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***“Our lives are to be used and thus to be lived as fully as possible, and truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people." ~Harry Chapin~***

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

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Election Day is November 8, 2016.  Don’t know where to vote on Election Day? Find your polling location at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com).

**Go on a Service Trip Over Spring Break!**

If you would like to do something meaningful over Spring Break while also connecting with other students and other cultures, apply to join one of WCU’s Alternative Spring Break trips!  Click [here](https://orgsync.com/34350/forms/211357) to apply or go to [www.wcupa.edu/AB](http://www.wcupa.edu/AB) to learn more. **Deadline to apply** is October 15th.

**Now Hiring Student Leaders for the WCU Spring Break Service-Learning in Peru**

Over spring break, WCU students will travel to Ventanilla, Perú to volunteer with [Voices4Perú](http://www.v4peru.com/), a non-profit organization providing youth development. Students will build houses for local families and run a sports camp for children. We are currently hiring 1-2 student leaders to work closely with the program director, Dr. Michael Antonio of the WCU Department of Criminal Justice. Leaders will help with promotion and recruitment, fundraising, sports camp planning, and pre-departure preparation. [Apply](https://orgsync.com/34350/forms/220106) by October 9.

**Global Engagement Leadership Conference, Presenters Wanted!**

The First Annual Global Engagement Leadership Conference will take place on Friday, November 4, 2016 in Sykes Student Union. Presenters may be students, faculty, staff, or community partners. We ask that presentations focus in some way on global leadership. Examples include, but are not limited to diversity, being a global leader through creative outlets (dance, music, art, athletics, etc.), ethical decision making, leading for the right reasons (not for the title), fundraising, career development, and more! Apply on Orgsync: <https://orgsync.com/32648/forms/214604> by Friday, October 21, 2016 to be considered to present.

**Career Fair Volunteers Needed!  This is a great opportunity to get resume experience in running a large scale event as well as community service points for an organization**. Looking for students to help run the **STEM (Science, Tech., Engineering and Math) Career Fair**, Wednesday, 10/12—sign deadline, Monday, 10/10 via this link:  [https://orgsync.com/32134/forms/157135\](https://orgsync.com/32134/forms/157135%5C)

**2016 QVC – West Chester Heart Walk**

**Saturday, October 15th**

Come join the American Heart Association and QVC in beautiful West Chester for the QVC - West Chester Heart Walk! The QVC - West Chester Heart Walk is a 5K (approximately 3.1 miles), with an optional 1-mile route for survivors. There will be entertainment, food, a kids’ zone, a pet zone, sponsor and vendor booths and much more!  For more information, contact Ida Fraser at ida.fraser@heart.org or 215-575-5253

**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.  America Reads is currently looking for students with a car to work with our Coatesville site.  All sites are first come, first serve.

**Join the Voter Registration and Engagement Team** Now through Election Day!If you or your student club or organization would like to volunteer to host a table on campus to increase voter turnout and engagement, please contact Aileen Assumma @ AA823823@wcupa.edu. Volunteers are also needed on Election Day for crowd control and polling location assistance for students.

**Calling all musicians, singers, dancer, magicians, comedians, and performers**!!!!     The Downingtown Area Senior Center is looking for any student musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers in general who might be interested in volunteering to put on their own hour-long show/performance for the seniors in the upcoming months. Choose any hour long slot for any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoon between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (or choose multiple days/times. The more the merrier!) Please contact Lindsay Beegle at Lbeegle@downingtownseniors.org for more information.

**Generosity Philadelphia Run/Walk to End Homelessness**

**Sunday, October 30th**

Help end homelessness by joining Pathways to Housing PA and the Philadelphia Furniture Bank in the Generosity 5K Run/Walk! Generosity Philadelphia is a multi-charity 5K, perfect event for walkers or runners! Bib Pickup 7:30 a.m.  Start Time 9:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.  Registration is $20.  For more details, visit: [http://generosityseries.com/Pathways.](http://pathwaystohousingpa.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=115c48f0ac10573c43cc1cc1b&id=0cc1ab86c0&e=6e99113a0b)

**Chester County Color 5K Walk/Run, Everhart Park, West Chester, PA**

**Saturday, November 5th**Registration is at 8:00.  Race begins at 9:00 a.m. support Chester County’s first Color 5k – a family-friendly fun run that will raise awareness and funds to continue to educate, treat and prevent the growing epidemic of opioid and heroin drug abuse. Monies raised this year will be dedicated to funding hospitals throughout Chester County to study and coordinate a “warm hand-off" program. The “warm hand-off" program transitions those who have been saved from an overdose into long-term treatment and counseling.

*B.* ***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Tyson Hall and Schmidt Hall**

**Tuesday, October 4th**

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.

**Charles A. Melton Center Gala, Preparation**

**Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Gala event on Saturday. Arrival time for Friday is at 10:00 am, but event coordinators will be there ALL day and evening so any time you can help would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to drape chairs, put table cloths on them, put pipe and draping on the bleachers, set chairs up, help decorate, set tables and prepare for Saturday night. Pizza and soda will be provided to volunteers for lunch on Friday. Any items not completed on Friday will be followed up and completed on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Contact Grace Kelly at gracekelly7@verizon.net or 610-436-0765(h) or 610-246-0461(c) to sign up or if you have any questions.

**Charles A. Melton Center Gala, Coat Room Attendant Needed**

**Saturday, October 8th**

Volunteer needed to work the coat room from 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (a tip jar can be put out for attendant). Attendant would also be able to stay for dinner. Contact Grace Kelly at gracekelly7@verizon.net or 610-436-0765(h) or 610-246-0461(c) to sign up or if you have any questions.

**Annual Chili Cook-Off Kids Zone**

**Sunday, October 9th**

The Arc of Chester County is looking for volunteers to work a booth in the Kids Zone. Help is needed to run games, hand out prizes, and face paint to name a few. If interested, there are two shifts available: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda Blevins at (610) 696-8090 ext. 210 or [ablevins@arcofchestercounty.org](ablevins%40arcofchestercounty.org%20)

**Brandywine Conservancy Tree Planting, West Grove, PA**

**Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Come out and help plant trees this fall!  Exact locations will be emailed to participants after they register.  Snacks and water will be provided at all tree plantings. Tree plantings are a group and family-friendly activity that require no previous experience. Students should sign-up by sending an email to mmayer@brandywine.org

**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!!!!

**The Chester County Economic Development Council**

**Dress Up & Dash 5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday October 15th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which operates educational and training programming for youth and adults is looking for volunteers for their new and exciting event to help raise funds for their organization. Volunteers are needed for a fun morning supporting their fantastic programs! The location for this event is in Eagleview Town Center in Exton. If interested please contact Tracey Oberholtzer at toberholtzer@ccedcpa.com or 610-321-8242. Go to  <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49ada82babf58-dress> to sign up to volunteer.

**The YMCA**

**Great Halloween Festival**

**Upper Main Line YMCA**

**Saturday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.-8:00 pm**

The Upper Main Line YMCA, 1416 Berwyn- Paoli Road, Berwyn, PA is hosting its annual Halloween festival. They are in need of volunteers to dress up as either friendly or scary characters to make this event a success.  They will provide all hair, make up, and costumes but feel free to bring your own. The event will consist of a ton of family and friend fun. They have a boatload of activates for the children such as pumpkin painting, face painting, treat trails, witchy workshops, and a haunted house. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Karen Murphy at kmurphy@ymcaqbw.org or Barb Brown at bbrown@ymcaqbw.org.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Killinger Hall**

**Monday, October 24th**

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.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Goshen Hall**

**Wednesday, October 26th**

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.

**Kennett YMCA Healthy Halloween Bash**

**Saturday, October 29th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

This FREE event is open to the community and will be a spooktacular night filled with Halloween games, spooky stories, inflatables, a scary room, crafts, music, and much more!

Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful and fun night.  If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Kathleen Lucenius at klucenius@ymcagbw.org or 610-444-9622 x2338.

**American Lung Association**

**Radnor Run (5 mile race/1 mile run and walk)**

**Sunday, October 30th, 2016**

Come on out and run or volunteer in Wayne, Pa for the American Lung Association. The run will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Volunteer shifts will be 6:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The volunteers will be setting up the running route, managing water stations, working the concession stands, and handing out T-shirts. If you are interested in volunteering please register online at [www.lung.org/RadnorRun](http://www.lung.org/RadnorRun) or contact Ashley Keller at 610-253-5060 or akeller@lunginfo.org.

**Brandywine Conservancy Tree Planting, Downingtown, PA**

**Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Come out and help plant trees this fall!  Exact locations will be emailed to participants after they register.  Snacks and water will be provided at all tree plantings. Tree plantings are a group and family-friendly activity that require no previous experience. Students should sign-up by emailing me at mmayer@brandywine.org

**The Hickman**

**Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 5, 2016 9:00am -12:00pm**

Come on out and clean up the streets of West Chester at 400 N. Walnut Street. A continental breakfast will be provided. If interested or in need of more information please contact Jen Harris at jharris@thehickman.org or call 484-760-6306. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016.

**Giving Tuesday, KenCrest 3rd Annual Day of Service**

**Tuesday November 29th**

KenCrest hosts a Day of Service where volunteers have the opportunity to volunteer at a KenCrest site close to your home or place of work. #Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving back to the community. Volunteers are needed to help paint, complete yardwork/winterize gardens, help decorate for the holidays, clean/organize supplies, toys. They will also be throwing a holiday party for KenCrest consumers and assembling furniture. If you would like to participate or have any questions contact Barbara, at Barbara.ballard@kencrest.org or 610-825-9369 ext.1129.

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**The YMCA Adapted Programs**

**Kennett Area YMCA**

The Kennett YMCA is looking for volunteers to work with special needs children every Tuesday from 4:15-5:00 p.m. for art and 5:15-6:00 p.m. for fitness exercise and every Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for swimming. Volunteers must be able to interact with the children and help them complete the activities, along with supervising them. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nick Pincin at 610-444-9622 ext. 2319 or email [npincin@ymcagbw.org](npincin%40ymcagbw.org)

**Chester County Free Taxes**

**Free Tax Preparation**

**From: January –April**

Volunteers are needed for an hour. No prior tax experience necessary. This includes free IRS Certification training. This is a perfect short term community outreach opportunity and benefits low and moderate income household. Sites are located in West Chester, Coatesville, Phoenixville, Kennett Square, Downingtown, Exton, and other areas. The opportunity includes flexible hours and multiple roles including tax preparer, quality reviewer, greeter and interpreter for English and Spanish. If interested call or click 610-380-9099 or DLaird@QuietRevolution.org.

**Penn State Extension**

**Chester County 4-H**

Chester county 4-H is looking for volunteers to help youth become better citizens, learn a great deal about young people, leadership, and yourself. Enjoy serving and making friends with young people through 4-H and share your skills, talents and hobbies with young people. When volunteering with 4-H, you not only become a leader; but reap so many rewards for yourself and your community. 4-H offers a wide variety of programs that give you the opportunity to get involved in activity or club that interests you and develop your skills while you enrich the lives of the youth you work with. For information contact Toni Stuetz at Penn State Extension Chester County Office at 610-696-3500 or email tstuetz@psu.edu

**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***

There are no internships or employment available at this time.

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