

The Joy of Grandpa Fred

A story in the *Wisconsin State Journal* tells about the amazing Frank Liedel. Don't miss this one.

A call for volunteers in a community newsletter inspired Liedel to take action. Now, twice a week, no matter the weather, he rides his three-wheeled bicycle – with his walker in a wire basket on the back – to the local school.

He spends those mornings reading to every child who wants to hear a story. A signup sheet is on hand so that he knows whose turn is next.

One special morning, a student volunteered to read to him. He figured she must practice at home with her mother because she was a good reader. He found out later that English was not her first language and wasn't spoken in her home.

The children adore "Grandpa Fred" because he will read whatever and however many books they request. The teachers admire him for the joy he exhibits, the experience it affords the students who don't always have books at home, and for being a role model of stewardship.



A few months ago, Liedel celebrated his 100th birthday.

He says he'll keep reading to the children as long as he can.

What are some truths to be gleaned from this story? How about ...

- You're never too old to be useful.
- Joy in life comes from helping others.
- Anyone can make a difference, even intergenerationally.

In Life Care and Century Park, we have learned those lessons well.

Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding (Job 12:12 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter