

Currently Home Respite has volunteers that provide respite and phone pal services, assist with fundraising, are on the board of directors, work in the office or help at the Caring Tree Adult Day Center. Without these caring people, our programs would not work. Our services are offered free or at a reduced rate so that everyone can get the help they need. This is not possible without volunteers!

IN-HOME RESPITE

Our respite program is designed to provide relief to a caregiver or family caring for an adult in their home. A trained volunteer goes into the home for up to 4 hours per week. At this time the caregiver can do whatever they need, such as running errands, shopping or just taking time for themselves. The volunteers go into the homes and may play cards or games with the client, assist in minor meal preparation, or simply be there to provide companionship. Taking a break from the stress of care giving is critical for their wellbeing. This allows for the client to remain in their home for a longer period of time

PHONE PAL

The phone pal program is designed to provide a daily phone call to an adult individual who is elderly, frail or lives alone. This program also helps the client to live independently and stay in his or her own home for a longer period of time. A volunteer calls daily, usually at the same time each day to check on the client and make sure everything is OK, or simply to give them someone to talk to. If the phone pal calls and would receive no answer, after an appropriate period of time, a responder is sent to the home to check on the client. Our volunteers become great friends with their phone pals after talking with them on a daily basis.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Volunteers at the Caring Tree Adult Day Center assist the Program Coordinator. This can be through helping with meal time, games and programming at the center, parties and outings with our staff and participants.

The Caring Tree is open Tues – Weds – Thurs from 8 am to 4 pm. Volunteering can be done at any time during those hours.

FUNDRAISING/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Volunteers are also needed on our Board of Directors and our Taste in Oconto County Planning Committee.

The Board of Directors meet once a month for a couple of hours, usually in the late afternoon.

Taste planning begins around April for our fundraising event in the fall. Volunteers help with the planning, acquiring donations and sponsors, helping complete the baskets, and helping at the event itself.

If interested in any of these volunteering opportunities, please contact Debbie Arndt at 920-848-6368 or at respite@bayland.net. You can visit our website at www.homerespite.com to learn more about our organization.