



GIVE

2011 IMPACT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 2010—SEPTEMBER 2011

Mission

GIVE engages volunteers age 18 and older in service to seniors & people with a disability to help them remain independent and in their own home.

Director

Kathleen Kelleher

Funding

- ◆ Omni Community Credit Union

GIVE also relies on community contributions.

Volunteers cannot accept payment for their services. Clients may make a donation to the program.

Feature Story

When Lyal Norwood's daughter called Senior Services to see if there might be a volunteer who could visit with her dad, little did she know it would lead to a dream come true.

Lyal, a WWII pilot, dreamed of going up in a plane like he had trained on, some 70 years ago. Coordination between: Lyal's daughter, the GIVE program and GIVE volunteer Ryan Duffy, and Air Zoo volunteer Alan Write, owner and pilot of a vintage Stearman, Lyal got his wish.

On June 28, 2011, Lyal once again flew into the skies, a belated 96 year old birthday present from his family. "I can't thank you and the GIVE program enough for helping to make this happen." Jan said, "You've given him a gift he won't soon forget!"

"It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered."

Eugene P. Bertin

For more information about GIVE, visit:
www.seniorservices1.org

Highlights

- ◆ 20 volunteers served
- ◆ 840 hours of service given
- ◆ 18 people benefited

Services

- ◆ Visiting
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Shopping
- ◆ Telephone Reassurance
- ◆ Light Housekeeping
- ◆ Light Meal Preparation
- ◆ Light Yard Work

Awards

- ◆ Governor's Service Award Finalist, & Purpose Prize Nominee: Art Nichols
- ◆ Senior Times Volunteer Spotlight: Ann Seaman

Community Involvement

- ◆ Kalamazoo Association of Volunteer Administrators
- ◆ Faith In Action Network Collaborative of Michigan

Volunteer Benefits

- ◆ Opportunity to share time & make a difference
- ◆ Research shows volunteering raises self-esteem & can improve health.
- ◆ Free supplemental accident, excess auto liability, & personal liability insurance
- ◆ Free membership in Rx Optical Vision Advantage

Inspiring Others to Make A Difference

- ◆ Volunteer with community service hours, joined GIVE and became an exemplary volunteer who continues after completing his hours. He so inspired an Officer in the Court that she encouraged co-workers and staff to volunteer.
- ◆ Volunteer with MS was featured in the Senior Times "Spotlight" and helped to inspire others with disabilities. "Anyone can do something" she said, "Everyone can make a difference!"
- ◆ A volunteer couple 'adopted' two families and provides them with food and other items year round. "I've never met such wonderful people" a recipient said, "We have so much, it makes us glad we can pass it on."
- ◆ A volunteer inspired her church group to join GIVE and help people beyond their place of worship.

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

-Winston Churchill

Senior Services



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