

Volunteer of the Year – East Central Wisconsin

Bill Jartz

Volunteer Center of Brown County

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Highly familiar with being in front of an audience, Bill Jartz uses his energy and humor to support local nonprofit organizations in the Green Bay area. While people throughout the Green Bay community see him throughout the week on their televisions as a local nighttime anchor for WBAY, they can also find him volunteering at different events to help local organizations.

At least once a week, Bill serves as an emcee, presenter, or auctioneer to support local charitable causes. He gives his time for hundreds of hours per year, and over the last few decades has volunteered more than 5,000 hours to help elevate the work done by nonprofit organizations. Through his volunteering, Bill has helped to raise tens of millions of dollars for Green Bay area organizations by serving as an energetic auctioneer that can be seen moving throughout large audiences to encourage additional bids or serving as the emcee for the local CP Telethon and other events.



Bill doesn't just show up for an evening to help out, he takes the time to get to know the people and the organizations he works with and prepares diligently for each event. When people were walking into the venue for the Green Bay Police Foundation luncheon in 2020, you could find Bill prepping in his car, going through his script to make sure all of the pronunciations were correct and that the pace and feel of the program was going to be successful. When the Boys & Girls Club's reimagined a major fundraiser with a new format and different venue due to COVID-19 concerns, Bill's energy and ability to engage the audience and motivate their participation helped raise over \$1.6 million dollars that night alone.

When describing why Bill is an in-demand presenter for events by local nonprofits, Eric Sponholtz, the Executive Director of Volunteer Center of Brown County, explained that Bill "always brings his 'A-game'. He consistently brings his passion, energy, and humor - making any event or fundraiser, no matter how big or small, a highly engaging and memorable experience for all. Attendees of these events feel connected to Bill, because he is a local, hometown volunteer. Growing up in Clintonville, he knows the local landscape, and connects with people not only through the news, but through his giving back to multiple different organizations."

