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Burlington Senior Activity Center announces United Way Equity Innovation Fund "Tell Your Story" Project

Burlington, WI - Burlington Senior Activity Center is pleased to announce it has been awarded a grant through United Way Equity Innovation Fund to record and archive oral histories of local seniors.

"It is important that we can capture the stories of our greatest generation, before we lose them," says Patricia McNamee Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Center. "The project is designed to engage multiple generations face-to-face because people connect through stories."

The grant will also fund "Story Slams" or gatherings where multiple generations will share short stories. "I feel it important to share my 30 years of recovering from two heart transplants for future generations in the community," said John Maltby, an Army Ranger in the Vietnam War and volunteer for the project.

The year-long project begins May 1, 2023. If you are interested in participating as an interviewer or interviewee, contact the Burlington Senior Center at 262-71-0329 or visit <u>burlingtonseniorcenter.com</u>.

The United Way Equity Innovation Fund supports projects, programs and solutions that use innovative strategies to reduce disparities, improve outcomes and empower members of historically marginalized populations. To learn more about the Equity Innovation Fund visit: UnitedWayRacine.org/EIF. The fund was made possible thanks to the generosity of novelist and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.

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