

Snow Removal Volunteer Description

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Volunteer Description

Winter brings thoughts of SNOW!! Snow brings thoughts of magical white dust sparkling as it swirls around in a fresh breeze, skiing, sledding, ice skating and SHOVELING. Unfortunately, many older adults and individuals with disabilities are physically and financially unable to shovel their own sidewalks or driveways are hit with many worrisome thoughts. "How will I get to my medical appointments, is the city going to issue me a ticket (again), the doctor told me not to... but do I have a choice?"

"How can you help?" Find a group, friends, family, social club, team, faith group, etc., any type of group will work, and encourage them to participate with you to adopt a family who needs help keeping their driveways and sidewalks clear of snow. Then call Interfaith to get the application process started!

Service Description:

Snow removal services will be provided by volunteers for individuals with disabilities and/or older adults (60 years or older) that do not have the financial resources to assist them with snow removal this winter. Snow removal may include driveways, sidewalks, steps and wheelchair ramps as needed.

Service Guidelines:

- Snow removal services will begin December 1st and run through April 1st.
- Volunteer teams are asked to complete snow removal a minimum of once per week during heavy snow fall season. Specific shoveling timelines and the minimum snow depth for shoveling can be worked out between the volunteer(s) and the care receiver.
- Team coordinators communicate with the assigned care receiver for scheduling, schedule changes or cancellations.
- Volunteers may use shovels, snow blowers, or plows to complete each job – supplied by either the care receiver or the volunteer. Other arrangements for equipment can be made through Interfaith
- Snow blower use is restricted to anyone over 16 years old, and plow use is restricted to anyone over 21 years old with a valid WI driver's license.

Volunteer Teams:

- **Each team should have a team leader** that organizes the group and maintains assignments and communications with the care receivers.
- **All** team members will be required to complete an Interfaith's Volunteer Application. Applications can be obtained by calling the office or visiting our webpage.
- Volunteers will be matched with care receivers by November 15th, 2008 and will be asked to remove snow from December 1st – April 1st.
- Volunteers will be assigned to a specific home(s) for a whole season. Part of the season is available if scheduling issues arise (e.g. semester break). Proximity for volunteers/care receiver will be considered whenever possible.
- Each team leader should check in w/ the Interfaith office to give updates and regarding any changes in need for service, need for volunteers, and need for other resources.