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 ***“No one is more cherished in this***

 ***world than someone who lightens***

 ***the burden of another.  Thank you.***

 ***~Author ~***

**In this edition, you will find new updates on the following:**

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Make a difference in the lives of children in our community!**  Volunteer with America Reads! Use your skills to assist youth with homework, activities, and foster educational growth. This is also a great way to earn service hours! Visit the **Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs** in **Lawrence 241**, or contact Jeremy Flick at jflick@wcupa.edu for more information.

**Applications NOW OPEN for Winter Break International Service-Learning in Peru**

This 2-week study abroad program, led by Professor Michael Antonio, brings WCU student to Ventanilla, a remote, impoverished community north of Lima. Students will work with Voices4Peru, a local organization providing children with healthy, safe activities and skill development through education and team sports. This 3-credit program is open to both undergrad and graduate students. Apply at [tinyurl.com/WCUWinterinPeru](file:///C%3A%5CJoellen%5CServiceCorner%5C2016%20-%202017%20Academic%20Year%5Ctinyurl.com%5CWCUWinterinPeru)

**Register to Vote!** Go to wcu.turbovote.org/register. The deadline to register is October 11, 2016 and Election Day is November 8, 2016. With TurboVote you can get an absentee ballot and vote by mail, find your voting location, update your address and vote locally, or sign up for a text reminder.

**The WCU Counseling Center and Office of Wellness Promotion will be hosting their Annual Mental Health Check-in Day - Check Up from the Neck Up - on Tuesday, September 13th, 11:00am-1:00pm in the Sykes Ballrooms. In addition to the screening for the students, the event will also include the therapy dogs, information tables, and giveaways. Be sure to get there early in order to get your free t-shirt!!**

**La Comunidad Hispana (LCH) First Annual 5K & Family Fun Walk, Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA, Sunday, September 25th** LCH has served the southern Chester County community for more than 40 years as a multi-service, bilingual nonprofit that changes lives through Integrated Person-Centered Care: health care, social assistance, and education and workforce development. On-site registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and race begins at 9:00 a.m. The run is on flat, fast course through and around beautiful Anson Nixon Park, and will have chip timing. One-mile fun walk includes fun family activities at stations along the way. There will also be a 50-yard children's dash, and all children in the dash will get a medal! Go to <https://www.runtheday.com/registration/select_race_type/38098> to register. **Email LeeAnn Riloff** **or call 610-444-7550 with questions.**

***B. UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Voter Engagement, Now through Election Day** If you or your student club or organization would like to volunteer tabling or at events to increase voter engagement, please contact Aileen Assumma @ AA823823@wcupa.edu.

**Friends Association, 113 West Chestnut Street, West Chester, PA**

**Ongoing Need, days and times vary**

Cleaners Needed! Do you like to clean?  When clients move out, the apartment needs to be cleaned before the next family moves in. Not always knowing that far in advance, an email is often sent out asking for help within a day or so.  If you would like to be added to the contact list when they have their "cleaning parties", contact Amy Descovich at a.descovich@friendsassoc.org.

**Barclay Friends Garden Tour Preparation, S. Walnut Street, West Chester, PA**

**Thursday, September 8th**

Volunteers are needed volunteers from 8:30-9:45 a.m. to walk along S. Walnut Street (beginning at Mas) and collect any trash along the road in preparation for the Barclay Friends Garden Tour. Trash bags will be provided. Gloves are recommended. Contact Amanda Reedy at (610) 918-3429 for more information.

**Brandywine Valley SPCA, Annual Mushroom Festival Parade**

**Friday, Sept. 9th from approximately 6-7:30 p.m.**

BVSPCA will be in the Community Parade which Kicks-Off from State and Willow Street. Volunteers needed to walk with their favorite pooch alongside the BVSPCA vehicle handing out beads! This day will be an easy one, all we need to do is come out with our wonderful dogs in force, smile, handout beads, and bring awareness to our organization!  The dogs will be transported by the staff using an APS van so that we do not have to use multiple vehicles for them. Beads will be provided by the BVSPSA Team.  For more information or to signup, please contact Dot Manieri at 484.302.0021 or dmanieri@bvspca.org.

**Brandywine Valley SPCA, Annual Mushroom Festival**

**Saturday, Sept. 10th anytime between 10-7 p.m.**

Mission of Mushroom Festival is to promote the mushroom, educate the consumers about the healthy benefits of mushrooms, and to promote tourism in Southern Chester County, all while financially supporting local and regional charities through a grant process. BVSPCA was a grant recipient. Outdoor festival held rain or shine. Volunteer shifts: 10-1, 1-4, and/or 4-7. This will be a fun event for volunteers!  For more information or to signup, please contact Dot Manieri at 484.302.0021 or dmanieri@bvspca.org.

**2016 YMCA of Greater Brandywine Kids Triathlon**

**Sunday, September 11th**

Fun in the Sun!! Looking for 45 more volunteers to help run the 2016 YMCA of Greater Brandywine Kids **Triathlon** on September 11th! Volunteers are needed to assist as course marshals, transition marshals, work at registration and at our food and water stations. The triathlon gives young athletes from across our region the chance to participate in a fun and competitive event in a **safe environment.** The training and dedication they put in will help them develop important lifelong skills and healthy habits. If you are interested in volunteering for this event go to <https://www.raceplanner.com/registrationinfo/event/PU8VIW7VH7QVZJT> choose the responsibility that suits you. You may volunteer for more than one role as long as those roles to not overlap. Teen volunteers are welcome.

**The Care Center Foundation Open House**

**Saturday, September 17th**

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up, plant fall flowers, clean up the playground and outside area, in preparation for this special event. **For additional information interested persons should contact Ms. Claudia Brown at the Care Center Foundation at (610) 436-6226 or via email at** **carecenterfoundation@aol.com.**

**Talleyville Fire Company’s Classic Car Show for Ronald McDonald House of Delaware**

**Sunday, September 25th (Rain Date Sunday, October 2nd), Concord Plaza, Rt. 202, Wilmington DE 19803**

The Ronald McDonald House of Delaware provides families with seriously or chronically ill or injured children a “home away from home” during their child’s hospitalization at local hospitals.

Many volunteers are needed to help during this fundraiser at the following times:

-8am-10am (registration) – 5 volunteers with good printing and customer service skills. Volunteers will greet and register all car owners displaying their cars in the show.

-10am-1pm – 50/50 sales, helping at the Ronald McDonald House information booth, distributing balloons to kids (5 volunteers needed)

-1pm-4pm – 50/50 sales, helping at the Ronald McDonald House information booth, distributing balloons to kids, clean-up (5 volunteers needed)

To sign-up to volunteer, please contact Sara Funaiock, Volunteer Manager, at 302-428-5340 or s.funaiock@rmhde.org

Did you know 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Do your part and donate now or volunteer. The blood drives usually run from 3 – 8 pm.

**Chester County Day**

**Saturday, October 1st (Rain or Shine).**

A 76-year Chester County tradition - a historical home and landmark tour which in turn raises funds and community awareness for Chester County Hospital. Volunteers are needed for parking and finding assistance for the tour guests. The shifts are 4 hours and volunteers receive a ½ day ticket to attend Chester County Day either before or after their shift. Ticket also includes free admission to Longwood Gardens on 10/2/2016. Shifts are 9:00am – 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 5:00pm. A brief training will be included and volunteers are responsible for their own transportation. Contact Kathy Stocker at 610-431-5191 or Kathy.Stocker@uphs.upenn.edu

**The Night Walk, Wilson Park Farm, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne, PA**

**Saturday, October 15th, two shifts available**

Each year in communities all across the United States individuals come together to raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night Walk events and bring help and hope to people battling blood cancers. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Event Set-Up) and 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Event check-in, food tent, parking, clean up, etc..) Sign up at [www.llsform.org/0190FS01/form12/index.html](http://www.llsform.org/0190FS01/form12/index.html) or contact Dorie Heald at dorie.heald@lls.org or 610-238-0360. GROUPS ARE WELCOME!!!!

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Chester County Food Bank** needs the most help from April through November, especially on the farms! There are many individual volunteer opportunities as well as opportunities for groups or clubs. Go to[**http://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com**](http://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com)and see how you can help keep food on everyone’s table!

**Care Center Foundation** has ongoing volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas such as: general front lobby support, computer and technology support, facility enhancement, food cupboard assistance and other needs. For additional information interested persons should contact Ms. Claudia Brown at the Care Center Foundation at (610) 436-6226 or via email at carecenterfoundation@aol.com

***D. AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COMMON GOOD***

**Instructor for a Meditation/Mindfulness Class Needed/Paid.** The Downingtown Area Senior Center is looking for a student in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work or related field who is interested in facilitating a meditation/mindfulness class for senior citizens. The hour-long class would be held once a week for a 6 week period. The student would be paid $30.00/hr. for a total of $180.00 over the 6 week program. This would be a great opportunity for anyone needing internship experience. A student with prior experience in leading meditation/mindfulness or who has taken a similar course in their education program is desired, however that is negotiable. Please contact Lindsay Beegle at Lbeegle@downingtownseniors.org with your resume and cover letter if you are interested.

**The *Women in Aerospace and Technology Program (WATP)*** *is* a collaborative effort developed by the AHMEC and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania to offer a fun and educational hands-on program where girls engage in classes in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics – or STEM – including the physics of flight, energy and chemistry, mechanical engineering, and robotics. Each class is mentored by female college students in the STEM fields.  In turn, the college students are mentored by local leaders in the STEM fields. College mentors are paid for the time they commit to the program. The program is currently recruiting college mentors.  Interested students can contact Dr. Schwarz (kschwarz@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2788) for more info.

**Excited about the Presidential Election? Join the Voter Engagement Efforts for the Fall Semester as a Campus Election Engagement Project Fellow!** JOB OPPORTUNITY: A paid job opportunity is open to join the Voter Engagement Efforts for this upcoming Fall Semester. You will be helping in a non-partisan way with voter engagement throughout campus in many different ways, such as events and registration tables. You will be working with a senior CEEP Fellow in these efforts. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please Search **Campus Election Engagement Project** on the Ram Career Network. <https://wcu-csm.symplicity.com/employers/index.php?signin_tab=0&PHPSESSID=fb715c08902faee3ab979cb71ddf0e0b>

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT*** [*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)

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