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The Joy of Volunteering



Ira Dash serves Baker Senior Center residents as part of Seniors Helping Seniors

Ira Dash has volunteered all of her life. She says "We never called it volunteering, we just were brought up to help others. My mother would feed people who needed food and repair their torn clothes. Our family did whatever they could in their own way."

"Volunteering is all about making connections, getting to know the community in which you live, and finding a way to participate. When I first moved to the United States my friend had a needlework hanging on her wall that said 'Bloom where you are planted.' To me it means everyone in the world has a different situation."

"You can help people in many ways, from feeding people and repairing their clothes to using or learning technical skills to maintain a spreadsheet. You have to find your niche. What skills do you have? What brings you joy? What makes you feel like you are part of the community?"

"What's wonderful about volunteering is that it is voluntary – it's not something you have to do. It's something you are choosing to do. Throughout my journey, the things I have done to help others have been fulfilling and have brought me satisfaction and joy."



April 21-27 is Volunteer Week so this issue recognizes our volunteers and what they mean to the lives of the people: students who receive Bentley Wings Competitive Scholarships and the seniors in our community and SWFL.

JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please join our BVF volunteers and make a meaningful impact! As a volunteer, you will:

- Meet new people
- Use your skills
- Enhance the lives of others
- Support a cause you believe in
- Have fun!

You can contribute as much time as you prefer at any time of the year: the fall Dollars for Scholars event or the Spring Fundraiser, or help the scholarship or program committees throughout the year.

Your involvement always matters, and Bentley Village Foundation invites and welcomes your valuable contributions!

Visit the Volunteer section of the website for more information or call Bill Welbourn at 732-615-8697. You can also read how our new Volunteer Committee has made life easier for volunteers.



JOIN US IN MAKING



"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world."

Volunteer

"Volunteering with the Foundation is a good way to use my job skills and free time at Bentley Village while working for a great cause."

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*"A small group of thoughtful,
people can change the world"*

Margaret Mead


Volunteer

*"I have so much fun working with the other volunteers
and know my efforts are helping people"*

We ♥ our Volunteers



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Volunteers served 12,847 hours in 2023 helping the Foundation avoid at least \$408,535 in expenses. Each hour spent is a gift to a scholar or senior.*

** Independent Sector value of a volunteer hour is \$31.08*

We are all volunteers! If we as volunteers have inadvertently omitted your or someone else's name, we humbly apologize and ask that you let us know.