**SERVICE CORNER**

**February 27th, 2018**

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

**Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level, 715 S. New Street (Enter at Student Health Services)**

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**“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” ~Aesop~**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sykes Ballrooms**

**Wednesday, March 7th**

Did you know that one pint of blood can save up to three lives? Your donations are always needed.  The blood drives will run from 11:00am-4:00pm.  Go to**:**<http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code WCU to schedule an appointment.  Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

**Student Leaders: Register for the spring 2018 Community Service ColLABoratory**

**Tuesday, March 20th 5:00pm-7:00pm**

We invite all student leaders who coordinate service and philanthropy projects for clubs, organizations, Greek chapters and athletic teams to join us for the ColLABoratory! Students will come together to learn how to develop community partnerships, collaborate on service projects with other organizations, report service hours, promote their service events, and more! Join us on. FREE FOOD will be provided! Register here: [www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabSP18](http://www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabSP18) .

**CASA of Delco & Chester Counties Superhero 5k Run/Walk**

**Sunday, April 29th**

The Superhero 5k run/walk benefits Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) serving Delaware & Chester Counties. This is a non-profit organization that provides court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children with a belief that all children deserve safe, nurturing and permanent homes. Wear your favorite superhero costume when running or walking this 5k! To sign up for the 5k go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Media/CASAofDelcoandChesterCountiesSuperhero5KRunWalk> .

**WCU Resource Pantry**

West Chester University is proud to have established an on campus resource pantry for students in need, located in Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level. The pantry offers seasonal fresh vegetables, nonperishable food, personal hygiene products, school supplies, and a career closet.  To make an appointment, contact Gabby Singh at pantry@wcupa.edu or visit [www.wcupa.edu/pantry](http://www.wcupa.edu/pantry)

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Beekeeping Conference**

**Saturday, March 10th, 9:00am-5:00pm**

The Chester County Beekeepers Association is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming Beekeeping Conference held in Merion Science Center on West Chester University's campus. Volunteers will help with registration, door prizes, and merchandise sales. The conference is from 9am- 5pm, volunteers are asked to sign up for shifts either 9:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Volunteers will receive a complimentary boxed lunch and a chance to learn about the world of honey bees and bee keeping. Interested volunteers should reach out to Mr. Jack McMichael atjmcmich552@aol.com or 484-680-0876.

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, March 10th 9:00am-12:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Land Conservancy monthly Vine Day at the Cool Valley Preserve, meeting spot at the Cool Valley Road entrance. You will help end invasive vegetation through cutting down vines. All that is needed is protective clothing and gloves. Tools will be provided by the Open Land Conservancy. For more information or to sign up, go to <http://www.openlandconservancy.org/Contact.html> State what vine date you will be attending in the comment section or just show up and participate!

**HOPE Dance**

**Saturday, March 24th 7:00pm-11:30pm**

Kisses for Kyle is hosting their annual HOPE Dance, where all the proceeds benefit support of children battling brain tumors. Volunteers are needed to help with the dance and items are needed for the auction. For more information, to donate an auction item or to volunteer email sharinghope@comcast.net .

**Road & Stream Clean-up Workday**

**Saturday, April 7th 10:00am-2:00pm**

Come volunteer for the West Chester Fish, Game, and Wildlife Association at their road and stream clean-up workday. You might be working in the streams so work shoes or rubber boots are recommended, as well as work gloves. The cleanup will be taking place at West Valley Creek.  Participants will meet up at their Co-operative Nursery located at 900 Ravine Road, Downingtown, PA 19335. This event will be happening rain or shine, for more information or to volunteer contact George Poole at  gpoolecpa@aol.com .

**Ronald McDonald House 5k**

**Saturday, April 14th**

Volunteers are needed for the annual 5k run/walk for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. This event will be happening rain or shine at the Blue Rocks Stadium on the Wilmington Riverfront. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up/clean-up, registration, course monitoring, water stations, kiddie 5k and cheering on participants. For more information or to volunteer contact Sara Funaiock at s.funaiock@rmhde.org

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, April 14th 9:00am-12:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Land Conservancy monthly Vine Day at the George Lorimer Preserve, meeting spot at the OLC HQ, Le Boutillier Road.  Help end invasive vegetation through cutting down vines. All that is needed is protective clothing and gloves. Tools will be provided by the Open Land Conservancy. For more information or to sign up through <http://www.openlandconservancy.org/Contact.html> state what vine date you will be attending in the comment section or just show up and participate!

**Spring Park Clean Up**

**Saturday, April 21st 9:00am-12:00pm and/or 1:00pm-4:00pm**

Come join the Friends of Everhart Park in their annual Spring Clean Up to help make a difference on Earth Day! They will be meeting at the green activity building on West Union Street between South Brandywine and South Bradford Ave. Rakes and some gloves will be available, but if you have your own gloves bring them. Bring friends with you, it’s always more fun with friends! If you would like to sign up or have any questions email Herb.Schwabe@gmail.com

**World Voice Day**

**Tuesday, April 24th & Thursday, April 26th**

Donate your voice to a person who needs it.  An annually recognized day that encourages individuals to take care of their voices is World Voice Day. This year volunteers are being asked to bank their voices through VocaliD, an organization that takes these donated voices and uses them for augmentative and alternative communication devices for people who cannot talk. To participate you must attend a 3 hour recording session on Tuesday and a 3 hour recording session on Thursday. Sign up no later than April 17th by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054baaa72ea3fb6-world>

**5k Color Run**

**Sunday, April 29th 11:00am-3:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the United Way of Chester County’s annual color run. The event will be held at the Brandywine Airport, volunteers are needed to help in many aspects, and you may get colorful so dress accordingly! If you are interested or have any questions contact Stephanie Miller at 610-429-9400 ext 4109 or smiller@uwchestercounty.org

**The Hickman Spring Clean-Up**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018 9:00am–12:00pm**

The Hickman Friends Senior Community in West Chester is looking for volunteers to assist in their Spring Clean-Up. You may be outside proper shoes and clothing is advised. Please RSVP by Monday April 30th. If you are interested in helping the Hickman get ready for Spring, contact Jen Harris at 484-760-6306 or jharris@thehickman.org

**Camp Abilities**

**May 24th-28th**

Camp Abilities camps are educational sports experiences for young people who are blind or have low vision. The purpose of the camp is to empower children to be physically active, improve their overall health and wellness, encourage them to make food choices that support an active lifestyle, and develop their confidence and self-esteem through sport and physical activity. Volunteer coaching positions at Camp Abilities pair you one on one with a young athlete with a visual impairment to act as an individualize performance coach for the duration of the program. Coaches are trained prior to athlete arrival (training dates are included in the dates below), as well as fed and housed for the length of the camp experience. Camp Abilities PA is entirely WCU student, faculty, and alumni run. Camp Abilities Arizona and Delaware usually attract about 12 WCU students per year, as well as college students from around the country. For more information, contact Maria Lepore-Stevens at mlepore-stevens@wcupa.edu.  **Apply to volunteer for Camp Abilities camps:**

**Pennsylvania:**WCU, May 24-28, [www.campabilitiespa.org/coach](http://www.campabilitiespa.org/coach)

**Arizona:** Tucson, June 2-9, <http://www.campabilitiestucson.org/become-a-coach.html>

**Delaware:**Felton, July 22-27, <http://www.campabilitiesdelaware.org/coach>

**Girls on the Run 5k**

**Saturday, June 3rd**

Girls on the run will be hosting their annual 5k and are in need of volunteers to participate in multiple roles. These consist of finish line medals, parking assistants and registration. To sign up or to learn more go to<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/PA/WestChester/GOTRSPRING5K>

**Camp Dreamcatcher**

**Sunday, August 19th through Saturday, August 25th**

Camp Dreamcatcher is a camp for youth who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and provides them with therapeutic and educational programs. Volunteers are needed for this year’s camp session! There are volunteer opportunities to be a full-time counselor, part-time counselor, professional volunteer, or general volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering as a counselor please visit <http://campdreamcatcher.org/outreach-and-education/forms/>

**Camp Geronimo Counselors Needed**

**Summer 2018**

Camp Geronimo is an inclusive summer day camp for children ages 6-12 years who have special needs and offer them animal-assisted therapy through the Barn at Spring Brook Farm. Their focus is on the unique connection and love between animals and children which provides these children with motivation to participate in sensory and physical activities. Counselors are needed at this unforgettable one of a kind camp! A minimum of 1 week commitment is required and you must provide required background clearances and attend a one day training. For more information or to receive an application visit [www.springbrook-farm.org](http://www.springbrook-farm.org) or contact Ann Nowoswiat at 610-793-1037.

**Kindergarten Transition Program Volunteer Opportunity**

**Tuesdays and/or Thursdays in June 2018 12:30pm-5:00pm**

For the tenth summer the Kennett Square Family Center is helping prepare children for school by providing a stimulating learning environment, time away from their parents, and rules and regulations similar to a school setting. They are looking for energetic and responsible volunteers who enjoy working with children. Volunteers will assist with registration, childcare, activities, progress reports, and more! Criminal background checks and a child abuse clearances are required as well as a training. If you are interested or have any questions contact Lizbeth Quintana at lquintana@ccmchc.org or 610-925-4632

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

**Rock to the Future Volunteers Needed**

Rock to the Future is an organization that provides music education for Philadelphia’s underserved youth at no cost to them or their families. They are in need of volunteers to help with their after school program, the engagement committee and their programming committee. To sign up for one of these volunteer opportunities go to <https://preview.tinyurl.com/y8ll8v9l>or email info@rocktothefuture.org

**Safe Harbor Volunteers Needed**

Safe harbor is in need of volunteers in the kitchen and for preforming general maintenance of the shelter. Volunteers are needed to pick up donated food from local markets and restaurants, prepare and serve meals as well as prepare 60 bag lunches. If you are interested in learning more or to volunteer contact Tariya Edwards at Tariya@safeharborofgwc.org. If you are interested in working in the shelter with supporting staff during the early morning or evening hours, leading activities or maintenance projects please contact Megan at Megan@safeharborofgwc.org

**Artists Needed**

Stages Arts Initiative provides music and art mentoring and performing opportunities to the community, with an emphasis in the areas of recovery, addiction, homeless, veterans, senior citizens and at-risk children. Stage arts is always in need of creative volunteers such as musicians, audio and video technicians, event planners, mentors, web site support, content writers, promotion and marketing. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities or have another idea that might benefit their initiative contact Jim Mobile at jmobile@stagesarts.org

**Compassionate Care Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help provide support and comfort care for those in the final stages of their life. Training is offered and there are a number of different volunteer opportunities: companionship, caregiver support, pet therapy, office support, bereavement, and licensed professional support. Service is provided in nursing homes, private homes, assisted living facilities, and the administrative office. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions contact the volunteer coordinator at

610-323-0348.

**Maternal and Child Health Consortium (MCHC) Internship and Volunteer Experience**

MCHC helps to ensure that children start healthy, stay healthy, and succeed in school. Volunteer opportunities include educating and providing health awareness to families, assisting with data entry and grant research, helping with donations and connecting with partners, and assisting with MCHC’s Annual Back-to-School Campaign. For more information contact Kelly Lynch at klynch@ccmchc.org or 610-696-7721

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

[*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)

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