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

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**September 12th, 2017**

**\*\*\*\*\*WE MOVED!!!\*\*\*\*\***

**COMMONWEALTH HALL, LOWER LEVEL, 715 S. NEW STREET,**

**Enter at the Student Health Center**

***"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier" ~Mother Teresa"***

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

**A.   Special Announcements**

**B.   Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

**C.   Ongoing Volunteer/Employment Opportunities**

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*2016 Fall Volunteer Fair TODAY\*\*\*\*\*\*\****

The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs will be hosting the [**2016  Fall Volunteer Fair**](http://www.wcupa.edu/_Services/stu.slv/volunteerFair.aspx) today, Tuesday**, September 12th** in the Sykes Ballrooms from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  Make sure to stop by to connect with dozens of community and government agencies!

**A. *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**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 .  To get more information about the pantry, visit the website at [www.wcupa.edu/pantry](http://www.wcupa.edu/pantry)

**20th ANNIVERSARY WALTER E. BRANDON SICKLE CELL 5K WALK/RUN**

**Saturday, September 23rd**

Spend the morning in Fairmont Park walking or running to raise funds for the Sickle Cell Association of America.  Run begins at 8:30am, walk at 8:35am followed by an award ceremony.  Go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/sicklecellphiladelphia> to register and get more information.

**Tuesday, September 26th**

**Community Service ColLABbratory**

Calling all student leaders!  Join us for the Community Service Col**LAB**ratory on September 26 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm in Sykes Student Union, Ballroom C. This event will bring together leaders from service-minded student organizations to connect, col**l**aborate, meet staff from a local non-profit, and learn strategies for integrating meaningful service into their organization.

Register on OrgSync: [www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabFA17](http://www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabFA17).

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sykes Ballrooms B and C**

**Wednesday, September 27th & Thursday, October 19th**

Did you know 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Do your part and donate now.  Blood drive will run from 11:00am until 4:00pm. Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp>

***B.   UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Tuesday, September 12th**

**Kennett Area Senior Center's Annual Fashion Show & Tea Party**

 Women volunteers are needed from 1:30pm until 4:00pm to work as servers. This is a major and fun event at the center were volunteers are asked to help with set-up, serving during the event as well as clean up. Attire is summer dresses and comfortable flats. For more information contact Andrea Durynski at adurynski@kennettseniorcenter.org

**Friday, September 15th**

**West Chester YMCA Senior Prom**

Volunteers are needed from 4:30pm until 7:30pm to help with set-up, accompanying the guest to the gym, hosting during the event and clean up. If you would like to volunteer during any of this time or all three hours sign up at   <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-senior2>

**Saturday, September 16th**

**West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association Stream Improvement Work Day**

Volunteers are needed from 8:00am until 2:00pm to work in West Valley Creek.  Work gloves, wading shoes or boots are recommended.  Lunch will be provided!  Meet at the Co-operative Trout Nursery at 900 Ravine Road, Downingtown PA.  For further information go to [www.wcfgwa.org](http://www.wcfgwa.org/)

**Tuesday, September 19th**

**Power Hour at Friends Association**

Take an hour out of your day and volunteer with Friends Association in their office!  Jobs may include filing, sorting, donation, shredding papers or data entry – but while having some fun!  Contact Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org to sign up or gather more information.

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**La Comunidad Hispana’s 2nd Annual 5K Run, 1-Mile Family Fun Walk & 50-Yard “Sunbeams” Children’s Dash**

Volunteers are needed to assist during this event for LCH which is a bilingual nonprofit community health center that helps low-income residents of southern Chester County to stay healthy, build strong families, and lead productive lives.  Contact Laura atlmackiewicz@lchps.org or LeAnn at lriloff@lchps.org for more information.

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**Friends Association Bulk Mail Preparation**

Perfect volunteer activity for a group but anyone is welcome!  Friends Association needs assistance with the bulk mailing preparation for their Fall Newsletter.  Contact Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org to sign up.

**Saturday, September 23rd,**

**Camp Abilities PA Wellness Day**

Help volunteer with individuals who have disablities through a fun, interactive day promoting wellness! This event will be held in the Sturzebecker Health Science Center from 8:00am until 5:15pm. If interested contact Samantha McAleer at sm847607@wcupa.edu

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**Strides for SPARC 5K Race**

Volunteers are needed to help place race signs along the route and then be at different stations to guide runners to stay on course and cross streets safely.  Volunteers need to arrive by 7:00am and should be done by 10:30am, but are welcome to enjoy the rest of the event.  Contact Michael Bray at michaelfbray@gmail.com to sign up and let him know your T-shirt size.

**Saturday, September 30th**

**Brandywine Red Clay Alliance Volunteer Work Day**

The Myrick Conservation Center is a 318-acre facility that consists of active farm fields, wetlands, forest and an extensive network of hiking trails, all of which are used as part of their environmental education programs throughout the year.  They are located on Route 842, 6 miles west of West Chester and 3 miles east of Unionville at 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road, West Chester.  Volunteers are needed to help with projects like litter clean-up, building and trail maintenance, painting, garden maintenance and invasive removal.  Registration begins at 8:30am and lunch will be served!  Contact Betsy Stefferud at contact@brandywineredclay.org or call 610-793-1090 for additional information.

**Sunday, October 1st**

**Pedal4Cam**

Volunteers are needed from 6:30am until 1:00pm to help with set-up, registration, course marshaling, staffing rest stops and more.  Pedal4Cam is meant to be a FUN(draising) bicycle event for persons of all ages and abilities. If you would like more information to volunteer contact Regina Evans at regina@cure4cam.org

**Saturday October 14th**

**Tree Planting**

Come help plant trees to create riparian buffer along Valley Creek from 8:30am until 12pm! All you need is gloves, boots and a shovel if you have one. This volunteer opportunity is located at Cedar Hollow Preserve, 1635 Church Road in Malvern PA. Contact Ray Clarke at raymond.clarke@outlook.com or 610-247-7090 if interested or with any questions!

**Friday, November 17th**

**Thanksgiving Meal Delivery**

Make a difference in a homeless families holiday season. From 10:00am until 1:00pm help assist in delivering Thanksgiving boxes to families in need! Contact Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org if interested in this opportunity.

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**Family Fun Time**West Chester YMCA on Airport Road hosts family time every Sunday from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. Families can jump in the moon bounce, play kickball, swim in the pool and much more. The YMCA is looking for volunteers to help run the different stations throughout the building. If you would like to volunteer on Sunday or multiple sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-family1>

**Adapted Wellness Program,** Are you interested in volunteering with individuals who have disabilities? On Mondays, there is an adapted wellness program held in the Sturzebecker Fitness Center from 4:15pm until 5:30pm or 5:15pm until 6:30pm. If interested contact Samantha McAleer at sm847607@wcupa.edu

**Special Olympics Rammies Soccer**, on Thursdays at the Women's Rugby Field from 4:15pm until 6:15pm you can help volunteer with individuals who have disabilities.  If interested contact Samantha McAleer at sm847607@wcupa.edu

**Parents Night Out** West Chester YMCA on Airport Road hosts Nigh out every Friday from 5:00pm until 9:30pm. Parents get to enjoy a date night or some me time while the YMCA staff and volunteers guide children in fun activities such as arts and crafts, playground time, moon bounce, swimming and gym time. If you would like to volunteer one Friday or multiple sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-parents1>

 **Community Volunteers in Medicine** needs volunteers for the front office.  This is a one semester commitment.  They serve those in Chester County without Medical or Dental insurance.  Students who are bilingual in Spanish would be beneficial, but not required.  Email Marie Frey at mfrey@cvim.org

**ELS Language Centers**, the English as a Second Language provider for West Chester University located on the 4th floor of Mitchell Hall, is calling for volunteers to join their new program called International VOICE: Volunteers Offering Individual Conversation in English. Volunteers would commit to meet and converse with an ESL student for one hour each week for a 4-week session. Fall 2017 sessions begin September 11, October 9, November 6, and December 4. ELS students come from Japan, China, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Ivory Coast, and other countries. For more information or for an application, please contact Pam Trowbridge, International Student Adviser at ELS Language Centers: ptrowbridge@els.edu or 610-436-3578.

**Painters Needed**, the Inpatient Unit at Neighborhood Health in West Chester needs assistance painting rooms and hallways. Days and weekends are flexible! Contact Janice Gathercole at 610-696-6511 x 169 to become apart of freshening up the Inpatient Unit.

**Communications and Social Media Intern**

Friends Association offers a semester-long non-paid internship to current full-time or part-time college students that will directly benefit their education and ultimately their career.  The Communications/Social Media Intern will help to shape the online presence of Friends Association and support additional PR/Marketing opportunities related to fundraising events, donor development and volunteer recognition and help craft a long-term social media plan and calendar, manage relationship building with our online community by maintaining Facebook and Twitter accounts, assist with developing content for the Friends Association website, draft press releases and assist in distributing them to local media, and support special events.  Most of the  Communications/Social Media Intern's work can be performed remotely (apartment, on campus), but the position will be required to work in the Friends Association office in West Chester at least once each week. The internship is approximately 15 hours per week.  Please a send cover letter and resume to Marie Paxson at m.paxson@friendsassoc.org.

**Development and Marketing Intern**

Friends Association seeks a dynamic, self-starter to assist development marketing and communications efforts. This internship is an excellent opportunity to experience various aspects of marketing while working for well-known community based nonprofit organization. Assist in planning community and fundraising events. Draft, distribute and pitch news releases, media alerts and other stories. Reach out to the community organizations, general public and donors with the message about Friend Association’s mission. Assist in processing donations and preparing acknowledgement letters and other correspondence. Update the Friends Association website and database. Generate reports from database. Designing flyers, e-vites and other marketing material for major events hosted by Friends Association. 5-10 hours/week.  Please a send cover letter and resume to Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org.

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