

## New Senior Vice President for Blood Services Hired

Jim Mitchell will join BloodCenter on June 28th as our new Senior Vice President of Blood Services. Jim has had a long and successful career in the medical device industry with GE. Jim and his family live in Waukesha and have been part of our greater Milwaukee community for nearly 20 years.

## BloodCenter says goodbye to two loyal volunteers

BloodCenter is bidding farewell to **Tom Kopecky**. Tom has donated 63 gallons of blood since he started donating in 1989. He has also been a regular volunteer for the past five years.

Tom is moving up to northern Wisconsin but still plans on donating two to three times a year when he's visiting family in the Milwaukee area. Regular donors like Tom are what really maintain the blood supply for our community. BloodCenter thanks Tom for his commitment to blood donation and wishes him the best of luck in his new home.



Best wishes also to **Nancy Brown**, our Monday and Tuesday evening volunteer at our Brown Deer donor center. Nancy joined the volunteer team in September 2003 and has provided 1,100 hours of volunteer service to our donors and staff. Nancy is relocating to warm and sunny San Diego!

The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good. -Ivan Scheier

### Volunteer News

Total number of volunteer service hours for May were 2,582.

#### Welcome New Volunteers

Marilyn Blank, Media/Mobile Drives  
Randy Kieck, Waukesha  
Dawn Burczyk, West Bend  
Cindy Molter, West Bend

#### July Birthdays

- 7/1 Bill Jaeger, West Bend
- 7/4 Nancy Kotras, Waukesha
- 7/5 Joanne Johnson, West Bend
- 7/7 Lee Conrad, Waukesha
- 7/8 Beverly Wenzel, Racine; Louis Toth, Greenfield
- 7/9 Dody Szeffinski, Waukesha and Media Drives; Dick Radomski, Marrow, Mobile, and Media Drives
- 7/10 Patrick Gattton, Central
- 7/11 Belle-Anne Freund, Media Drives; Joella Talsky, Greenfield
- 7/13 Stephaney Hesselgrave, Waukesha
- 7/14 Suzi Rehn, Central
- 7/16 Fay Marquardt, Greenfield
- 7/20 Bill Miller, Wauwatosa, Marrow, Media and Mobile Drives; Natalie Quast, West Bend; Bernadine Lezotte, Marshfield
- 7/22 Anita Sievert, Wauwatosa and Media Drives; Liz Kryst, West Bend and Mobile Drives
- 7/23 Marjorie Welch, Media and Mobile Drives
- 7/26 Wanda Riesch, Greenfield
- 7/29 Ellen Jennings, Central, Media Drives
- 7/30 Joyce Stelzer, Media Drives

# July 4th Volunteer Schedule

The following donor centers will be open on Monday, July 5th. Please review the list of those donor centers below. If you are scheduled at your center and will not be able to volunteer please contact Merry, at 937-6454. If Merry does not hear from you she will assume you will be in to help the donors and staff in the café area. The donor centers will be open from 6 am to 2 pm (please offer your services during your normally scheduled hours). If your regular schedule is to volunteer after 12:30 pm – please do not report to your donor center.

**Greenfield/South** – Volunteers scheduled: Jack Noonan and Sharon Maciejewski

**Milwaukee** – Volunteers scheduled: Chris and Carl Peterson

**Waukesha** – Volunteer scheduled: Steve Molsbee

**Wauwatosa/West** – Volunteer scheduled: Marilyn Hoge

**Brown Deer** – Volunteers scheduled: Edie and Harry Pump

## Donor Services Supervisor Update

The following Donor Center Supervisor updates are effectively immediately.

**West Bend:** Courtney Conway and Pat Justin will share supervisor coverage for this center. Courtney is also supervisor for the Milwaukee Donor Center and Pat Justin also supervises the Brown Deer Center.

**Waukesha:** Steve Prather will move from the Greenfield Donor Center to the Waukesha Center.

**Greenfield:** Michelle Kuntz will be supervising the Greenfield donor center and the Kenosha Donor Center.



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## Ask Maria!

**Q:** When I am helping at a mobile blood drive in the community, why do we have to wait until the exact time of the drive to start?

**A:** A Quality Control check must be performed and signed off, on all equipment for quality purposes.

The computers and printer at look-up (clerk) need to be up and running. We then are able to power on the computers and printers at tech. This includes the extra tablets for the donors to start their questions on. We cannot start the donors at the tablets if we are having trouble with any of the computers or printers at look-up or tech. If we have to shut down and start back up all information would be lost.

If the team is ready and everything is running properly, they can start early. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that we can start early at each drive for all of the above and other reasons.

# This Prescription Can't be Filled at the Pharmacy

Source – [VolunteerMatch.org](http://VolunteerMatch.org) blog

The health benefits of volunteering have been reported before, but much is still unknown about the causal relationship between giving time and personal health. Does volunteering make you healthier, or do healthier people volunteer? Should service be prescribed for those with cancer or chronic illness? Are there health benefits to volunteering that working for pay cannot provide?

That picture is a little clearer thanks to a report VolunteerMatch released recently with United Healthcare. It provides compelling evidence that volunteering enhances volunteers' physical and mental health.

## Among their key findings:

- More than 68% of those who volunteered in the past year report that volunteering made them feel physically healthier.
- 29% of volunteers who suffer from a chronic condition say that volunteering has helped them manage their chronic illness.
- 89% of volunteers agree that volunteering improved their sense of well-being.
- 73% of volunteers feel that volunteering lowered their stress levels.
- 92% of volunteers agree that volunteering enriches their sense of purpose in life.

## Kudos

I just wanted to let you know what a great job Betsy and Dennis Suckow are doing as volunteers. We did a mobile with the La Crosse team on Tuesday in Marshfield for a fair ticket promotion and it was very busy. Dennis was out front helping donors with computer instructions and questions. Betsy was in the café area managing that and the La Crosse team and Marshfield team said they were very impressed with her quick response in notifying the staff when there were reactions in the café area. **We really appreciate all our volunteers!** Sue Moede, Interim Supervisor Marshfield

## Could you be Dottie?

UW Health's OPO joins donation advocacy groups across the state introducing Dottie the Dot (pictured). Dottie is a custom-made mascot who will be traveling the state to promote the "Got Your Dot?" campaign at public venues such as parades, sporting events, race/walks and health fairs.

When Dottie is on the scene, she'll be accompanied by organ advocates with a thorough knowledge of our current, and critical shortage of donor organs. Dottie's escorts will help make people aware of the importance of donation and how they can sign up to be donors themselves.

There is a need for volunteers in the BCW service area to volunteer as Dottie or Dottie escorts. All volunteers must be physically fit, be able to stand for long periods of time and walk in parades.

Dottie candidates must be 5'6" to 6' and in excellent physical condition, no history of breathing problems or claustrophobia. Candidates should be comfortable performing in confined spaces, managing the weight of the costume and walking in over-sized shoes.

Dottie escorts may be any height, should be enthusiastic, outgoing people who are motivated about talking to the public on the subject of organ donation.

Both must view a Dottie the Dot training presentation, complete a volunteer application and an agreement form.

**If you are interested, contact [dottiedot@uwhealth.org](mailto:dottiedot@uwhealth.org)**





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