

## Drivers Needed



### REAL Services, Inc.

REAL Services serves the elderly and physically disabled in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties.

Volunteers make a difference in the lives of community members, every day.

**Email: [volunteer@realservices.org](mailto:volunteer@realservices.org)  
or call a number listed below  
800 552-7928  
574 284-7138**

**To donate items to the  
Volunteer Department at REAL Services,  
please contact us!**

## About Us

**The Promise of Community Action** Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



**REAL Services**  
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The ultimate objective of REAL Services is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

Due to the sensitive nature of the clients we serve, it is Agency policy that we cannot utilize volunteers with any type of criminal history. Thank you for your understanding.

**REAL Services, believing in the dignity of all people, will provide services without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.**

Partially funded through IHCD and local resources.



## Volunteer Services



***Supporting Independence for Life***

# REAL Opportunities to Volunteer

*make a difference | give something real*  
**volunteer**

## **Meals On Wheels Driver:**

Help provide healthy meals to homebound seniors by delivering a hot lunch and prepared dinner to their home. A once-a-week commitment or more is asked of these volunteers.

***Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties only.***

group | individual | ongoing

## **Grocery Shopper:**

Provide a much needed service to home bound seniors by picking up and delivering their groceries. Clients look forward to a friendly visit and a warm smile. Volunteers for this program must be available during week-day business hours.

***Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties only.***

individual | ongoing

## **Transportation and Delivery:**

Volunteers for this program help meet the needs of people in the community simply by loading and transporting items in their spare time.

individual | one-time

## **Health Education Program:**

Leadership opportunities are available for Health Education classes and workshops which are provided to community participants at various times and in many locations throughout the 5 county service area. Training provided.

## **Special Projects:**

REAL Services is always looking for skilled individuals, businesses and groups who can assist clients in larger home repair and safety projects.

individual | ongoing

## **Seasonal and Group Projects:**

Throughout the year, volunteers gather for one-time projects that may include:

- Yard work | rake, mow, trim bushes
- Snow removal | shovel and/or salt
- Painting | interior or exterior
- Holiday Programs

These projects work well for volunteer groups of all sizes and can be scheduled at any time throughout the year.

## **Office Volunteers:**

Help with mailings, brochures, and other administrative tasks. Volunteers assist with both small and large projects for various REAL Services programs.

***Some opportunities can be arranged to match volunteer's interests if available.***

## **Guardianship Advocate:**

Serve as an advocate for a senior for whom REAL Services is the legal guardian. Visit, check on their care, and advocate for their interests and preferences.

***Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall  
and St. Joseph Counties***

Individual | ongoing

## **Nursing Facility Friendly Visitor:**

Meet regularly with local nursing home residents that don't typically have visitors. Sit and talk, or engage in an activity like cards or bingo!

group | individual | ongoing

## **Milton Adult Day Services:**

Assist with planned adult day services such as set-up, leading clients and cleanup. Assist with snacks and lunches. Weekly 2-4 hours are preferred.

***Located in St. Joseph County.***

## **Handyperson:**

Help with simple household repairs. Tasks range from changing light bulbs to fixing a leaky faucet.

group | individual | one-time or ongoing

## **House Cleaning:**

Help with home-making tasks such as laundry and light cleaning or get a group together for a "deep" cleaning or clutter removal project.

group | individual | one-time

