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New Program Seeks Volunteers

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 28, 2023 – In 2021, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Lake County, also known as RSVP, transitioned to the Board of Lake County Commissioners and was re-branded as the Lake County Volunteer Network (LCVN).

“Since the transition of the program, it has continued to flourish by working to connect adults, aged 55+, to meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

Most recently, the LCVN partnered with Lifeline, Inc. on implementing a new program, named Helping Hands for Seniors. Helping Hands for Seniors matches eligible older adults, 60+, who reside independently in Lake County with vetted volunteers who will assist them with daily activities that are essential for their health and safety. Services that Helping Hands for Seniors can provide may include minor repairs and handy-person tasks, outside maintenance, various errands outside the home, technology services, and other in-home services.

“This new program is an exciting opportunity to link older adults with much needed services,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “We want to be able to contribute to the program’s success by recruiting new volunteers.”

The program has received an overwhelming response from the community and is looking to recruit new volunteers, aged 55+. If you are interested in learning more about Helping Hands for Seniors you are encouraged to attend an informational training session on Monday, March 13 from 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. or Wednesday, March 23 from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Both orientations will take place on the fifth floor of the Lake County Administration Center, located at 105 Main St., Painesville.

Those interested in attending should contact Cristen Kane at (440) 350-5360. All prospective volunteers must complete an orientation and have a successful background check in order to volunteer for Helping Hands for Seniors.

“For those who are unsure if Helping Hands for Seniors is a good fit, but are still interested in volunteering, the LCVN works with more than 50 local agencies and can help you find the perfect volunteer opportunity,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

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