

Vrakas takes hands-on support to his final Match Day as county exec

Nonprofit donation day scheduled for March 19

WAUKESHA — County Executive Dan Vrakas may be retiring soon, but that doesn't mean he's any less committed to the community. Last week, he helped put up posters around the Waukesha County Courthouse to advertise Match Day — the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's fourth annual online donation opportunity.

"Match Day is a way for people to double their giving dollars," Vrakas said. "I've taken advantage of it and I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of it."

This year's Match Day is

scheduled for March 19. All gifts made during this specific time will be matched proportionately, based on the total amount raised by each organization during the Match Day period. The Greater Milwaukee Foundation organizes the pool of matching funds, according to a press release from the foundation.

The Women's Center, Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Hebron House of Hospitality and the Hope Center are collaborating on preparations for Match Day in an effort to raise funds for their programs and services.



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Hebron House of Hospitality Executive Director **Kris Androsky**, Hope Center Executive Director **Ralph Zick**, County Executive **Dan Vrakas**, The Women's Center Executive Director **Angela Mancuso** and Food Pantry of Waukesha County Executive Director **Karen Tredwell** pose with a Match Day flyer.

"We identify food and shelter as the critical needs for people, and these four Waukesha County charities really fit the bill and fill those needs," Vrakas said. "I want to encourage everyone

in Waukesha County to step up and help fund these organizations."

Last year, the four Waukesha agencies received a total of \$425,237 in donations and \$142,375 in matching funds

for a total of \$567,612, which was used to provide food, shelter and clothing for 28,566 individuals and 36,622 nights of shelter, according to the release.

For more information

about the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Match Day, or to schedule a donation, visit www.Match-DayMKE.org.

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