**SERVICE CORNER**

**January 23, 2018 - WELCOME BACK!**

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

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

[www.wcupa.edu/volunteer](http://www.wcupa.edu/volunteer)

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”**

**~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*MLK Day of Service, THIS Thursday, January 25, 2018\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Two sessions available, 2:30pm-4:00pm and 4:30pm-6:00pm in the Sykes Student Union Ballrooms**

The [Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs](wcupa.edu/volunteer) invites the campus and local community to engage in meaningful service in honor of Dr. King by making “no-sew” fleece blankets. Volunteers can attend one or both sessions to make blankets that will benefit local patients at Chester County Hospital NICU, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, and foster youth through Fleece for Keeps. We encourage student organizations, faculty, staff, and community members to [register in advance through OrgSync](http://www.tinyurl.com/WCUMLKday2018)

**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](mailto:pantry@wcupa.edu) or visit [www.wcupa.edu/pantry](http://www.wcupa.edu/pantry)

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

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**Wednesday, March 7th**

**Tuesday, April 17th**

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 <https://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp> to sign up to donate.

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Volunteers Needed to Make MLK Day of Service a Success!**

We are looking for student volunteers to help the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs set-up and clean-up on MLK Day of Service this Thursday, January 25.  We expect over 500 people to join us for the event, so having various volunteers to help us run the event is crucial. If you can help, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044faca82fa3ff2-mlkday>

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

**Camp Abilities**

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](mailto: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>

**Volunteer Communications Assistant** needed at the Kennett Senior Center. The Kennett Senior Center helps seniors stay physically and emotionally healthy, mentally alert and financially independent. A volunteer Communications Assistant is needed to help spread the word about the senior center and all of the services, programs and volunteer opportunities they have. The Volunteer Communications Assistant will come to the Senior Center and get to know us before transitioning and working from home or school. Our three main needs are in website development using Word Press, interaction with print and social media (press releases/articles and regular scheduled social media postings) and training of a staff member for continuity of work. If the student identifies opportunities to grow in responsibility with new communications ideas, they will be welcomed and considered. Contact Lizabeth Conner at (610)444-4819 X105 for more information.

**PennEnvironment Internship**

PennEnvironment is looking for candidates to help educate and engage citizens in the most critical environmental issues of our time. You can help PennEnvironment spread vital information on environmental advocacy in the media, build coalitions, organize events, and lobby decision-makers. Ultimately, you can help defend the environment, work to keep public lands in public hands, and protect our rivers, lakes, and drinking water. To apply visit: [PennEnvironment Application](https://jobs.environmentamerica.org/PA-intern-apply.html?_ga=2.100439390.1796684773.1516115272-1630954329.1516115272).

**Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Ecosystem Management Intern**

Join Philadelphia’s Parks and Recreation team as an Ecosystem Management Intern from March through August 2018. This internship will include two separate ecosystem management project types; Invasive plant control (March 15th to May 1st) and Emerald Ash Borer suppression (May 1st to August 30th). More details can be found in the PDF document attached to this bulletin.

**Saturday Night Lights, West Chester YMCA, Saturdays, 7pm-10pm**

October 14th 2017- May 26th 2017, The YMCA is looking for volunteers to interact with teens in lots of fun activities, like playing games, shooting hoops, and simply being a great role model! Feel free to sign up for one Saturday or multiple at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-saturday>

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

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

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