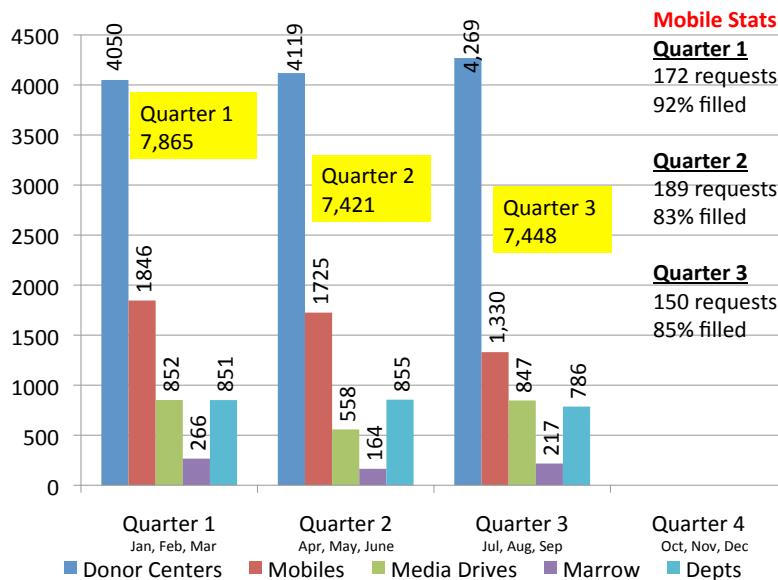


## Quarter 3 Volunteer Statistics Summarized

So just how did the volunteer team finish off Quarter 3? Outstanding as usual! Below is a comparison of the first 3 quarters of volunteer service hours for 2011. With the start of the new school year in Quarter 3 there is no question Quarter 4 will, again, have the highest total of service hours for the year.

2011 Volunteer Service Hours



If you have questions or would like to see more detailed statistics, just let me know. I would be happy to share them with you.

### New Volunteers in September

Jeanne Kamperschroer, Media/Mobile Drives  
James Miller, Waukesha  
Mary Ann Polasek, Brown Deer  
Shawndah Ventura, Mobile Drives

### Volunteer News

Total number of volunteer service hours for September were 2,299.

### November Birthdays

- 11/1 - Diane Hanson, La Crosse
- 11/2 - Lola Nelson, Greenfield
- 11/3 - Linda Schwartz, Manitowoc
- 11/4 - Kathleen Friske, La Crosse
- 11/5 - John Finn, Wauwatosa, Media Drives; Joan Fay, West Bend; Jean Reis, Wauwatosa
- 11/6 - Ray Klabunde, Media Drives; Amanda Browning, Media Drives
- 11/7 - DRae Weaver, Media/Mobile Drives; Stephanie Sciortino, Greenfield
- 11/8 - Mary Ann Polasek, Brown Deer
- 11/10 - Karen Olsen, Screening Events
- 11/11 - Jim Fiala, Milwaukee; Dennis Horne, Waukesha, Media Drives
- 11/12 - Beth Casey, Greenfield
- 11/13 - Arlene Kurzer, Media Drives; Sadaf Hussain, Milwaukee, Media Drives
- 11/15 - Kathleen Bialecki, Racine
- 11/16 - Nick Tomovich, Wauwatosa, Warehouse, Media/Mobile Drives
- 11/19 - Joyce Gilgenbach, Wauwatosa, Media Drives
- 11/20 - Harry Pump, Brown Deer/Media Drives; Tia Baas, Media Drives
- 11/21 - Marilyn Tomczak, Media Drives
- 11/22 - Art Gaffney, Waukesha
- 11/23 - Jeanne Simon, Media Drives
- 11/25 - Bev Miller, Media/Mobile Drives
- 11/26 - Sneha Potdar, Milwaukee
- 11/29 - Linda Sawyer, Brown Deer
- 11/30 - Jessica Ferra, Media/Mobile Drives

## Ask Maria!

**Q:** What is an autologous blood donation? (Note: Have you ever said “thank you” to a someone who you believe just donated for a patient and they say to you, “I didn’t donate for anyone else, I donated for myself.” This is what they are referring to – an autologous blood donation.)

**A:** In rare instances, such as when someone has a unique set of markers or “antigens” in their blood and is about to undergo a more complex surgical procedure, a physician may recommend that an individual have his or her own blood drawn and reserved for the upcoming surgical procedure. These decisions are made between individuals and their physicians. In these instances, BloodCenter of Wisconsin can draw and transfer blood to the hospital performing the surgery. Blood draws for such purposes must be recommended and approved by your physician.

## Stories to Share with Donors

When you are visiting with our donors in the café or at mobile drives, here are two examples you can share with them about the importance of ongoing, regular donation. Stories like these occur daily and it is important that our donors continue to hear from all of us how much we value the time they spend with us donating the gift of life.

- On October 20, an O-negative patient who required an aneurysm repair needed over 30 blood products and we expect they will be needing more. This patient is in ICU now and is stable at this time.
- Recently, St. Joseph’s Hospital in Marshfield saved a trauma patient - a woman who was hit by a car. A significant part of the lifesaving treatment was 48 units of A+ blood products from the BloodCenter of Wisconsin. The patient is in critical, but stable, condition.

## The Holiday Season is Upon Us!

In an effort to make sure our donor centers have volunteer support during the busy holiday season, please let us know if you will not be volunteering for your regular shift. The earlier you let us know, the better chance we have of filling your shift and won’t have to make last minute pleas for help. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume you will be in as normal. Please contact us directly, instead of the donor center where you volunteer because they assume we have been notified. Contact Merry by phone at (414)937-6454 or by email at Merry.Otero@bcw.edu.

On the other hand, if you’ll be available to fill in for extra shifts on any of the dates listed below, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support and gift of time during the holiday season. Here is a list of the donor center holiday schedule for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve:

### **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24**

The following donor centers are open 6am -1pm.  
All other centers are closed for the day!

**Greenfield** – No volunteer scheduled until Gary Strothman 11-1 p.m. (Volunteer needed for early morning shift)

**Milwaukee** – Jim Schneider scheduled from 8-Noon

**Waukesha** – Al Wilkinson scheduled from 7-Noon

**Wauwatosa** – Susan Doherty scheduled from 8-Noon

### **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th**

All donor centers will be open from 6 am to 1 pm  
(Volunteer support is needed from 8 am to 1 pm)

### **New Years Eve, Saturday, December 31st**

All donor centers will be open from 6 am to 1 pm  
(volunteer support is needed from 8 am to 1 pm)



## “A successful team beats with one heart” Erin Howe Kudos

- Things went smoothly as usual. The staff members are always pleasant. The refreshment volunteers are efficient and pleasant.
- Very friendly and compassionate volunteers and staff. Thank you for the opportunity to help someone else.

# Volunteer spotlight

**Name: S. Alice Pittz**

**How long have you been a BCW volunteer?** Since January 2006- I am almost old enough to make my 1st communion.

**Why did you want to be a volunteer?** Mixed motives. Probably mostly selfish! I had just retired and since I have a spirit of adventure, I answered a newspaper request. Also, I am unable to donate so volunteering keeps me in contact with truly special folk.

**What's a day-in-the-life for you like?** Each day contains more newness than routine. I find the donors extremely exciting, learn a great deal from them, and enjoy bringing new faces together to share our common humanity. We do much bartering exchange on serious levels and share deeply, but we never gossip!

**One thing most people probably don't know about you?** I like to experiment when I cook/bake improvising on recipes, etc....

**What is your favorite pastime or hobby?** Reading, listening to classical music, talk shows on WPR, and biking in summer.

**Three words your friends would use to describe you?**

1. Organized
2. Perceptive
3. Sensitive

**Best piece of advice you've ever been given?** I cannot live my life controlled by fear.

**What is your idea of a great vacation?** I love to learn so I have wonderful times at seminars, enrichment lectures, documentary movies, etc. I also love monastic life.

**What event would buy tickets to regardless of price?** This is beyond me! I am a simple soul.

**If you could be in any movie, TV show or play, what would it be?** I'm happy just being on the "stage of life."

## Wisconsin Donor Registry Celebrates 1 Million Donors

At a press conference held October 13 at BloodCenter of Wisconsin, Wisconsin First Lady Tonette Walker and Donate Life Wisconsin announced that Wisconsin's new online organ, tissue and eye donor registry has reached a milestone: one million donors.

With Jackie Fredrick, President & CEO of BloodCenter of Wisconsin, opening the press conference, Martha Mallon, the President of Donate Life Wisconsin and Organ/Tissue Donor Director for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services emceed the event. Along with the First Lady, speaking at the press conference was a transplant recipient, a donor family member and an individual waiting to receive a heart transplant.

"This is an enormous step toward helping the 1,800 people in Wisconsin who are now on the national waiting list for a transplant," said Mrs. Walker. "Since the registry was launched in March 2010, hundreds of lives have been saved." Before the registry, people expressed their wish to become an organ, tissue and eye donor by having an orange dot placed on their driver's license. While the dot recorded their willingness to be a potential donor, it did not legally authorize organ, tissue and eye donation.

"Now, a person who applies for or renews their license or state ID makes the decision to be a legal registered donor," said Martha Mallon, noting that since the registry was launched in March 2010, those choosing to authorize donation are automatically placed in the online donor registry.

There are still 3.5 million Wisconsin citizens out there – including many with orange dots – who are not legally registered donors. Since people in Wisconsin renew their license only once every eight years, it's important for those wishing to become a donor to

not wait to go to the DMV, but to go online today and sign up on the registry.

Online registries have been shown to save lives because it provides advance legal permission. That means donation professionals have immediate access to a person's donation decision. They share that information with the donor's family and work with them to honor that choice.

The press conference generated a lot of media coverage: Channel's 12 and 58 attended; Wisconsin Public Radio, WTMJ News Radio and Wisconsin Radio Network aired interviews; national coverage included Associated Press and msnbc.com; and the Wisconsin online coverage – from North Central Wisconsin to La Crosse to Sheboygan to the Fox Cities to Madison and Milwaukee, gave a great deal of exposure to BloodCenter as well as Wisconsin Donor Network and Wisconsin Tissue Bank.



Above: Heart recipient Ray Harmon with Jackie Fredrick.



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