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***“We have to humble ourselves and the way you do that…***

***is by serving other people”***

***~Tim Tebow~***

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

**A.   Special Announcements**

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**2nd Annual 5K Mustache Dash**

**Saturday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m.**

Colleges Against Cancer is holding their annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There will be food, raffle baskets, a selfie photo booth and an amazing DJ! Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. or register at [www.runccrs.com/event/mustache-day-5k/](http://www.runccrs.com/event/mustache-day-5k/)

**Autism Speaks U Club 3rd Annual Holiday Benefit Concert**

**Sunday, November 20th – Doors open at 3:30 p.m.**

Come to the Sykes Movie Theatre and enjoy this concert while knowing 100% of your ticket cost is going toward advocacy and awareness for those with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Prices are $5.00 with student I.D. and regular admission is $8.00. You can purchase your tickets at the door or by contacting Julia Rittenhouse at JR811217@wcupa.edu.

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

**Friends of Everhart Park Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 19th (two shifts: 9:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.)**

Everhart Park, W. Union St between S Brandywine & S Bradford Ave.

Please join the Friends of Everhart Park in their annual Fall Clean Up at Everhart Park. Meet them at the green activity building on W. Union Street between S Brandywine Avenue & S Bradford Avenue. If you have your own work gloves, please bring them.  Rakes will be available. Some gloves will be also available. If you or your organization can participate, please email herb.schwabe@gmail.com or call/text Herb at 610-517-7645 in advance so they can plan for you. They will email Sign up Forms to any organization wishing to participate.

**OCCS Fall Fest 2016**

**Saturday, November 19th 2016 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Office of Off Campus and Commuter Services would like to invite you to participate in OCCS Fall Fest 2016. This is a volunteer community service activity taking place on November 19th 2016 from 10AM-12PM. During this time, we will be raking and gathering leaves east of Market Street and E. High Street. Our office tent will house warm apple cider, apple cider donuts and Fall treats. The first 50 to register get the long sleeve pocket shirt in the image attached! If you are interested please search “Off Campus and Commuter Services” on Orgsync and fill out the registration form.

**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.

**West Chester Christmas Parade**

**Friday, December 2nd**

Come out to this year’s biggest parade yet! This means many volunteers are needed! Help is needed in many areas like Holiday Village set-up, vendor load-in, Parade Marshals, handlers for 20 foot balloons, inflatable characters and more! If interested in being a part of such a fun traditional Christmas event go to <http://greaterwestchester.com/west-chester-christmas-parade-volunteer/> for more information and to sign up. Deadline to sign up is November 30th.

**Pictures with Santa**

**Sunday, December 11th**

Help bring in the Christmas spirit with the West Chester YMCA for their annual Pictures with

Santa Event. Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts and share refreshments, as well as assist children with activities. Volunteers are also needed to dress as Santa’s elves, a penguin, and the YMCA of Greater Brandywine mascot, Brandy. The event is from 1:00pm-3:00pm, but volunteers are needed to be there at 12:30pm-4:00pm. To sign up, contact Amy Leman-Terrell, the Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-431-9622 x2206, or alemanterrell@ymcabw.org

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Family Fun Time**

**West Chester YMCA**

Every Sunday starting November 20th, the YMCA provides activities that are free, fun

and helps keep everyone active. Families can jump in the moon bounces, play kickball, swim, and much more! Volunteers are needed to help run the different stations throughout the building. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-family1>. Before volunteering, you will need to submit an online volunteer application and security clearances as well (instructions are given online).

**Saturday Night Lights**

Every other Saturday night, the YMCA is open to anyone in grades 4th-12th. The YMCA is asking for volunteers to interact with teens for fun activities like playing games, shooting hoops, and being great role models! Before volunteering, you will need to submit an online volunteer application and security clearances (instructions will be given). Sign up at http://signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-saturday.

**Share you talents and put a smile on a senior’s face!! Calling all musicians, singers, dancers, 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. This is a fun opportunity for clubs or organizations to do as a group! 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.

**Salvation Army, West Chester PA** is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve meals (Saturday-Thursday 4:30pm-6:30pm), sort food drive donations (next drive on November 19, 10am-2pm), and to ring the bells at the kettles. Are you part of an a Capella group or dance group that could be a special gift at the kettles by singing or dancing to Christmas carols? There are also opportunities to adopt children for Christmas gift giving (2-5 gifts up to $75). If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Paula Hedderick at 610-696-8746.

**United Way of Chester County** is in need of volunteers who love kids and care about our education system. They need a few volunteers who are available Monday through Friday. These volunteers also have to be able to commit to three hour sessions, one day a week for six weeks for their preschool session. This session is designed to help young students achieve academic success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Terry Kenworthy by phone at 610-429-9400 or by email at tkenworthy@uwchestercounty.org

**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** has various volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers are needed to help fundraise for them by stuffing and sealing envelopes. They are also looking for people who can provide child care, do yard work, and serve as an office support volunteer by answering phones, taking notes, and sending messages/emails. All volunteer efforts have flexible hours and are close by. If you are interested in volunteering here please contact Lindsey Anderson at 610-380-1360 or by email at lindsaya@brodgeofhopelcc.org

**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](file:///C%3A%5CJoellen%5CServiceCorner%5C2016%20-%202017%20Academic%20Year%5Cnpincin%40ymcagbw.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

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