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## **Nominees Announced for the 2026 Volunteer Impact Awards**

**Manistowoc, Wisconsin (April 7, 2026)** Hosted by United Way Manistowoc County's Volunteer Center, this year's Volunteer Impact Awards takes place on Thursday, April 16 at The Inn on Maritime Bay, Manistowoc.

The event honors exceptional volunteers whose dedication strengthens local organizations and makes lasting contributions to the community.

Congratulations to this year's Nominees!

### **Up & Coming Volunteer Award**

*Honors an individual age 18 or younger who has shown initiative in community involvement*

- Maddie Black

### **Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award**

*Celebrates an individual with a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and significant contributions to the community*

- Judy Lavicka
- Oliver Larsen
- Lisa Stolp
- Alice Weyenberg

### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

*Recognizes an individual who has gone above and beyond through volunteerism in the past year*

- Karen Bauknecht Vansistine
- Betty Bittner
- Michael Brunet
- Michael Miller
- Jacque Moriarty
- Mark & Suellen Reiff
- Jenine Soucoup

### **Volunteer Leadership Award**

*Acknowledges a volunteer demonstrating exceptional leadership and community impact*

- Karen Bauknecht Vansistine
- Heather Nixon

- Daniel Palama

### **Team Volunteer Award**

*Honors a team that has volunteered together on a community project*

- Allen & Bonnie Kracht
- Ascend Services
- Gracious Givers
- Kohler Credit Union
- Magical Trolley Volunteers (Lisa Stolp, Sue Holschbach, Maria Crass)
- Phil Walters & Paul Kraynek
- Rotary Club of Two Rivers

### **Event Details**

- **What:** 2026 Volunteer Impact Awards
- **When:** Thursday, April 16 | 8:15am-10:00am  
*Breakfast catered by Our Legacy Restaurant begins at 8:15 am followed by the presentation and awards ceremony at 9:00am.*
- **Where:** The Inn on Maritime Bay, 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc
- **Tickets:** \$25 each or \$180 for a table of 8 (purchase [here](#) or by visiting United Way's website at [unitedwaymanitowoccounty.org](http://unitedwaymanitowoccounty.org))

*(Note: Event is free of charge for nominees; however, their guest(s) and the public are required to purchase a ticket. Proceeds benefit United Way's Volunteer Center.)*

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