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A Tribute to our Volunteers

In April, Joyful Journey celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Service to our Friends, Caregivers and our Greater Lafayette community are at the heart of our organization. The dedicated volunteers that frequent our house from pre-pandemic to present time are the heartbeat of this service. Thank You, volunteers, for giving your JOYful spirits!

Chris Rearick, our Nurse Consultant who, with the support of Purdue School of Nursing, has been a fantastic source of information and guidance during these unprecedented times. Chris also comes to Joyful Journey weekly to administer our staff COVID testing.

Lee Schwarz, our Sing-a-Long leader, has tuned in weekly via Zoom to sing with our Friends. Last month he returned to in-person volunteering at the house.

Gordon Clark and Kathy Eason pick up our lunches at University Place and deliver them to Joyful Journey everyday. They returned when we returned to service in June, 2020. In one year of lunch deliveries, Kathy and Gordon have provided over 200 combined volunteer hours!

Jeris Eikenberry has been delighting Friends twice a month with his piano playing and storytelling for several years at Joyful Journey. He returned to in-person volunteering in August, 2020.



Heart 2 Heart

Heart 2 Heart (H2H) volunteers will return in May! Our H2H volunteers are a warm and JOYful group composed of current and former caregivers. They have walked the caregiver journey and understand how challenging and rewarding the experience is. They come together one evening a month to create thoughtful and useful gifts for current Joyful Journey caregivers. It is a wonderful way for our organization to consistently recognize and thank caregivers for their time and dedication to their loved ones. Welcome back, H2H!!

When Will More Volunteers Return?

Joyful Journey is still supporting the social distancing requirements during most facets of the day. This limits the capacity of people per room and the type of volunteer services provided to Friends. If you would like to return to volunteering at Joyful Journey, please contact bess@joyfuljourneywl.org to learn more about available options. In the meantime, please know that we miss you and appreciate you and look forward to welcoming everyone back when conditions fully allow.

Quote of the Month Selected By Friends at Joyful Journey

When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars.