



# *Milwaukee County*

## Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8<sup>th</sup> District

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### **VOLUNTEERS FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATION VISITING CUDAHY TO HIGHLIGHT PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Milwaukee, WI** –Volunteers from Civic Projects: Serving 50 States in 50 Days are visiting Milwaukee County as part of their effort to volunteer for one day in each state in the nation to encourage community service during a time of increasing unemployment and need. Today, the Boston-based volunteers are in Wisconsin for Day 29 of the journey.

Two Civic Projects volunteers, Tim Malcolm and Kirsten L'Orange, are at Project Concern of Cudahy and St. Francis, a clothing and food bank that serves low-income families. So far today, they have bagged bread in the food pantry and organized donated food and clothes. Deb Pizur and Dick Buschmann, co-directors of Project Concern of Cudahy and St. Francis, are hosting the volunteers for the day. Civic Projects aims to promote social awareness and service by volunteering at 50 community organizations in 50 states in 50 days.

In their blog, Malcolm and L'Orange note that nonprofits are struggling to meet incredible need while charitable giving is down. "As the number of unemployed Americans climbs to approximately 15 million and charitable giving declined for the first time in 20 years, nonprofit organizations are struggling to meet increased service demands on smaller budgets, making volunteers even more vital to the health of our nation's communities," they said

Civic Projects selected Project Concern as one of 50 community-based organizations to showcase a variety of volunteer opportunities across the nation. Although a few hours here and there may not seem like a lot, volunteering at each location for a short amount of time can add up quickly.

"Project Concern, located in my district, is a vital asset in our community that assists people in need. This organization could not exist without the kind generosity provided by volunteers," Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik said. "I am pleased the Civic Projects choose Project Concern in Cudahy to highlight the important role of volunteerism in Milwaukee County and our society as a whole."

For information about Project Concern, visit [www.projectconcerncudahy.org](http://www.projectconcerncudahy.org).

For more on Civic Projects, go to [www.thecivicprojects.org](http://www.thecivicprojects.org).

Volunteers will be at Project Concern until 6:00 p.m. today. Media may visit them at Plankinton Avenue & Kirkwood Avenue, Cudahy, WI 53110. Media inquiries should be directed to Deb Pizur, co-director of Project Concern at 414-744-0645.

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