

# TaskTakers Newsletter

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September 2016

## Who We Serve

TaskTakers coordinates volunteers to help those in the Spring Grove area who meet the following criteria:

- Anyone 65 or older
- Those who have a legally documented, physical disability that prevents them from performing the task
- Persons of any age experiencing a personal hardship

## Third Annual Fall Clean-Up Oct. 22!

Mark your calendars for Saturday October 22nd! TaskTakers is now taking requests for the 3rd Annual Fall Clean Up, when we recruit volunteers to rake yards for anyone who is 65 and older, or is physically unable to do the task themselves. Last year we had volunteers from seven local organizations along with families that teamed up to help out. This is a great event that allows family and friends to work together to serve our community. Each group will be assigned yards to rake and bag leaves. Please let us know if your group or organization would like to get involved. This is a community event and you do not need to be a TaskTakers volunteer to be involved. Any questions please call 498-8275 or email [info@tasktakers.com](mailto:info@tasktakers.com).

**If you'd like to have your yard raked, please call 507-498-8275 before October 17th!**



Members of the Spring Grove Volleyball team raked 8 yards at the 2015 fall clean-up.

## Task Examples

- **Transportation**  
local transportation in Spring Grove or to Caledonia, limited availability to La Crosse or Decorah
- **Handyman jobs**  
any job around the house that is too small to hire a professional, such as, changing a light bulb, simple fixing, caulking and weatherization
- **Moving heavy objects or rearranging**
- **Light cleaning**  
non-routine cleaning, for example washing cupboard doors, washing windows
- **Decorating**  
holiday décor (indoor or out), hanging pictures
- **Organizing**
- **Shopping**  
will go to local stores with your shopping list or willing to drive you to do your own shopping
- **Yard work**  
weeding, planting flowers, or trimming bushes
- **Companion services**  
play a game, read a newspaper or novel, baking

## Mission Statement

TaskTakers seeks to connect volunteers with community members in need of assistance. By facilitating this connection, TaskTakers strives to enrich the lives of volunteers and support independent living for those they serve.

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TaskTakers was established as a non-profit organization in June of 2014 to assist those within the greater Spring Grove area with basic tasks.

Since then TaskTakers

- has helped over 60 individuals.
- has logged over 556 hours.
- has completed over 379 tasks.
- has 37 individual volunteers and 4 local groups.



**Call 507-498-8275**  
To Volunteer or Request a Task

**www.TaskTakers.com**

## Volunteer with TaskTakers

Are you interested in volunteering for TaskTakers? Our volunteers can choose the types of tasks that they want to do and choose how often they want to volunteer. Once a month, once a week, or even once a year! We would love to add you to our list of talented volunteers! Call 498-8275 today for more information.



In the photo above, Dawn Johnson stops for a photo op. while enjoying the task of helping Joan Sherburne thin out plants and put new mulch down in her flower beds. Yard work like this is a popular task during the summer months. The most popular task request in 2016 has been companion visits, with transportation coming in at a close second, and yard work next in line.

## Semcac offers opportunities for food and fun

Do you want to take a break from cooking? Senior Dining is here for you! Come to the Spring Grove Legion Monday through Friday to enjoy a good meal, fellowship, games, exercise and entertainment! New to Senior Dining is Chair Volleyball! Join in the fun on Thursday September 15th and 29th. Chair Volleyball will start around 11:45, after the meal. All ages and abilities welcome to play! Reserve your spot by calling 498-3780.



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