



VOLUNTEERS

April 2003



As DARTS volunteers, you create a sense of community service and shared responsibility for the future of seniors, families, and the community.

You truly are “The Spirit of America.”

Thank you for supporting DARTS’ mission and touching someone’s life.

Jason Sanders, Director of Volunteer Resources
Barb Koenig, Manager of Volunteer Development



The Spirit of America!

national volunteer week
april 27 – may 3, 2003

▶ Volunteer tip: Make volunteering work for you!

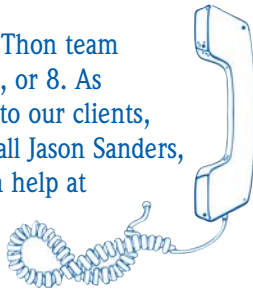
- DARTS staff is here to support you. Check in about any concerns or changes with your senior client, any time conflicts with your assignment, or any interest in another volunteer position.
- Share your volunteering experience with others – tell them what volunteering does for you. It will feel good!
- Don’t over-commit your time. Make sure the volunteer hours you want to give fit into your busy life.
- Apply the talents and skills you enjoy to your volunteer assignments.
- Have fun. Expect both personal enjoyment and satisfaction from your volunteer efforts.

Join Us!

*In honor of National Volunteer Week,
we invite all DARTS volunteers to join
us for dessert and beverage on
Wednesday, April 30, from 12:00 to 2:00
at DARTS. We would love to visit and
personally thank you!*

Volunteer Opportunities

Join the DARTS Phone-A-Thon team at DARTS on May 5, 6, 7, or 8. As a volunteer, you can talk to our clients, riders, and supporters. Call Jason Sanders, 651-234-2222, if you can help at this event.



Gardeners are needed to help keep DARTS' perennial and annual gardens beautiful and flourishing. Volunteers will help with planting, weeding, and transplanting. Call Barb Koenig at 651-455-1560 if you enjoy working outdoors with flowers and plants.



**National Volunteer Week is
April 27- May 3, 2003
Thanks Volunteers for All You Do!**

What's Happening?

- **April**
- 22, 23** Orientation for new volunteers serving seniors.
For more information call Barb Koenig at 651-455-1560.
- 27 to May 3** National Volunteer Week
Celebrate Volunteers: "The Spirit of America!"
DARTS volunteers are invited for coffee and dessert from 12:00 to 2:00 on Wed., 30th.
- 29** Senior Safety Day at DARTS, 9:00 to 2:30.
Program includes Food Safety, Crime Prevention for Seniors, and How to Protect your Investments & Finances.
Cost is \$5.00 and includes light breakfast and lunch.
Call Barb Koenig at 651-455-1560 for more information.

You Could Win This Quilt!



*Clark Memorial Church quilters
with "Mary's Garden"*

For several months each year, a group of talented women from Clark Memorial Church make themselves at home at DARTS to craft a new quilt. They are affectionately known by staff and visitors as "The Quilters." This year's quilt is "Mary's Garden." You have a chance to win this quilt by buying raffle tickets at DARTS or by calling for tickets, 651-455-1560. The winning ticket will be drawn **May 21**. Proceeds will support DARTS Volunteer Resources – enriching the lives of seniors and families throughout Dakota County.

Know Someone Caring for an Elder?

DARTS' caregiver coaching and counseling service (through Eldercare Partners) includes a kit for caregivers. Each kit contains tips, tools, and words of encouragement to ease the caregiving journey. Call Colleen at **651-234-2262** to request a free kit.