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## Rock County Volunteer Executive Director Tony Farrell, Sr. to Retire

After over 50 years of volunteering for various Rock County programs, particularly the Rock County Suicide Prevention & Safety Series, Volunteer Executive Director Tony Farrell, Sr. recently announced that he will be retiring March 1, 2023 in this volunteer role known throughout Rock County.

The Rock County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review a resolution honoring Mr.. Farrell's work at their February 23 meeting.

Mr. Farrell, Sr. has been the Volunteer Executive Director of the Rock County Suicide Prevention & Safety Series, a non-paid role that provided timely presentations seven days a week, at no charge and with no public funding. His presentations strongly encouraged family members and friends to reach out to someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, in order for them to move forward with their healing process.

Mr. Farrell was a also long-time volunteer with the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department, (and its predecessor – the Rock County Office of the Coroner) and the Rock County Health Department. Mr. Farrell has attended numerous local government, school board, and service organization meetings over the span of 50 years delivering the messages of his Safety Series, particularly promoting suicide prevention.

Mr. Farrell concludes his presentations with: "I would like to thank all the Rock County organizations who work so hard to help prevent these terrible tragedies.   One tragedy is one too many."

If you are thinking of harming yourself or know of someone who is thinking of suicide, you are encouraged to contact:
- Rock County Crisis Intervention 608-757-5025
- 988 (National Suicide Prevention line)

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