendrikson	Susan Shelquist
	Diane Mostad	

ACT on Alzheimer's

Mary Allen	Keni Johnson	Chasidy Myhrer	Mark Papke-Larson	Jesse Anderson	Connie Norman	Don King	Linda Hendrikson
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Joan Ditty	Carol Jenkins	Judy Weiss	Jaymie Olson	Jerry Vargo	Carol Jenkins	Jenn Cole	

PAC

Mary Salter
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Michael Hill



Denise

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**Best
wishes
Christina**

Providing Home Health Care!

Denise comes to Northwoods Caregivers in the roll of RN Home Health Manager.

Denise has worked for Northwoods Caregivers as a contract RN for the past year.

She has been an RN for 28 years with most of that time spent caring for the elderly in the Minnesota veterans home Luverne and in other assisted living facilities.

Denise has 5 children and 4 grandchildren and enjoys being both mom and nana. Denise said she is not looking forward to being an empty nester soon!

She enjoys gardening, crafting, woodworking, crocheting, and spending time outdoors when she's not working.

We welcome Denise in to her new role with us and we can't wait to see what she does with the program.

Welcome Denise!

***We are looking forward to
better serving our community!***

Payment options may include Long Term Care, PrimeWest & Private Pay

We are sad to announce that Christina Knecht our current RN Home Health Manager has decided to pursue other opportunities. Her last day will be April 10th.

Under Christina's leadership our Homecare Program flourished, reaching the underserved area of Lake of The Woods. Her commitment to excellent care and compassion served as the framework for the program's tremendous growth. Her dedication to clients and staff, passion for her profession and integrity are reflected in the quality of service delivered by our Homecare team.

The grace and tenderness in which Christina views life enables her to create a sincere connection with individuals and families benefiting from such services. Her genuine consideration for clients and others informing their care is evident in the appreciation of clients and in her capacity to establish constructive partnerships.



Christina's energy, sense of humor and heart for others will be missed by those who were honored to work with her, but the devotion, time and generosity she has poured into Northwoods Caregivers' Homecare Program will continue. Christina's guidance and input has laid a solid foundation for the Homecare Program, and we look forward to expanding the positive impacts enjoyed by its clients.

Best wishes to you, Christina, as you continue your professional journey! We have no doubt that you will continue to be counted as a great asset amongst clients and colleagues.

Thank you for your exceptional service, Christina!

In-honor-of-Pat-Hancock

Northwoods Caregivers was privileged to count Pat Hancock as part of our team for over four years. She served as a vital respite provider giving support to family caregivers, as an RN in our Home Health program, and as a facilitator in our supervised visitation program. Pat brought a wealth of wisdom and care to the programs she worked with.

Pat was a woman of kindness, compassion, knowledge and warmth. Her heart for her community was evident in the top-notch service she graciously provided.

Her deep love and connection to her family was a great source of strength to Pat. Regardless of what she faced her smile would brighten anyone's day. Pat's giving nature was indisputable and our agency, along with the individuals who knew her are better for having had Pat in our lives. Our agency is proud to share some of Pat's own words with our community. "It has been my privilege and pleasure to have been a part of Northwoods Caregivers and to have been part of your care. I want to thank you for your friendship and support. God Bless you and your families."

We miss Pat and are so privileged to have been chosen by Pat with her family to accept memorials on her behalf to continue to support our Caregiving work.

Thank you to the following for their gifts in honor of Pat along with those who also gave anonymously.



Bart Schorsch

Amanda Knoetzer

Cheryl Burgess

Debra Sovde

John Vancamp

Jacqueline Wentzel

Sandara Clark

Matthew Scherbenske

RE and Appraisal

Dan Fabian

David Hancock

Mary Barthelemy

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Kelly Obach



Northwoods Caregivers would like to honor Joan Ditty as our Legacy Volunteer!

During Joan's **14 plus** years of service in our transportation program she has driven **26,445 miles** and donated **3,054 hours** of her time! Joan's commitment as a volunteer driver has touched many lives.

She has provided a means in which those served are able to maintain their independence through assistance with shopping and dependable transportation to medical appointments.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you, Joan!" We wouldn't be able to do this without volunteers like you!

Your support of our mission has created a ripple effect touching the lives of individuals, families and our community as a whole!



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