

# Meet The Team:

## Marty Juneau and the St. Katharine Drexel Parish



### Dinner Service Volunteers

Tell us a little bit about Marty Juneau.

"I've been married 28 years. My wife and I have two children that are in their 20's. I have a lot of hobbies including motorcycling, snowmobiling, hunting, and fishing. I enjoy spending time with my family at home, our cottage, or when we can travel together."

What were you doing before you became a Pillars volunteer?

"Coaching. My daughter played basketball and fastpitch softball. My wife and I were very involved and I coached both sports."

Why did you start volunteering at Pillars? What motivates you to continue volunteering?

"My mom and dad, Marlene and Lawrence, asked me to become involved. They had been volunteering at Pillars, working for Henry Drechsler for many years. My parents thought that I would be a good fit to take over Henry's leadership position. I very much enjoy having an opportunity to give back to the community and I am happy to be able to gather support from both my wife's employer (Peterson's Welding & Machine Co. Inc., Green Bay) and my employer (Hart Design & Manufacturing, Green Bay). Our employers each sponsor the food for one or two dinner services per year."

What does your typical volunteer shift look like?

"We arrive around 3 pm, begin packing lunches for some of the residents, turn on the exhaust fan, fill and turn on the warming tables, and begin preparing the food for the Dinner service. We receive a lot of donated food from many wonderful people from St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Kaukauna, including fresh baked bars, cookies, and cupcakes that have been supplied by these people for many years. These homemade treats really make our dinner service a hit every month."

How has volunteering at Pillars impacted you?

"It has enhanced by gratitude for everything I have in life. I owe it all to my parents who have always been there to support me. I have never felt alone or in fear of the future and I truly appreciate it. I wish everyone had parents like mine that have always been there for me. Even today, (my parents are in their mid 80s) when I talk to my Dad, he says please let me know if there's anything I can do for you. If I could have one wish, it would be that everyone would have parents as caring and supportive as mine."

It takes a **team** to provide shelter and low-income, affordable housing resources to people experiencing homelessness in our community. The Pillars team includes dedicated **staff**, selfless **volunteers**, and generous **donors** contributing to common goals:

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What is the best thing that has happened to you or that you have seen while volunteering?

"I enjoy interacting with others and I really appreciate the way everyone gets along and treats one another, including the staff, residents, and volunteers. I had an opportunity to work with another group that serves a different day of the month, it was great to meet them, and I hope (after Covid) to be able to work with them again. I travel a lot for work, and I often discuss homelessness with people from all over the country to get a feel for their situation. I want to say that every time I have these conversations, it reaffirms my appreciation of the people and services provided by Pillars. When I tell people about the services provided by Pillars, they are in awe when I tell them that your guests at Pillars are provided with counseling, guidance, coaching, help learning life skills, and assistance with finding jobs. I am very proud to be one of your volunteers because you are great at what you do, and you help so many people."

Is there one thing the world should know about you?

"An odd fact – I love music. Depending on what the song is, it can give me energy and motivation, or it can make me cry. However, when I was in 4H as a camp counselor, all the camp counselors had to get up in front of the kids at camp and sing songs. The girl standing next to me (who I was dating) asked: 'Is that you I hear?' I said 'Yes.' She said, 'You should just lip sync the words.' Yes, that is how bad my singing is..."

For individuals interested in serving in your position at Pillars, what is one thing that they should know?

"Volunteering at Pillars is tremendously rewarding. It is a great opportunity to give back to your community and you will really enjoy doing so."

The people currently volunteering for St. Katharine Drexel Parish are; Rick Mader, Pauline Mader, Barb Knuth, Darwin Timas, Julie Wollersheim, Gene Wollersheim, and Marty Juneau

