

# berks**encore** beConnected

# Welcome, New Volunteers! 🌞

As the crisp air and colorful leaves of fall begin to arrive, we're thrilled to welcome each of you to our community! Your decision to volunteer with us means so much, and we're excited to see the incredible impact we'll make together this season.

Whether you're here for a short time or a long journey, your time and energy are truly appreciated.

Let's make this fall one of purpose, connection, and service. Thank you for joining us — we're so glad you're here!

## Let's give a warm welcome to the following new volunteers:

Marianne Cerra Anna Marie Hill Milton Dabney Bill Wagner **New Story School Bro Mack Living** Diana Sucuzhanav Rasheia Best Steve Skrocki Erica Rowe Tim Steinrock Ethan McNew Windelin Ortiz-Cotto John Smith

Larry Boyle Kelly Lord

Kyle Fox

Milkins Trymbiski & Kirkoff Funeral Home

#### **Upcoming Events!**

Berks Encore Senior Expo at the Ball Park brought to you by Redner's, Ensure & Glucerna

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FirstEnergy Stadium - 1900 Centre Ave., Reading Free Admission & Parking

60th Birthday Celebration - Redner's Event Center Tuesday, December 2, 2025 visit berksencore.org for tickets

# This Holiday Season, Help Us Brighten a Senior's Day!

This holiday season, many homebound seniors may spend the holidays alone. With your help, we can show them they're remembered, valued, and loved. Join our Be Santa for Seniors initiative and bring warmth, joy, and companionship to those who need it most. We're collecting gifts and thoughtful items to brighten the day of seniors served by Meals on Wheels Berks County.



## Shop for requested NEW items and drop in a **DONATION BOX at a Berks Encore Center Near** You!

- Word search books
- Crossword puzzle books
- Adult coloring books
- Packs of colored pencils
- Packs of fine tip markers

Or purchase items on our **AMAZON WISHLIST and** ship directly to

**Berks Encore** 40 N. 9th Street Reading, PA 19601

- Cozy no-skid socks
- Fleece throw blankets
  - gender neutral colors

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**Donations Accepted** through Nov. 14th!

**Questions? Contact** 610-374-3195 ext. 225

Thank you for supporting local seniors this holiday season!





### Thank you Picnic Sponsors!







#### **Volunteer Picnic Recap!**

Berks Encore's Volunteer Appreciation
Picnic was a joyful celebration of the
incredible individuals who give their time
and energy to support our mission of
serving Berks County seniors. Held at the
Strausstown Lions Park, the event
welcomed more than 120 volunteers for an
afternoon filled with good food, music, and
fun.

The weather could not have been more perfect, providing the ideal backdrop for an afternoon of gratitude and community. Guests enjoyed live musical entertainment by Steve Simpson, whose performance set a warm and cheerful tone for the celebration. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our generous food sponsors: Bell & Evans, Redner's Markets, and Texas Roadhouse, whose donations made the picnic possible. Their support helped ensure that our volunteers were treated to a well-deserved feast.

Most importantly, the day was about honoring our volunteers. Their dedication makes a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve, and this picnic was just a small way of saying "thank you." We are grateful for every hour, every smile, and every act of kindness our volunteers contribute.

Here's to another year of service, community, and the power of giving back!

# **HELPFUL TIPS & REMINDERS**

#### **Grocery Shopping Volunteers:**

After receiving the grocery list, please contact your client to arrange the shopping day as soon as you can, ensuring they know when to expect their groceries.

#### Meals on Wheels Volunteers:

See Something Concerning?
Call Meals on Wheels
4610-374-3195 Ext. 220

#### Report signs like:

- Confusion or dizziness
- Aggression or odd behavior
- Poor hygiene or injuries
- Unsafe conditions
- Strange visitors
- Anything that seems "off"

You might be the only one who notices trust your instincts.

