**SERVICE CORNER**

**September 11, 2018**

**Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs**

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**“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up”**

**~J. Holmes~**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Cooking Demonstration**

**Wednesday, September 19th**

Join The Resource Pantry for their first cooking demonstration of the semester!  All will be learning how to cook a delicious and nutritious meal using fresh produce from the campus gardens and other ingredients from the Resource Pantry.  After the meal is cooked, everyone will enjoy their creation! The first demonstration will take place in the Food Lab of Sturzebecker Hall on South Campus at 4pm.  Sign up in the Resource Pantry today to join in on the fun!

**Red Cross Blood Drives** Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You have an opportunity to donate right here on campus!

[Sign Up Here](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

10/16 Sykes Ballrooms 9am-2pm

11/6 Sykes Room 115 1pm-6pm

**The WCU Resource Pantry** eliminates barriers to degree completion for students with financial need by providing access to resources, while empowering students to learn independent living skills and achieve long-term stability. The Pantry offers non-perishable food, fresh produce from the campus gardens, personal care items, school supplies, and winter and career clothing. Please visit us to learn more or shop during our hours of operation: Monday – Wednesday 8am-4:30pm, Thursday 8am-8pm, and Friday 8am-4:30pm. We are located on the lower level of Commonwealth Hall next to Health Services.

**America Reads Youth Mentoring Program**

America Reads Youth Mentoring Program is an academic enrichment program that sends college students into the Chester County community to mentor youth in local after-school and childcare programs. Serve as a mentor and build positive relationships with children, provide homework assistance, enhance social skill development of youth, and facilitate extracurricular activities while developing your own personal, social and professional skills and becoming a Student Leader for our WCU campus. To set up an interview contact [Kaileik Asbury](mailto:ka917603@wcupa.edu)  or visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.slv/americaReads.aspx> for more information.

**People’s Light Golf Classic, White Manor Country Club, Malvern PA**

**Monday, October 1st**

Now in its 16th year, People’s Light Annual Golf Classic benefits theatre education and accessibility programming for youth ages 5-18. Through Arts Discovery, they are able to offer

a full range of theatre-related opportunities as well as scholarships for youth of all abilities.

Come out and be a sponsor! Your participation will help them reach their goal of $45,000. To register [Click Here](http://plgolf2018.auction-bid.org/)

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Trail Day, George Lorimer Preserve**

**Saturday, September 8th, 9am-12pm**

Help is needed to cut back branches and vines and restore the trails of George Lorimer Preserve. They are working to make the park safe and enjoyable. To be a part of Trail Day meet at George Lorimer Parking Lot (from Swedesford Road, take North Valley Road north ½ mile to entrance on the right) or contact [art@art-blumenthal.com](mailto:art@art-blumenthal.com).

**Moving Volunteers, Friends Association**

**Thursday, September 13th, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

The Friends Association is looking for a few volunteers to help pick up and drop off office desks. If interested in helping out contact Emma Koontz at 610-431-3598 x 205 or [e.koontz@friendsassoc.org](mailto:e.koontz@friendsassoc.org)

**First Annual Awesome FEST**

**Friday, September 14th, East Goshen Park**

Chester County is holding its first ever Teen Awesome FEST! This event will be held at East Goshen Park. This event is all day and there are various volunteer opportunities available. This event is a free teen entertainment event for the community! If you want to be a part of Awesome FEST visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-awesome>

**Philadelphia Walk Like MADD**

**Sunday, September 16th, Philadelphia Zoo**

This Mothers Against Drunk Driving Fundraiser needs volunteers to help unload the truck, set up, perform duties during the event, break down, and load the truck at the end of the event.  Volunteers are needed to arrive at the zoo around 6:45am; set up will be 6:45am-7:45am.  Depending on how many volunteers sign up, not all will have to do set up and break down. To sign up or receive more information, contact [Cara Bevan](mailto:cara.bevan@madd.org)

**Christian's Compassionate Mission Volunteers**

**Saturday, September 22nd, 6:00-10:00pm**

Christian's Compassionate Mission is a nonprofit organization with the goal of raising awareness and to end the stigma of mental illness. They are holding a dinner and silent auction event in West Chester and are looking for volunteers comfortable with technology to help with their silent auction. They also need additional help setting up and cleaning up. If interested in helping out please contact Lillian Miller at 484-459-4347.

**South Mountain YMCA Camps Volunteer Work Day**

**September 22 10:00am-4:00pm**

Join South Mountain YMCA in their Volunteer Work Day at Camp. Projects may include: painting, cleaning, firewood splitting, planting flowers, mulching, and light construction. This event will be 10:00am-4:00pm but they would appreciate help for any part of this time and lunch will be provided! Contact Tracey Braymiller at 610-670-2267 to get involved!

**Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix**

**Saturday, September 22nd (two shifts)**

Come out and have some fun while volunteering! This annual event is held to raise funds to go directly back into the community of Coatesville. Help direct vendors and food trucks, coordinate traffic and assist in race setup among many other things. Two shifts are available (8am-1pm and 1pm-6pm). Lunch, snacks and refreshments are included. If interested, contact [Laura Tressel](mailto:Laura@allaboutevents.us)

**South Mountain YMCA Camps Mountain by Moonlight**

**October 12, 13, 19, 20, & 26 5:30pm-10:00pm**

Camp YMCA is in need of volunteers for various nights in October. There are different volunteer opportunities available from carnival games, to the concession stand, to dressing up and performing at one of the many scenes along the haunted hayride route. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. For more information or to volunteer contact Tracey Braymiller at 610-670-2267 or [tbraymiller@smymca.org](mailto:tbraymiller@smymca.org).

***ONGOING VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**Outdoor South Mountain YMCA Clean-up**

If you love being outdoors come out and get in tune with nature to spruce up the camp's various flower beds. Volunteers will help plant flowers, mulch and do some painting. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes you are comfortable getting dirty. Supplies will be on hand but feel free to bring your own. This is a great opportunity for individuals or groups! Call Tracey Braymiller at 610-670-2267 to set up a time to come and volunteer.

**Saint Anastasia Parish Elementary CCD Teacher**

**Tuesdays beginning September 18th, 4:30pm**

The Saint Anastasia Parish is looking for a volunteer to teach in their weekly CCD  
(Religious Education) elementary program. The sessions are Tuesday afternoons at 4:30pm beginning September 18th. This is a volunteer position; however there is a $300 stipend at the end of the year. Please contact Theresa Haggerty at 610-356-5069 for more information.

**Preschool Childcare Volunteers Needed**

**Third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30am**

The Mothers of Preschoolers group in Downingtown is looking for volunteers to be caregivers in their childcare rooms at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Volunteers will work alongside other women caring for children ages 1-6. If interesting in volunteering please reach out to Kristen Huber at 215-801-0871.

**Coatesville Library, 501 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA** needs volunteers to help implement new software, convert some Excel files, and develop processes to help them grow their donor base using the software. This would be an awesome thing to add to your resume! This is not a data entry position, but one that would require organizational skills, independent thinking, and technical skills to learn the software features. The work you do will have socio-economic benefits to this needy community and you would be a part of being on the ground floor of helping build donations and support for the library. The weekly tasks would take about 4 – 6 hours per week. Initially the volunteer would need to be on-site then eventually could do this remotely. For more information, contact Pat Bush at (610) 247-1183.

**Kindred Hospice** Volunteer today to help patients and their families when they need help the most. Patient Visit Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and support through conversation, leisure activities or by being a supportive presence. Administrative volunteers are needed to provide support through clerical duties such as data entry, filing or making phone calls. For more information, please call (215) 322-5746.

**Christ Community WBS Kids Program**

**September 2018 – April 2019**

Volunteers are needed to be temporary, part-time teachers and assistants for Christ Church Women’s Bible Study Kids Program.  The church is looking for dynamic and caring individuals who love kids from infants through Kindergarten.  The program is on Thursdays from September-April (Approximately 22 weeks).  There is also an opportunity on Tuesdays once a month to provide childcare during our leaders’ meetings.  A detailed curriculum is provided, as well as training.  For more information contact [Diane Moyer](mailto:dmoyer@visitccc.com).

**Job Opening -**The Cradle of Liberty Council is a volunteer organization focused on formative, age-appropriate experiences for young people. A Program Specialist engages Scouts in active and imaginative activities and will draw in parents and potential leaders. This fun and rewarding position is perfect for self-motivated individuals who are at least 21 years old and are interested in strengthening their leadership skills. The job requirements include passing a background check and submitting PA clearances. A college student or graduate is preferred. Responsibilities include weekly meetings, training sessions, and youth scout improvement. The compensation is $20 p/hr. as well as bonuses. If interested, please contact [Stacey Graham](mailto:stacey.graham@scouting.org) or call 484-654-9267.

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES***

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