



# *Among Volunteers*

*April 22, 2010*

**Happy National Volunteer Week!  
Thank you, Volunteers!**

Thanks so much to all who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Open House on Saturday, April 17. It was a great opportunity for volunteers to mingle, share stories, and receive many thanks for all their wonderful work throughout the year.

Door prizes went to the following individuals:

26" Westinghouse flat screen television: **Jerry Grundmayer**

\$75 gift card for the Science Museum of MN: **Elizabeth Andersen**

\$50 gift card for Birchbark Books: **Paul Bruning**

Wine basket: **Annette Haehn**

Wine basket: **Judy Peters**

Congratulations to all the winners!

**Help raise funds for LBFE by shopping Linder's**

You are invited to participate in Linder's Flower Mart Fundraising Event to benefit Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly. From May 7-May 10, 2010 LBFE is eligible to receive 15% of the cost of your purchases made at any Linder's Greenhouse, Garden Center, or Flower Mart. **Please open the attachment that came with this email to print your special invitation. In order for LBFE to benefit, you must turn in your special invitation at check out.** Go to [www.linders.com](http://www.linders.com) for detailed store locations.

**LBFE Volunteer Nominated For ONE MAN MINNEAPOLIS**

We are pleased to announce that LBFE volunteer, **Michael Dietrich**, has been selected from among hundreds of nominations to compete for the title of ONE MAN MINNEAPOLIS. On Saturday, May 22 at the Pantages Theatre, one of the men will be identified as the man who represents the best of the Twin Cities from the perspectives of community involvement, personality, intelligence, and

fitness. Michael has chosen to represent LBFE as his charity of choice. The winner of ONE MAN MINNEAPOLIS and his affiliated charity split \$5,000.

We need your help to ensure Michael's win! Cast your daily vote online at OneManMinneapolis.com from March 26-May 21. In addition, those who buy tickets for the May 22 event will have a percentage of their ticket price donated to LBFE. Tickets and more information are available at OneManMinneapolis.com.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ERRAND DRIVERS

Needs: **2-3 drivers (St Paul)**  
Where: Various locations  
When: Ongoing basis; twice a month commitment for 2-3 hours each time  
Flexible hours determined by volunteer and client

### BINGO

Needs: **3 drivers (Minneapolis or St Paul)**  
Where: Minneapolis League of Catholic Women  
207 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis  
When: Tuesday, May 11  
Drop off 9:30 a.m./pick up 12:30 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP AND FLOWERS

Needs: **8 deliverers (4 Minneapolis; 4 St Paul)**  
Where: Pick up at either LBFE office  
When: Saturday, May 15 from 9 to 11 a.m.

### KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Needs: **3 drivers (1 Minneapolis; 2 St Paul)**  
Where: Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly  
1845 E Lake St, Minneapolis  
When: Thursday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information on these opportunities, please contact Carolyn Swenson at (612) 746-0753 or [cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org](mailto:cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org)

## Volunteers Needed For NEW Advisory Group

LBFE will be creating a Volunteer Services Advisory Group in summer 2010. Group members will attend quarterly meetings to provide guidance, creative ideas, and recommendations to LBFE staff. Topics that the Advisory Group will discuss include volunteer recruitment strategies, volunteer recognition ideas, volunteer satisfaction surveys, and more! If you have been a LBFE volunteer for at least a year, and have a desire to improve Volunteer Services, please contact

Carolyn Swenson at (612) 746-0753 or [cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org](mailto:cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org) to learn more about this important new venture.

## Training Opportunities

Volunteers are invited to attend upcoming in-service sessions hosted by LBFE. All in-services will take place at the Minneapolis office at 1845 East Lake Street.

**Thursday, May 20, 1 to 3 p.m.**

Topic: How to Say It to Seniors - Closing the Communication Gap with Older Adults

Presenters: Linda Kayser and Mary Beth Gustafson

Contact **Mary Beth Gustafson** at least one week in advance at (612) 746-0728 or [mgustafson@littlebrothersmn.org](mailto:mgustafson@littlebrothersmn.org) to RSVP.

## Orientation Sessions

You are cordially invited to attend our upcoming Orientation and Basic Training session. New and experienced LBFE volunteers will learn more about the organization's history, current programs, and the future of older adults in Minnesota. Discussions on working with older adults, volunteer motivation, and current agency policies are included.

**Wednesday, April 28, 5 to 8 p.m.**, 1295 Bandana Blvd, Ste 165, St Paul

**Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, 1845 East Lake St, Minneapolis

**Wednesday, May 26, 5 to 8 p.m.**, 1295 Bandana Blvd, Ste 165, St Paul

Contact **Carolyn Swenson** at (612) 746-0753 or [cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org](mailto:cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org) to RSVP.

## Volunteer Department Information

For questions, inquiries or referrals, please contact **Carolyn Swenson**, Director of Volunteer Services, at (612) 746-0753 or [cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org](mailto:cswenson@littlebrothersmn.org). Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.